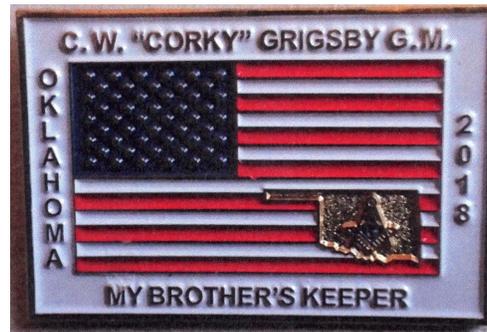


# The Yellow Book



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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.: C. W. "Corky" Grigsby, Jr.  
Grand Master - 2018

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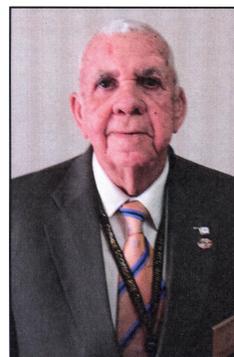
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## Report of the Grand Secretary

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 again my pleasure to submit this report to the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge Trustees, and the members of the Craft of Oklahoma.



M.:W.: Bobby L. Laws

As I try to begin, I am having a very difficult time not having my beloved Dr. "T" working in the office next to me. Over the years we have become very close, and I considered him part of my family. The old adage "out of sight out of mind" does not apply in this case.

I want to thank all the Secretaries who have worked so hard in the transition to all electronic communications, with most of our correspondence and reporting requirements. To date we only have eleven (11) lodges that have not reported an e-mail address to us. You have made the Secretaries Interface Program work well for you, and for us here at the office. If you have not tried it, please call Linda or Yvette here at the office, and they will assign you the necessary password and walk you through the use of the system. We will continue to work with you to make all tasks as paperless and painless as possible.

The Perpetual Path Program continues to show outstanding results. To date in 2018, we show 100 Perpetual Path Completions and 86 Traditional Path Completions which makes for a total of 186 new Master Masons. We have three more Perpetual Path Degree dates scheduled before October 15, 2018. Every lodge has a listing of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts that have not advanced. I urge each of you to screen

your list and talk to those Brothers about the Perpetual Path option. It has been our experience, since the inception of the program, that Brothers who have not advanced because of time, vocations and many other reasons will participate, if they are informed of this option. Please remember that this is a lodge program, not one driven by Grand Lodge. If you do not have a current list all you have to do is contact us. If you are using the Interface you already have the list. Please contact me if you have any question.

One of the areas that we all need to work on is the large amount of members that are being suspended for non-payment of dues. We cannot prevent deaths but we can do much better on suspensions. Thus far this year we have lost 215 Brothers to Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues. In some instances, it has been found that some secretaries have suspended their members without action by the lodge. Several lodges have voted suspensions without having followed the prescribed procedures. We have been informed that some lodges do not send notices of the amounts their members owe for annual dues except in connection with the annual notice of election of Officers. I know that from calling several of these Brothers that they did not get a reminder. Many of these would have never been suspended if they'd had a little encouragement through additional notices, and a little personal interest shown by their brethren. Personal contact is still the best tool that you have, please use it.

We continue to be very fortunate to have an outstanding staff working day in and day out to support your needs in the daily operation of your lodge. Yvette and Linda continue to go "Above and Beyond" to answer your questions and provide the very best support possible with the limited resources that we have available. The addition of Worshipful Brother Kyle Smith, who has joined us on a part time basis, I can only say thank you for all that you have done since coming on board. He has completed the 2015, 2016 & 2017 Grand Lodge Proceedings during a short time and has placed them on CD's to be sent to the lodges with the 2019 dues cards. He has helped to create several documents and programs for various events, and he now has the Yellow and Green Books almost ready for printing. All this has been done in-house at a greatly reduced cost over previous years.

With the loss of our Beloved Dr. "T" we were without an editor for the Oklahoma Mason. Worshipful Brother John Carter, MOH, Grand Chaplain volunteered to take on that task without accepting any pay. He is doing an outstanding job, as you can tell if you have taken the time to look at the last electronic copy that we sent out. He now has the fall issue almost

ready to post on the web site. Thank you Brother John, you are a God-Send, my Brother.

To my beloved son Terry, MOH, I have said in the past all that my weak mind can think of to thank you for all that you do to keep our beautiful Grand Lodge Building in perfect condition and the outside with your Green Thumb with all the plants being the showplace of Guthrie. Even though you have been battling some serious illness, you are like the "Energizer Bunny", you just keep going. God bless you my son. Our prayers are with you and your family as you continue your recovery.

Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful C. W. "Corky" Grigsby, Jr. "My son" what can I say. You and I have traveled a long road together. I have had the great pleasure of being with you from the time I conferred your Entered Apprentice Degree and even Raising you to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, from a wheel chair, due to your problems with the big "C". We have been a father and son team. You have worked closely with the office staff and we are very appreciative of the efforts that you and the Trustees have put forth to assist in moving us into the 21st century. Thank you, Grand Master for all that you have done for us and for the CRAFT this year. You have traveled the state far and wide meeting the craft on their level and doing presentations and many other things just because they asked. For you it is never "I", but "We" that have done what we thought was for the good of Masonry.

To the Trustees, I thank each of you for your hard work and your commitment to the CRAFT of Oklahoma. You continue to work behind the scenes to evaluate and plan for the future to keep our Fraternity strong in our great state. 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 as long as I remain your Grand secretary.

I want to personally thank our Grand Treasurer, R.: W.: David G. David for the many hours he has spent working with our investors to get your Grand Lodge the best investments possible in today's economy. Most of his work is done behind the scenes, in the very complicated world of finance, which seems to be changing from day to day. Please thank him whenever you see him for the great work he has done, and will 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.

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. You have increased the Grand Lodge Endowed Building Fund in your name to over \$121,000.00 as of July 31, 2018. I continue to be proud to serve with you in our Beloved Order.

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

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

**IT IS UP TO ME IF IT IS TO BE.**

God bless, each of you are in my prayers.

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



R.:W.: David G. David

Brethren:

As I submit my 5<sup>th</sup> report as your Grand Treasurer, I want to thank you, my brethren, for your support. It is an Honor to serve Masonry in the State of Oklahoma as your Grand Treasurer, and 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 insure the financial security and future of our fraternity.

One 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. These funds are:

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

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

The approved General Fund budget for 2014, my first year as Grand Treasurer, was \$484,000.00. The approved budget for 2018 was

\$419,777.94, a decline over these five years of \$64,222.06. \$72,055 of this budget was raised by the Deputy Grand Master's fundraiser which represent 20% of 2018 revenue, not per capita or investment income. Only 6% of our members participated in the fundraiser. Over this same five years, the Grand Lodge expenses continue rising. We, the Craft, keep asking our Trustees to do the same, if not more, year after year with less! I would ask you the Craft of Oklahoma to consider the Resolution of Per Capita increase to keep our Grand Lodge viable.

Through the first ten months of the management of your Grand Lodge, your Trustees meet 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 2018.

With the recommendation from the Investment Policy Committee, appointed by the Grand Master, to rewrite our "Investment Policy, Guidelines, and Objectives" for the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and approved by a vote of the Trustees. The Trustees approved re-balancing our allocation of assets. The General Fund now stands as of August 31, 2018 at \$1,309,397.46. With present low interest rates in the bond market, we have moved \$683,438.77 of those funds to equity stock investment with higher estimated dividends annual income. Leaving \$625,958.69 in Government backed Ginnie Mae and Fannie Mae bonds. These bonds are returning 4% or less.

I am pleased to report that the Perpetual Endowed Membership Fund, as July 31, 2018, stands at \$5,466,756.59. As of this writing, the August Statement is not available. Again, with the low interest rates in the bond market, with the vote of Trustees, we have re-balanced funds. We have invested \$1,439,142.69 in equity stock investments. As of this writing we plan on moving \$1,348,908.69 additional funds to equity stock investments. We are not experiencing the high interest rate of years gone by, 8%, 10%, or 12%, in the Bond market, however Perpetual Membership are still good for the member and his lodge. Some brethren are adding to their perpetual funds to help made up the difference. Some are paying their lodge the difference between their fund's earnings and the lodge dues. Looking back over just the past five years, the yield on our bond investment look very good. 2013 income yield was \$425,021.00 or 8.03%, 2014 income yield was \$445,797.00 or 7.33%, 2015 income yield was \$505,356.00 or 8.37%, 2016 income yield was \$444,468.00 or 7.31 % and 2017 income yield was only \$218,870.00 or 4.10%, with a five year average return of 7.03%. Not bad. However, with these declining interest rates, this is why the Investment Policy Committee and your

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Trustees approved the re-balancing of our investments. We will continue looking to obtain the highest interest and dividends rates available on safe investments.

As of August 31, 2018, The Pension Trust has a market value of \$61,566.24. The Building Endowment Fund's market value is \$266,734.45. Two dollars of our current member's Per Capita dues are paid each year into our Building Endowment Fund to help keep our beautiful Grand Lodge building for future generations. The Library & Museum market value is \$195,260.45, as well as property and equipment.

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

We are all sadden by the loss of our Brother M.:W.: James Tracy Tresner II, Honorary Past Grand Master of Oklahoma! Rest in Peace my Brother!

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



R.:W.: Ronald E. Wray

Brethren:

In submitting to you this, my 9th report as your Grand Lecturer, I want to express my sincere thanks to the Grand Lodge Officers, the Deputy Grand Lecturers, the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Certificate Lecturers, the Office Staff, and the Craft at large for your assistance and support throughout this year.

The Deputy Grand Lecturers have done an outstanding job at holding District Schools of Instruction. For the period beginning September 1, 2017 and ending August 31, 2018 they have held 26 District Schools for a total of 34 days of instruction with a total attendance of 215.

As of August 31, 2018 there are 4 District Schools scheduled before the 2018 Grand School session with several districts that have not held schools. During Grand School 2017, a total of 103 Certificate Lecturers signed in. Total attendance for the 3 days was 178. The Board of Grand Lecturers have held 2 meetings at the time of this report, with 2 more meetings before Grand School.

I want to thank our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Corky Grigsby Jr. for an outstanding Board of Grand Lecturers. They have worked diligently to make our schools a success. Also for their work with the Basic Blue Program, which got off to a late start this year as the qualifications had not been determined by the Board of Grand Lectures. The qualifications are already in place for next year, so we can start right in come November. Remember you must register through the Grand Secretary's Office to enroll your lodge in the Basic Blue Program.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the craft for all the support they have given to me over these past nine years. It has been my honor to serve this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Lecturer, and any progress or accomplishments that have been made I owe to you, the craft, and for the mistakes or failures, I am only too glad to take responsibility for them.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Ronald E. Wray  
Grand Lecturer

## Report of the Deputy Grand Lecturers

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

Brethren,

For the period beginning September 1, 2017 and ending August 31, 2018, the Deputy Grand Lecturers have held 26 Schools of Instruction for a total of 34 days of instruction, with a total attendance of 215.

As of August 31, 2018, we have held 2 meetings of the Board of Grand Lecturers, with 2 more scheduled before Grand School 2018.

Attendance has continued to grow at the IRONMAN School of Instruction held the second Saturday in February, at Yukon Lodge #90.

The TOUGH SCHOOL was held at Oklahoma Lodge #4, Atoka, on the second Saturday of August, and was very well attended this year. This was the 27<sup>th</sup> year that the event was held.

Brethren, please put these two Schools of Instruction on your calenders and come be a part of these great schools.

We would like to thank Grand Master Grigsby for continuing the Deputy Grand Lecturer Assistants program. We feel it is vital to our ritual. We had two members this year, Delbert Wilson and Warren Dry. Perhaps we can add a few more in the future.

The Board of Grand Lecturers will be helping again with the Basic Blue program next year, and we hope your lodge will enroll in this program.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Board of Grand Lecturers

R.:W.: Ronald Wray, Chairman  
M.:W.: Glenn Almy DGL    Artie Staggs DGL    Steve Peters DGL  
Glen Chaney DGL        Carl Shelton DGL    Donald Wray DGL  
M.:W.: Ron Coppedge DGL        David Dill DGL  
Bill Crisler DGL        Benson Steddum, Jr. DGL  
Edward Becerra DGL    R. Keith Madden DGL

# Report of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma



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

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,

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

## **MANAGEMENT**

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of twenty-two members. The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma elects fifteen of the Directors, three each year, for a five-year term. There are also three Directors representing the Scottish Rite, one from each Valley, three Directors representing the York Rite, one from each Grand Body, and one Director from the Order of the Eastern Star. Board members receive no monetary compensation of any kind. The Foundation has a full-time staff working in the Edmond office, under the direction of John L. Logan, Executive Director. The following officers were elected to serve for 2018:

President	Elwood M. Isaacs
1stVP	William J. Cloud
2ndVP	Neil A. Stitt
Treasurer	Gary A. Davis
Secretary	Robert G. Davis
Ass't Sec.	John L. Logan

## **FINANCIAL**

The Foundation 12/31/17 preliminary consolidated financial report reflects total assets of \$100,784,802. The 2018 consolidated budget projects expenditures of \$4,521,672.

## **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 2017, 215 Lodges used the program for \$1,685,048. Since the beginning of the Matching Funds program, the Foundation has contributed \$28,860,703 in support of local charitable or educational projects, and with the local lodges participation have created a minimum of \$57,721,406 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 2017, 19 different Lodges and 4 OES Chapters participated with grants totaling \$91,507. The average grant was \$3,660.

## **PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS**

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

**Partners in Prevention** is a partnership with **Vizavance**, formerly known as Prevent Blindness Oklahoma. Lodges statewide sponsor vision and glaucoma screenings, targeting the young and the elderly. The Foundation provided \$180,000 in 2017 and had budgeted \$200,000 for 2018 to support the ongoing costs of the program. In February of 2017, the 4-millionth child was screened through this partnership. The Foundation has provided \$3,646,790 in support of this important work.

**Oklahoma Educational Television Authority** - Better known as OETA has been a statewide project since 1999. 2018 donations

from the fraternity were a combined total of \$37,323 from 119 lodges. Our contribution allows us to sponsor four of the most popular programs on public television, the OETA Movie Club, the World of National Geographic, This Old House and Antiques Road Show. In October of 2016, the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma was recognized as OETA's first one-million-dollar donor. OETA is one of three projects with statewide visibility that attempt to enhance the image of the Fraternity while supporting a significant charitable or educational purpose.

**Food Bank** support has been an annual program since 2011. In 2017 the Fight Childhood Hunger Campaign resulted in \$50,000.00 being donated to the Regional Food Bank and \$35,000.00 being donated to the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. The 2018 Masonic Match to Fight Childhood Hunger campaign will run from August 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. 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). Food Bank is one of three projects with statewide visibility that attempt to enhance the image of the Fraternity while supporting a significant charitable or educational purpose.

**FFA Masonic Endowment Campaign** began in 2016 with a goal of establishing a one-million-dollar endowment for the FFA. The FFA Masonic Endowment is one of three projects with statewide visibility that attempt to enhance the image of the Fraternity while supporting a significant charitable or educational purpose. A summary of the FFA Endowment program is as follows:

- 2016 - June 30, 2018 Lodge Funds + Matching Funds = \$69,006
- Private donations = \$11,100
- 2018 MCFO Grant = \$200,000
- Target = \$1,000,000
- Raised = \$280,006
- Remaining to reach goal = \$719,894
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**Senior Assistance Program** Through an agreement with the Oklahoma Area Agencies on Aging, a division of the Department of Human Services, \$736,671 was given in December 2017 to assist needy Oklahomans aged 55 and over with services not covered by existing government programs during the calendar year 2018. Since the inception of this program in 2007, the Foundation has donated a total of \$8,624,048 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).

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

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

**The Student of Today Award** is a program that encourages outstanding performance in students of all grade levels by recognizing exemplary students. Each recipient receives a certificate, usually by a local Mason, at their school's awards assembly or some Lodges host banquets for the winners. In 2017, the Foundation prepared 2,843 certificates for presentation by 186 participating Lodges.

**The Teacher of Today Award** program is used by Freemasonry in Oklahoma to say "thanks" to those hundreds of teachers across our state that makes a daily difference in the lives of our children. Each teacher receives a certificate presented by the local Lodge. It is a small token to express our appreciation to these men and women who carry the burden of the future on their shoulders. In 2017, the Foundation prepared 931 certificates for presentation by 178 participating Lodges.

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

Education. The 2019 event will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple.

**Higher Education Endowments:** The last of the Higher Education Endowments were placed this spring at Seminole State College and Western Oklahoma State College, and the Higher Education Endowment program is now complete. The project utilized \$2,450,000 of Foundation funds and established a Masonic presence at each state-funded institution of higher learning. The goal of this program was to place a Masonic endowment at every publicly funded university and college in Oklahoma. A total of \$2,450,000 in endowed funds have been placed since 2008, as follows:

Oklahoma State University, Masonic Chair	2008	\$500,000
Northwestern Oklahoma State University	2010	\$100,000
East Central University	2010	\$100,000
Southwestern Oklahoma State University	2010	\$100,000
Southeastern Oklahoma State University	2010	\$100,000
University of Central Oklahoma	2010	\$100,000
Northeastern State University	2010	\$100,000
Panhandle State University	2011	\$100,000
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma	2011	\$100,000
Langston University	2011	\$100,000
Cameron University	2011	\$100,000
Rogers State University	2012	\$100,000
University of Oklahoma	2012	\$250,000
Redlands Community College	2013	\$ 50,000
Murray State College	2013	\$ 50,000
Northern Oklahoma College	2014	\$ 50,000
Tulsa Community College	2014	\$ 50,000
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College	2015	\$ 50,000
Oklahoma City Community College	2015	\$ 50,000
Rose State College	2016	\$ 50,000
Eastern Oklahoma State College	2016	\$ 50,000
Connors State College Dvlpmnt Foundation	2017	\$ 50,000
Carl Albert State College Dvlpmnt Foundation	2017	\$ 50,000
Seminole State College Educ. Foundation	2018	\$ 50,000
Western Oklahoma State College Foundation	2018	\$ 50,000

**The Payne Education Center** is a non-profit organization established in 1984. Since 1996 the Foundation has supported the Payne Education Center's Reading Readiness program designed to train kindergarten and transitional 1<sup>st</sup>-grade teachers by providing scholarships for enhanced reading techniques. For 2018, the Foundation budgeted \$42,500 for this program.

**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 \$2,000.00 each were budgeted, and eighty-eight were awarded as follows:

DeMolay	18
Job's Daughters	8
Rainbow	62.

**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 winning team from Norman North High School competed at the National High School Ethics Bowl competition in Chapel Hill North Carolina in April. Although the team did not place, it was reported that the team learned much that they intend to share with their fellow competitors from other Oklahoma school districts.

National winner was Kent Place School from Summit, New Jersey. The team's travel accommodations were made possible, in part, by a \$3,000 grant from the Masonic Charity Foundation. Video of the final round at the national competition is available at the following link: <https://nhseb.unc.edu/watch-the-complete-final-round-of-the-nhseb-2018-nationals/>.

**Senior Essay Contest** - The Senior Essay Contest was launched in 1966 in support of education. Writing has been found to teach critical thinking skills. The essay contest is open to all seniors in Oklahoma public schools. It is sponsored by the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma as part of its continuing commitments to education and the young people of our state. Cash prizes in both the Men's and Women's division range from \$2,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> place to \$200 for 10<sup>th</sup> place. Also, a \$5,000.00 grant will be made to each of the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners high school. For the 2017 - 2018 contests, there were 1,072 seniors who entered the contest. A total of \$13,700 was awarded to the 20 statewide winners of the contest, and \$5,000.00 grants to the schools of each of the statewide first

place winners. Certificates for presentation to the local division winners of 111 high schools sponsored by 91 Lodges will be provided to the local Lodge.

**Masonry in Action Award** program began in 2013 with the purpose of recognizing lodges which do an outstanding job in utilizing the Foundation programs. The Foundation allows each winning lodge the opportunity to specify a worthy non-profit in their community to receive a \$5,000.00 grant. In 2017 Pilot 367 was the small lodge category winner and Owasso 545 won the large lodge class. The 2018 contest results were a repeat of 2017! 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. The next classroom style training on Foundation programs will be held on Saturday, January 12th, 2019 at the India Shrine Center in Oklahoma City.

#### **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 important work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elwood M. Isaacs, (38)

# Report of the Joint Masonic Fraternal Relations Commission



To the 2018 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-six meetings since its creation. It is our pleasure to inform this Grand Lodge Session there have been absolutely no conflicts or disputes arising from this Compact between our two Grand Lodges.

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

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

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

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

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

With visitations now occurring between constituent lodges of both jurisdictions, it is especially important that all constituent lodges of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge observe the Protocol for Visitation, namely:

- a) notification of visitation in advance,
- b) adhere to dress code of lodge being visited,
- c) be examined by the lodge you are visiting, and
- d) examine the brother's dues card.

These elements of fraternal protocol will generate good relations between the lodges who are experiencing visitation.

Our Grand Master and other Grand Lodge leaders continue to be received at the annual Prince Hall Grand Lodge Session with a

maximum of fraternal courtesy and respect. Our Grand Lodge appreciates these genuine displays of brotherly love and affection.

A highlight occurred at the 2017 Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, when, in addition to PHA Grand Master Ronald Davie being officially introduced and receiving Grand Honors, over fifteen Oklahoma PHA members were in attendance. This was a major step in visitation between our two Grand Lodges.

The JMFRC believes, that after Recognition and tiled Lodge Visitation, or 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.

A non-tiled meeting, involving both our Grand Lodges, occurred under the leadership of our Prince Hall Grand Lodge. On September 17, 2017, the leaders of the major branches of our A.F. & A.M. Masonic family were invited to the Prince Hall Americanism Day at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. Leaders were invited to wear the regalia of their office and bring their spouses. A delicious meal followed. It was a wonderful day of Masonic fellowship!

Another example of joint activity would include PHA Grand Master Davie being invited on December 15, 2017 to give the address at the Festive Board put on by Frontier Lodge #48.

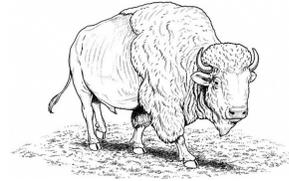
A very significant act of visitation and understanding occurs when the PHA Grand Historian is invited to Oklahoma A.F. & A.M. Lodges to explain the history of Prince Hall Masonry. Correct information and genuine friendships help cement fraternal relations between our two Most Worshipful Grand Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald S. Coppedge, P.:G.:M.:, Chairman  
Ronald J. Chambers, P.:G.:M.:  
Joe R. Manning, Jr., P.:G.:M.:

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## Report of the Order of The Sacred White Buffalo



The Order of the Sacred White Buffalo held its annual Pow Wow on Saturday 18 August 2018 in the Grand Lodge building at Guthrie, Oklahoma. Registration began at 9:30 A.M. We had a total of 91 members and candidates register for the annual gathering of the Tribe.

At noon, as in the past, a delicious catered meal was enjoyed by all. 88 meals were served at a cost of \$1,177.20

At 1:00 P.M. all candidates and members gathered in the Master Mason Room for the Degree and Business meeting. Before the opening our Shaman, Gloria Fortney made a special presentation of a beautiful cane she had made for M.:W.: James T. Tresner II, Honorary Past Grand Master prior to his death on July 12, 2018. The cane will be placed in the Museum to be enjoyed by all who visit.

The Chief of the Tribe, W.:Brother Dallas Fortney welcomed all present and led the opening Flag Salute, the Tribe Shaman gave the prayer. W.:Trasen Akers (new perpetual member) gave a very interesting introduction about Masonry and the Native American tradition.

The World Renowned Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team entered in full regalia and took their positions. The team then did a very special song flag salute and an Indian opening prayer accompanied by the Tribal drum. The team then proceeded with the conferral of the degree. There were 29 candidates present for the degree which was presented in an outstanding manner. Eight of the Candidates purchased a Perpetual Membership and one purchased a Memorial Perpetual for her Father.

After the degree, the annual business meeting was conducted under the direction of our Chief, Worshipful Dallas Fortney. The minutes of the previous meeting (August 12, 2017) were summarized and approved. The Keeper of the Wampum reported the Endowed White Buffalo Fund to be \$121,313.00 as of 31 July, 2018. Brother Laws made a motion & Brother Grigsby seconded the motion that W.: Brother Kyle Smith be made an honorary member, due to all the work he has done getting things ready for this year's Pow-Wow. The motion prevailed. The Chief then called for

the election of officers for the ensuing year and asked for the report of the nomination committee, composed of M.:W.: Brother Rick Allison, M.: W.: Ridge Smith, and R.: W.: Mike Dixon, Deputy Grand Master. Brother Allison, reporting for the committee, announced the following nominations:

Chief of the Tribe-----Stanley Pospisil, MOH  
Senior Warrior-----Thomas Galbraith  
Junior Warrior-----Arthur J. "Jim" Scheffler, Jr.  
Keeper of the Wampum-----Yvette Story  
Scribe-----Bobby L. Laws, P.:G.:M.:  
Shaman-----Gloria Fortney  
Keepers of the Talking Smoke-----Guy & Toni Brigman & Ron  
Chambers, P.:G.:M.:, MOH  
Tribal Lookout-----Steve McMail

Trustees:

W.: David Dill, Past Chief-----1 Year  
R.: W.: Mike Dixon, Past Chief-----2 Years  
W.: Dallas Fortney, Past Chief-----3 Years

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

The out- going Chief Brother Dallas Fortney, and the Grand Master with the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden then presented Member Certificates and pins to the 29 candidates, eight of whom had purchased Family Perpetuals and individual Perpetuals.

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

The Tribal Chief then closed the gathering in due form with peace and harmony prevailing.

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

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

Three special Indian paintings donated by Thomas & Joan Galbraith

White Buffalo framed Glass etching by Troy Collier donated by Bobby & Linda Laws.

Several special jewelry items donated by the Scheffler family.

Proceeds from the auction netted \$7,250.00 which is the largest amount made at the auction to date.

A complete hand written list is attached to these minutes, and will be on file in the Scribe's office.

Bobby L. Laws  
Scribe

Dallas Fortney  
Chief of the Tribe 2017-2018

Stanley Pospisil, MOH  
Chief of the Tribe  
2018-2019

# Reports of the Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma

## Report of the Committee on Appeals & Grievances



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

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

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

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

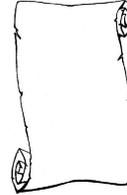
We thank the Grand Master for giving us the opportunity to be of service to the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully Submitted:

D. Ridge Smith, P.:G.:M.:, Chairman  
Bradley S. Rickelman, P.:G.:M.:  
Richard E. Massad, P.:G.:M.:

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## Report of the Committee on Charters & Dispensations



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

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,

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

As of August 28, 2018, there have not been any requests for Dispensations of new Lodges.

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

Also, as of August 28, 2018, Erick Lodge # 237 is following the required steps listed in the Uniform Code, Section U106, to consolidate with Elk City Lodge #182.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

# Report of the Committee on the Constitution and Code



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

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren

The Constitution and Code Committee is pleased to report that eight (8) Resolutions were presented to the Grand Lodge Body for consideration. Of those, numbers 1, 5, 6, 7, and 8 did not receive the required number of votes to become law. The following Resolutions were passed and have been properly entered in the Constitution and Code of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

## Change Record for 2017

<u>Page</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Para</u>	<u>Comment or Change effect</u>	<u>Change Source</u>
	Table of Contents	U207	Change title for clarity	C&C Committee
16	103.B	3	Clarifies the budgeting process For eliminating anticipated Fund raisers as a source for Budgeting purposes.	Resolution 2
28	212G		Removes the 95% three previous Year's average of actual income To 95% of actual income.	Resolution 3
58	U207		Change title for clarity	C&C Committee
88	U606		Adds the requirement of due And lawful process to Master Masons suspended or Expelled in other Jurisdictions	Resolution 4

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NOTE: This Committee is pleased to report that both the 2017 Constitution and Code update pages and a current complete 2017 Constitution and Code are now posted on the Grand Lodge website for use by the craft.

We thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the opportunity to be of service to the craft. We wish to again offer a special thanks to Yvette Story for providing many hours of coordinating and typing the changes which were printed and mailed to the lodges prior to December 31, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ronald J. Chambers, P.:G.:M.:, Chairman  
Bobby L. Laws, P.:G.:M.:  
Joe R. Manning, Jr., P.:G.:M.:

**Report of the Committee on  
Finance & Appropriations**

Report and Budget will be distributed at the Annual Communication.

# Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Relations

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:

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Relations is charged to protect the integrity of the Grand Lodge recognition process, dedicated to insuring recognition of only Grand Lodges that meet the standards for recognition; thus preventing our recognizing illegitimate Grand Lodges being formed around the world.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma uses the Conference of Grand Masters of North America's **Commission on Information and Recognition** as the fundamental basis for granting our recommendation for recognition of new Grand Lodges seeking our Grand Lodge recognition. This commission established and maintains standard criteria to insure order and regularity is applied in their screening of Grand Lodges petitions for regular 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 on our review of: Foreign Correspondence received from Grand Lodges in Amity with our Grand Lodge announcing decisions of interest deemed appropriate by them; those requesting recognition; and reports of the Commission on Information for Recognition, is herewith submitted.

## **Recommendation for Recognition**

None

## **Request for Recognition Denied**

PRINCIPALITY LIECHTENSTEIN

On November 5, 2017 a petition for consideration of recognition from the Grand Lodge of the Principality Liechtenstein was received but held in abeyance pending the 2018 meeting of the North American Grand Masters Conference, Commission on Information for Recognition. During their meeting and deliberations with

representatives from numerous delegations at the meeting it was determined that the Grand Lodge of the Principality Liechtenstein does not meet the standards for recognition.

The committee therefore withholds a favorable recommendation for their recognition and requests the Grand Secretary of the State of Oklahoma advise their Grand Lodge that recognition is rejected accordingly.

**Recommendations for Withdrawal of Recognition**  
ALBANIA

By letter dated 14 March 2017 from the Grand Lodge of England to all Grand Lodges recognized by them, they announced that they had suspended recognition of the Grand Lodge of Albania for invasion of the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Serbia.

It was revealed that the Grand Lodge of Albania consecrated a Lodge in Kosovo in 2014 in violation the territorial jurisdiction of the Regular Grand Lodge of Serbia. Further, that since their signing an agreement in 2015 with the Grand Lodge of Serbia to cease and desist pending a joint agreement between the two, the Grand Lodge of Albania consecrated two additional Lodges in Kosovo in violation of their signed agreement. The committee recommends the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma suspend recognition of the Grand Lodge of Albania and that the Grand Secretary notify their Grand Master accordingly.

**For Craft Information Only**  
KANSAS

During the Kansas 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication, held March 16, 2018, their Grand Lodge withdrew recognition of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Arkansas, voting their belief "That the Grand Lodge of Arkansas has knowingly and willingly abandoned two of the basic principal landmarks of freemasonry, that of the Right to Trial, and the Right of Appeal."

In their letter of April 13, 2018 announcing their decision to all jurisdictions who are in amity with the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Kansas they further stated: "The Grand Lodge of Kansas feels strongly that the jurisdiction of Arkansas has abandoned at least two of the core principals of Freemasonry, and continues to this day to tyrannize and oppress their members. We can no longer sit idly by while good Brothers are treated this way. The vote of the Craft in Kansas, and this action is made, first and foremost, to secure the rights and membership of Kansas Masons living in Arkansas and Kansas Masons with dual membership with Arkansas."

SCOTLAND

Recent actions by the Grand Lodge of Scotland is cause for concern.

The Grand Lodge of New York advised, by letter dated May 26, 2017 their Grand Lodge has suspended recognition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland for accepting three expelled New York Masons into membership in their Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Panama advised, by letter dated March 26, 2018, their Grand Lodge has suspended recognition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland for chartering a Lodge in their territorial jurisdiction in 2014 without a signed agreement.

In anticipation of an amenable fraternal solution for ongoing efforts between the jurisdictions involved, the Committee is withholding a recommendation at this time, pending the outcome of their discussions.

### 2019 List of Lodges, Masonic Edition Statements

Contingent on this committee report being approved during the Grand Lodge's annual communication, the following statement will be submitted for inclusion in the *2019 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, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Slovakia and Slovenia; and Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, Maryland, and Missouri.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

**ADDENDUM**  
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATIONS

The dilemma concerning Arkansas: standing by the principles of Freemasonry.

To set the stage for this addendum to the Fraternal Correspondence and Relations Report, the committee report contains the following:

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Premise: mutual recognition of Grand Lodges associates each with the other, offering understanding and support; reflecting mutual respect and esteem; and standing shoulder to shoulder as equals within the fraternity.

Reminder: Freemasonry is the world's most outstanding example of individualistic evolution. And, being a Freemason is a privilege, not a right.

With this in mind, masons know that to be unjustly divested of our membership should never be allowed by a tyrant, nor by a trial without *due process* proceedings.

The *due process* that guarantees a fair trial, i.e., not being denied defense witnesses, not having to testify against self, not having recourse to an appeal.

As Oklahoma Masons, whose experience is limited to that of being governed by our constitution, which conforms to the United States Constitution with its embedded Bill of Rights, guarantees us the right of justice to a fair trial.

One can only imagine what it must be like to be unjustly stripped of one's *masonic membership - way of life*. Of bearing the shame of such a brutal attack on your character, by being suspended or expelled. Of having to live in the profane world where everyone knows you as a disgraced Mason. Our lives would be ruined.

The Sovereignty of a Grand Lodge should never be infringed by a sister Grand Lodge. It is up to their Craft to settle whatever difficulties that arise within its jurisdiction. Still, those Grand Jurisdictions who are exposed as being in violation of, or disregard, the principles upon which the great fraternity of Freemasonry is based, do not deserve the recognition of those that do.

To knowingly stand shoulder to shoulder with those Grand Lodge jurisdictions that practice suppressive feudalistic behavior and void of the *due process* rights of man, makes us, by association, supportive of their guilty conduct. The situation before us involves upholding the values Freemasonry is based upon.

Therefore the Fraternal Relations committee places this proposition before the Craft:

#### ARKANSAS

Since 2012, the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Arkansas is known to practice removing members of the Craft from their jurisdiction who have not committed a masonic offense (e.g., cannot be a Shriner and an Arkansas Mason), and without due process (in essence, no right of appeal of sentence, or other remedy for grievances permitted). The basic ***due process of law*** is a citizen's right, guaranteed by the U. S. constitution (Fifth Amendment, ratified September 25, 1789; and Fourteenth Amendment, ratified July 9, 1868), and cannot be excluded under the guise of a trial process of a sovereign fraternal entity.

As no remedy has evolved over the past six years and none is foreseen, **the committee recommends** the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of the State of Oklahoma suspend recognition of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Arkansas, until the provision of ***due process of law*** is provided for by the Grand Lodge of Arkansas; and that the Grand Secretary notify their Grand Master accordingly.

Effect in Oklahoma

Should the Craft adopt this recommendation the following impact would take effect for Oklahoma.

First, no impact would be felt on the interactions of the Adult and Youth Orders, as Oklahoma and Arkansas Masons would be performing their roles as Masters Masons in their Adult and Youth Orders capacity, and they would not be involved in a tyled Masonic Lodge.

Second, no impact would be felt on the interactions of an Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite or York Rite functions, as they also meet in the role of their Order. They may meet in a Lodge facility but not in the tyled recesses of an ancient craft Lodge.

Lastly however, an impact would be felt with Oklahoma and Arkansas Masons meeting in each other's tyled recesses of a lodge.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

# Report of the Committee on Grave Marking

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



Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

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

It is with sorrow that we note the passing of Most Worshipful James T. Tresner II (1941 — 2018), Honorary Past Grand Master in 2015. His biography from the Fall 2018 issue of *The Oklahoma Mason* reads:

There are only a few organizational men in each generation who make the kind of impact that changes the way the rest of us respond to that organization's purpose and direction. Dr. Jim Tresner was one such man. His simple and profound love for Freemasonry inspired almost every man who knew him to make a study of Freemasonry a lifelong experience. He understood Freemasonry as a way of life, and his greatest hope in men was that they would feel the same.

He was internationally known as a Masonic author, writer, speaker and scholar. But every Brother who was personally acquainted with Jim was simply proud to call him our Brother. We can only wish that more of us could approach the understanding of servant leadership that seemed to just come naturally for Jim every day of his life. We can be assured our fraternity has been made better because of him.



James Tracy Tresner II (Jim) was born November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1941 in Enid, to Margaret and Jack Tresner, and passed away on Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He attended grade school through high school in the Enid public school system. He

attended several colleges and earned three Bachelor's degrees, two Masters degrees, and a PhD in Business Communications.

Following college, Jim spent a few years as a Professor at Connors State College, and then became the Chief Underwriter of his family's insurance company.

Dr. Tresner joined the youth group of the fraternity, Sir Galahad Chapter, Order of DeMolay, at the age of 12 while living in Enid. He became a member of the Masonic fraternity in 1963 in Garfield #501 in Enid. He was asked to move to Guthrie in 1987 to use his considerable skills on behalf of the fraternity. He was appointed a consultant to the Oklahoma Grand Lodge, the Oklahoma Masonic Charity Foundation, the Scottish Rite in Oklahoma, and the House of the Temple, the national Scottish Rite headquarters in Washington, DC. He was the book review editor of the *Scottish Rite Journal*, the national organ of the Scottish Rite, and was a recipient of the 33°, Grand Cross, the highest honor the Rite can give to a Scottish Rite Mason. Dr. Tresner also served on the steering committee of the Masonic Information Center of the United States and was recently named an emeritus member of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Research Society. He was a long-time member of Mensa, and was elected a Blue Friar by the Society of Masonic authors worldwide in 1999.

In Oklahoma, he also belonged to the York Rite Bodies, and the Oklahoma Lodge of Research. He was appointed the Director of the Work for the Guthrie Scottish Rite soon after he arrived in Guthrie, and continued in that role until his death. Through his own community theatre and teaching experience, he brought an understanding of the theatre form of education to a level unsurpassed in the fraternity.

He served as the Worshipful Master of Albert Pike #162 in Guthrie in 1995, and was honored with 50 years of service to Masonry, in Garfield #501, in 2013. In 1996, he was awarded the Oklahoma Medal of Honor, the highest honor a member can receive in Oklahoma Masonry. He had the rare distinction of being named the first Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma in 2015. At the time of his passing, he was the editor of the Oklahoma Mason and the Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and was chairman of the Masonic Education Committee, and Publicity and Public Relations Committee, and was a member of the Publications Committee.

Brother Tresner was laid to rest beside his parents in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Enid.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Kent Callahan, P.:G.:M.:, Member

# Report of the Public Schools Committee

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1998, the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma entered into an agreement whereby the Foundation would assume the Charitable and Educational activities, then managed by the Grand Lodge, excepting the Museum and Library. Since 1999, the Charity Foundation has continued to administer and operate these programs.

Please see the Report of the Masonic Charity Foundation for details.

Respectfully submitted,

Bedford F. Rowland, Jr., Chairman (62)

Larry E. Adair (11)

David A. Ray (107)

Gene McKelvey (473)

D. Larry Roberts (31)

## Report of the Publicity and Public Relations Committee

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

The Oklahoma Masonic fraternity has most certainly lost a Masonic jewel with the death of Most Worshipful James T. "Jim" Tresner, who chaired this committee for many years. He is and will be missed greatly.

Again for 2018, the lion's share of the Publicity and Public Relations effort was driven by the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma's multitude of programs.

A few of these programs generating positive publicity and good public relations are:

Sponsorship of OETA programming through the year, and manning the OETA phone bank during the annual pledge campaign;

Partnering with the local Food Banks to help those who live with food insecurity;

Partnering with the FFA to create a scholarship endowment for graduating FFA students;

The Community Matching Funds program which provides the lodges to address specific needs in the community and to receive all recognition for their efforts;

Scholarships for our Masonic youth groups assist our Rainbow, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay youth better afford a college education;

Student of Today and Teacher of Today programs give the Lodges the opportunity to promote educational achievement while delivering a positive message on behalf of the fraternity;

Endowments presented to every state funded college in Oklahoma will have enduring positive impact on innumerable students for years to come; and,

Support of the programs of the Area Agencies on Aging that assist the elderly, regardless of Masonic affiliation.

Each of these programs, which may be described as a major aspect of the outward face of Masonry, do much to "... convince the world of its good effects."

However, we, as Masons, should be included as well when considering our Publicity and Public Relations efforts; we, too, are members of the public.

The Promises Matters Matching Funds program and the Promises Matter Grant Program offer our Lodges a valuable tool to assist our Masonic brothers and Eastern Star sisters who are dealing with difficult situations. Unfortunately, these programs appear to be very much under-utilized. We can do better.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Keith Madden  
Committee Member

## Report of the Youth Activities Committee

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren,

This year's Youth Committee report appears below. It is a bit different than past years consisting of a direct report from each of our Youth Orders. We are blessed by the adult leadership that is furnished by members from all of our Masonic Family. Together with my colleagues, Toni Tomlinson, Supreme Deputy in Oklahoma for Job's Daughters, and Brother Brad Northcutt, Executive Officer of Oklahoma DeMolay, we thank you 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.

### **Job's Daughters - Toni Tomlinson, Supreme Deputy**

Job's Daughters began this year with Supreme Session in Hersey, PA where Oklahoma had our first winner as Miss International Job's Daughter in 32 years, Miss Hannah Gerow. What a thrill that was, but also set off a series of fundraisers for her travel through the United States, Canada, The Philippines, Australia, and Brazil. Along with a year of planning for Miss International, we also had another year of planning for Oklahoma's first Supreme Guardian. Linda Luttrell will be our first ever Supreme Guardian in 2019-2020 with her Supreme Session during the summer of 2020 in Omaha, NE, where Job's Daughters was founded 100 years ago. What a celebration that will be.

During the year we've planned and attended ESTARL, Grand Master's Installation, DeMolay's Halloween Party, held two Statewide Initiations, prepared for Ritual Competition for Rally, prospect parties, initiations, Amaranth Grand Court, Rainbow Grand Assembly, held our own Rally and finally attended Supreme Session in Layton, UT where our own Miss International turned her crown over to another very deserving young lady.

We had fundraisers for HIKE (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment) which has now been changed to Hearing Improved Kids Endowment. A much more appropriate title since its purpose is to help children with their hearing devices whose parents cannot afford them. And last but not least, many activities sharing awareness of Job's Daughters and their many accomplishments.

### **Oklahoma Order of the Rainbow for Girls - Brian W. Pierson, Supreme Inspector**

It has been another great year for Oklahoma Rainbow with our Junior Past Grand Worthy Advisor, Abby Chadd, leading the way. We were honored by the presence

of our Grand Master, together with his trustees and other officers at several stops on our journey. It was an honor to welcome 150 newly initiated Rainbow Girls during the year to grow our membership. Abby's fundraising efforts received an awesome response as she raised \$25,000 to contribute to the Procure Proton Therapy Center in Oklahoma City to outfit and furnish a "kid friendly" teen center for youth patients and their siblings. Kingston Assembly has been constituted giving us a presence once again in south central Oklahoma, and we have engaged in discussions with lodges and chapters with interest in opening other assemblies around the state. We closed the year out with the installation of Miss Alaina Hurst, of Alva Assembly, as the Grand Worthy Advisor for 2018-19, and began a summer filled with in and out-of-state travels, including a great trip to southern Virginia for Supreme Assembly 2018. We look forward to another great year and would invite you to join us anywhere that you can along our journey. Our gratitude and thanks to all of the lodges that are sponsors and supporters of assemblies in Oklahoma. We could not do what we do without your support and that of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

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

Oklahoma DeMolay is in the middle of an outstanding year of membership. Currently, we are # 1 in the United States for new membership in 2018 with 120 new members for the year. This success is created from our ongoing membership programs with our Red Jacket Past Master Councilor Club and our Blue Honor Key/Founder's Membership Retreats. We are also constantly working on new chapter development. Last year we started 4 new chapters in Shawnee, Enid, Henryetta, and Woodward, and we currently have about 5 more lodges interested in getting a DeMolay chapter started. We also just finished our annual Conclave at our new location in Norman, OK.

For the upcoming months, our first big state event will be our Tri-Youth Lock-In at Main Event Entertainment at the end of August. We will be following up with a state induction. We are also preparing for our Centennial Celebration, which will be on Saturday, November 3rd at the Scottish Rite Temple in Guthrie, OK which starts at 2pm. We will start the event by having an induction for our "Centennial Member Class" that will be done with our own Oklahoma DeMolay Alumni Association, who will be performing the degrees. We will then have the majority service and the memorial service performed by our Oklahoma Knighthood State Priory. We also will be reopening our DeMolay Museum. Afterwards, we will be having an open banquet (which will be our state Chevalier Observance), where we will honor our new Chevaliers. All are invited to attend, please e-mail [office@okdemolay.com](mailto:office@okdemolay.com) if interested in attending. We will be sending out registration forms for the event. All are welcome to attend and join us in our celebration.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian W. Pierson, Chairman

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

## Vizavance Committee

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Brethren all,

On behalf of the children of Oklahoma, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the participating Lodges and members, and all the families of the students who came to, and assisted with, the Vizavance eye screenings.

During the 2017-2018 school year, we assisted in screening 317,571 elementary school students, and referred 34,240 of those students for further examinations.

We had a total of 758 screening sessions, with 1,478 brethren who volunteered their time to assist with the screenings, representing 189 Oklahoma Masonic Lodges.

As you can see, these are outstanding numbers, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with Vizavance Oklahoma!

Respectfully submitted,

T. G. "Tom" Bayless, Chairman

# Resolutions To be Considered During the Annual Communication

## Resolution No. 1-A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **BE AMENDED TO READ:**

Section 201 Grand Officers: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer shall be elected by **electronic voting device or** paper ballot without nominations, at each annual communication. They shall be installed before its close and shall hold their offices

one (1) year or until their successors are elected and installed. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect the officers mentioned herein.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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### **Resolution No. 1-B**

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

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

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

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

**SECTION 302. REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES AND BALLOTS:**

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

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

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

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

**SECTION 302. REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES AND BALLOTS:**

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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### **Resolution No. 1-C**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

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

**A. ~~ELECTION OF OFFICERS REGISTRATION AND DISTRIBUTION:~~** On Saturday of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, an area **and time** shall be designated for delegates to ballot on the candidates for elected offices **and resolutions**. ~~The balloting area shall be opened at such time to correspond with the~~ Registration of delegates and shall remain open until ~~10:00 A.M.~~ **11:00 A.M.** ~~at which time balloting shall cease and the votes counted.~~

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

After ~~marking the ballot~~ **voting** and before leaving the balloting area, all delegates must deposit their **electronic voting devices or paper** ballots in a **ballot box at the Grand Tyler's station**, ~~which shall be constructed as to keep each ballot secret and so that one brother cannot observe how another voted.~~

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

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## Resolution No. 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. Per Capita for each Master Mason on the roll January

1:.....\$10.

Unless superseded by section U 420 D.4 and D.5.

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

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

A. Per Capita for each Master Mason on the roll January 1, <b>2020</b> .....	<del>\$10.</del> <b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Per Capita for each Master Mason on the roll January 1, 2021</b> .....	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Per Capita for each Master Mason on the roll January 1, 2022</b> .....	<b>\$25.00</b>

Unless superseded by section U 420 D.4 and D.5.

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### Resolution No. 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No fee or assessment shall be charged for affiliations.

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

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

The per capita provided for in Section 502 A for the preceding year shall be due on the first day of April of every year or 45 (forty-five) days from the date of the mailing of the recapitulation form from the Grand Secretary's office

which ever date is later in the amount specified on the Recapitulation form received from his office.

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

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

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

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

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

No fee or assessment shall be charged for affiliations.

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

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## **Resolution No. 4**

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Crisler  
P.M. Yukon Lodge No. 90

## Resolution No. 5

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Crisler  
P.M. Yukon Lodge No. 90

## **Resolution No. 6**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

Eligible members of the Fraternity may indicate their availability for an elected office of this Grand Lodge by completing and filing a form provided by the Grand Lodge with the Grand Secretary. The filing period shall commence after the closing of the Annual Communication and close on the

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last day of March preceding the opening day of the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. A **non-refundable** filing fee of \$100 (one hundred dollars) must accompany the form before it can be accepted. ~~the entire amount of which shall be refunded to the candidate if he receives at least 10% (ten percent) of the votes cast, otherwise~~ The fee shall be credited to the Grand Lodge General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## **Resolution No. 7**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

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Respectfully submitted,

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

## **Resolution No. 8**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

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

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Respectfully submitted,

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

## Resolution No. 9

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

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

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

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

Each constituent lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be provided with a copy of the Constitution and Laws and Uniform Code of this Grand Lodge for inspection by its members.

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

**BE AMENDED TO READ:**

Each constituent lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be provided with a copy of the Constitution and Laws and Uniform Code of this Grand Lodge for inspection by its members.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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