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The Perpetual Path Program



Twenty-one Master Masons raised at McAlester Perpetual Path, March 30, 2019

Fifty-three Master Masons have been raised this year through the *Perpetual Path Program*, and thirty-seven raised through the traditional path.

Master Masons raised in the last three years:

- 2018 - 158 Perpetual Path; 157 Traditional Path
- 2017 - 154 Perpetual Path; 153 Traditional Path
- 2016 - 257 Perpetual Path; 195 Traditional Path.

More information on the *Perpetual Path Program* may be found on the Grand Lodge web site at the following link:

<https://www.gloklahoma.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/PPP-Handout.pdf>

Each Perpetual Path is limited to a maximum of 15 candidates. Candidates must have application for perpetual membership form and fees (15 x annual dues) and Perpetual Path form submitted to the Grand Secretary's office ten days prior to the event.

Lodges wishing to host a Perpetual Path need a minimum of three candidates and must submit the required form to the Grand Secretary's Office.

All required forms are available on the Grand Lodge website: <http://www.gloklahoma.com/>
Candidate form link: <http://www.gloklahoma.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Fillable-PPP-Person-App.pdf>
Lodge hosting form link: <http://www.gloklahoma.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Fillable-PPP-Host-App.pdf>
Perpetual Member Application: <http://www.gloklahoma.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/PP.pdf>



Another Womack becomes a Master Mason. Bradley (second from the right) joins brothers Brian and Brandon. Also pictured are Dad, Monte Womack, and G.M.: Mike Dixon at the McAlester Perpetual Path.

Perpetual Path Programs Scheduled:

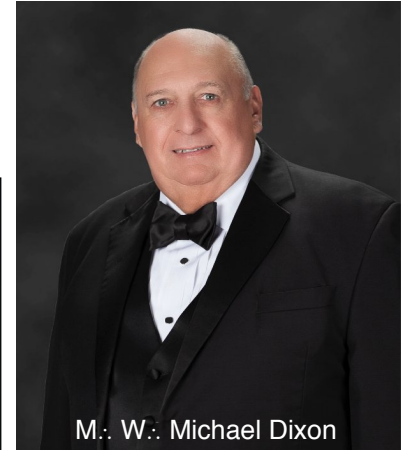
- June 8, 2019 - Uriah Lodge No. 227— At Midwest City No. 532
- June 15, 2019 - Seminole City Lodge No. 476
- June 22, 2019 - Guthrie Lodge No. 35
- June 22, 2019 - Sallisaw Lodge No. 120
- August 17, 2019 - Vici Lodge No. 465

**From the Grand Master
M.:W.: Michael Dixon**

Fellow Oklahoma Masons,

As most of you are aware, one of my primary initiatives this year is to continue the plan of holding the Statewide Regional Forum Meetings around the state. These meetings have been focused on two major goals:

- First, to provide a venue for you, Oklahoma's Masons, to have an opportunity to talk with your Grand Lodge officers in an informal setting; a setting where you can openly discuss your concerns about Oklahoma Masonry, including concerns about the Grand Lodge and even your own Lodge. We have posed several questions during these meetings: "What seems to be working?" "What isn't working?" "How do we go about making better the things that are working?" "How can we 'fix' those things that are not working?"
- Second, to collect this information into a single document that will result in a long-range plan for Oklahoma Masonry and the Grand Lodge.



**M.: W.: Michael Dixon
Grand Master 2019**

Four of the five planned forum meetings have now been completed. I am pleased to report that the participation and discussion has been great! The final Forum Meeting is scheduled for June 1st at the Grand Lodge in Guthrie; Albert Pike No. 162 will be hosting this meeting.

During the course of my tenure thus far, I have been presented with several constituent lodge issues; several of these issues have been raised during the Forum Meetings that have already been held. Upon investigating these matters, two particular items come to light:

- First, there seems to be a general lack of knowledge and understanding of the Oklahoma Masonic Constitution and Code (OMCC); and
- Second, there seems to be a continual and rapid decline of the quality of Ritual in our Lodges.

Both of these issues are readily addressable. Where knowledge of the OMCC is needed, one's attendance at the annual Grand Lodge Leadership Training Sessions will go a long way toward rectifying this issue. Too, one can greatly enhance what is learned in the Grand Lodge Leadership Training Sessions by completing the Grand Lodge Correspondence Courses that are available through the Grand Lodge Office.

Where ritual is a concern, there are several mechanisms available by taking advantage of: a) District Schools of Instruction; b) Grand School held in November in conjunction with the annual Grand Lodge Communication; and local Lodge initiatives that are designed to improve Ritual performance. And, don't forget that the Grand Lecturer is available to support your local efforts to improve your Ritual work!

It is a well-known fact that good training pays high rewards. Just ask anyone who has had experience in the military or in athletics, or for that matter, in most any organization that relies on good communication and team work. Masons trained in leadership and ritual lead their Lodges with greater confidence, efficiency and effectiveness. When this occurs, the Lodge then becomes more confident in its Lodge work and Ritual, and in doing so it finds itself in a stronger position to better serve its community.

A well-known Masonic leader and trainer is quoted as saying, "It takes less than 10 minutes for a visitor to your Lodge to see that your officers are trained and proficient." Let's all work toward that goal for Oklahoma Masonry!

---Michael Dixon, Grand Master





Loss of Membership

It seems like everywhere I go, the same questions arise: "What are we going to do about declining membership?" "How do we get our E.A.'s and F.C.'s to advance?" These are very important questions, yet we have never found the right answers.

Recently while researching some old proceedings, I came across an article written in 1966 by Grand Master M.: W.: J. Blan Loflin. I am sharing several excerpts from his article with you. I know it's rather a long read, but I hope you will take the time to read his words. Most Worshipful Loflin has gone on to the Grand Lodge above, but his thoughts are still relevant today.

"Almost invariably the loss of membership, because of nonpayment of dues and failure to complete their degrees, comes right back to haunt us because of our neglect, our desire to 'lay it on someone else,' our own ignorance, inability or negligence. We have been criticized for taking the position that our degree work should be followed by a very definite plan and system of explanation and instruction in the history, philosophy, meanings, purposes, and teachings of Freemasonry and that the candidate should have some of it along with his degrees. If you do not know what Masonry teaches there is little likelihood that you will be long interested.

Grand Master Loflin continues and also quotes from three other sources:

"One Grand Master has this to say: 'One of the most pressing problems at Grand Lodge is what to do about N.P.D.'s. Possibly we pay the price of being more interested in numbers than Masons. We may fail to teach what Masonry is and the brother's interest is not aroused.'

"It is presumed that our investigating committees selected, or recommended, only those whom they considered as being good men and true and were proper

subjects for the degrees. If that is correct, we have failed to properly present the lessons, we have failed to give him 'proper and wholesome instruction,' or we have failed to find a job within his capabilities. Is there anyone, other than ourselves, we can honestly blame for the greater number of these losses?

"We continue to maintain that 'we make good men better.' Do we? Just how often do we make any move to help the new member? Now, really and truly, don't expect him to get busy and improve himself then come back and permit us to brag and say: 'Look at what we have done?'

"The Grand Orator in 1966 got right down to cases and proposed some solutions and some remedies. Let's pick up a few of his thoughts: 'However glorious it's past, Freemasonry today shows unmistakable signs of decay. The most obvious is the decline in membership. The increase in the number of those who drop their membership by non-payment of dues is significant. Many of these are cases of procrastination or inadvertence, but a substantial number are men who were once interested enough to pay the initiation fee, take three degrees and learn the posting lectures, but who no longer consider the organization worth annual dues which, in most cases, are trifling. The decline in membership is all the more telling because it is happening in a time of relative prosperity, increasing population, and when more men have more time for leisure activities. Why this decline? Why the lack of interest? These involve other questions. What do men want and expect from Masonry? What should Masonry give them? What are we trying to achieve? I think men want, and Masonry should give them, an opportunity for fellowship, for education particularly in their relations to God, their fellows and their institutions; and for a means to decide upon and take responsible group action on current issues.'

"Stating the problem is relatively easy. Finding the cause is more difficult. Finding a solution has seemed impossible. But let us not be easily discouraged. Remember the old saying: 'The difficult we do immediately, the impossible may take a little longer.' In this spirit let us now attack the next question: What shall we do to revitalize Masonry? How do we stimulate our own interest? How do we give our fraternity a sense of mission and purpose in the world?

"One Grand Master strikes at the real cause of our loss in membership, but he fails to outline a course of action specifically designed to carry his proposal into action. He comes closer, however, to set down more specifically one of the principal causes than most of those who comment on the situation. Entirely too often the commentator wants to ride on past performances and merely quote high-sounding phrases and urging the Craft to uphold our

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priceless heritage. How can the new member uphold that heritage when he has never been taught nor had an opportunity to know what it is? Just how many of the well-meaning brethren of the present day are willing to take of their time and energy to bring the message of Freemasonry's heritage to our younger brethren? In truth, are there many who could do so? Here is what he says: 'We stand at our working place and beg for more material when all about us are strewn the unfinished materials of yesterday. How many of the Rough Ashlars that come to our hands have we "made suitable with the setting maul" of instruction and then neglected to become lost in "the rubbish of the Temple?" If we would perpetuate the Institution, we must direct more energy and attention to the preparation of the individual units that are delivered to our hands.

"We then need have no fears concerning the strength or magnitude of the Institution. Can't we see that the loss in membership is largely our own fault—not that of the member we lost? We failed to help him. We handed him an intricate problem, suitable for a college graduate, while he was yet in elementary classes, and expected him to return within a very short period of time, bringing the solution when we had given him no assistance. The manner in which we take a candidate, rush him through the degrees, teach him nothing but the so-called 'posting or categorical lectures' and expect him to be an accomplished, well-informed Mason, loaded with knowledge of Masonic history, philosophy, meanings, purposes, objectives, is beyond comprehension.

"That procedure will no more make him a Mason than 'handing him a sheet of music and electing him director of a symphony will make him a musician.'

"Let's take a close look at what we should do: Let's start by calling the petitioner's attention to the general purpose of Freemasonry, some of the things that it believes, some of the things that will be expected of him, explain some of his duties and responsibilities.

"After he is elected to receive the degrees see that he has an instructor, a coach—his peer—one that has some real knowledge of what Masonry really is and let him have a bit of instruction along with his memory work. Make it interesting—so interesting that he will keep coming back for more. Suppose you don't have him ready for his examination at the end of four weeks—so what? If you have instilled in him some of the vision you have he won't stop at that point. Don't wait for him to come and hunt you up for instruction, or to attend meetings. Make it your duty to really and truly sponsor him. When he has finished his degrees please don't try to force him to take a part in

ritualistic ceremonial activities if he is reluctant. Be sure that he has enough knowledge of the meanings so cleverly, and sometimes so completely, hidden in the phraseology of the ritual to make him want to participate because he can understand its purpose and appreciate its beauty.

"Masonry is complicated—greatly complicated. All can't be leaders. There is no more sense in believing that each member of any Lodge can be an acceptable Worshipful Master than saying that the janitor in a great hospital can be the skilled surgeon that heads the medical staff. It takes the janitor, the eminent surgeon and all those in between to make up an efficient hospital organization. Let's quit kidding ourselves in insisting that a member who has the ritualistic ability be elevated to the station of Worshipful Master merely because he is a good ritualist.

"Select leaders as Masters and ritualistic for the conferral of degrees. Each of us should be fitted in where our abilities seem most appropriate.

"Candidates are often raised amidst the solemnity of ritual and pageantry of drama and complete their Master Mason Degree without the slightest concept of what it is all about and we are content to let them find out what Masonry really means on their own. A little thought, a little time and a little effort for the new member would go far to enlighten him as to the Purpose, Worth, and Meaning of the lessons taught in the ritual and exemplified to him in several degrees.

I found this article to be very enlightening, because these problems have been around for many years without being solved. Even though I think the Ritual of our Fraternity is one of the most important parts, we must remember that it is only words if we do not understand the meaning and reasoning behind what we are perpetuating. We can have all the car tags, belt buckles, stickers, rings, and jewelry we want or can afford, those things don't make us a Master Mason! We must learn from and live by what we have repeated in our obligations and lectures and we must teach this to our new and younger Brothers because we do not understand what we are a part of until we understand what we are a part of. Thank you for taking the time to read this article. It is a reminder to all of us that "you get out what you put in." It takes time and effort to mentor a new Mason.

May peace and harmony prevail,

Bob Peters
Deputy Grand Master



**From the Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Robert G. Davis**



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Senior Grand Warden's Message

Brethren, I, along with our Deputy Grand Master and Junior Grand Warden, have attended three of the five Regional Grand Master's Forums scheduled for this year, and am very much looking forward to the other two. Thanks to all who have participated thus far. These forums have provided so much valuable information and ideas that can be used by our leadership team moving forward.

It confirms once again that many of our Past Masters, Lodge Masters and Officers know well the problems that have stymied opportunities for success in our fraternity for the past 70 years. Many of us have been talking about these problems for most of

our lives. But we never seem to move beyond only identifying them as problems.

I think we can all agree one reason for this is that it is not easy for the Grand Lodge to communicate at a meaningful level with individual lodges. Solutions can only come as a result of many one on one conversations. The geographic area of our State is so large it is hard to accomplish this. The regional forums are a big step in the right direction.

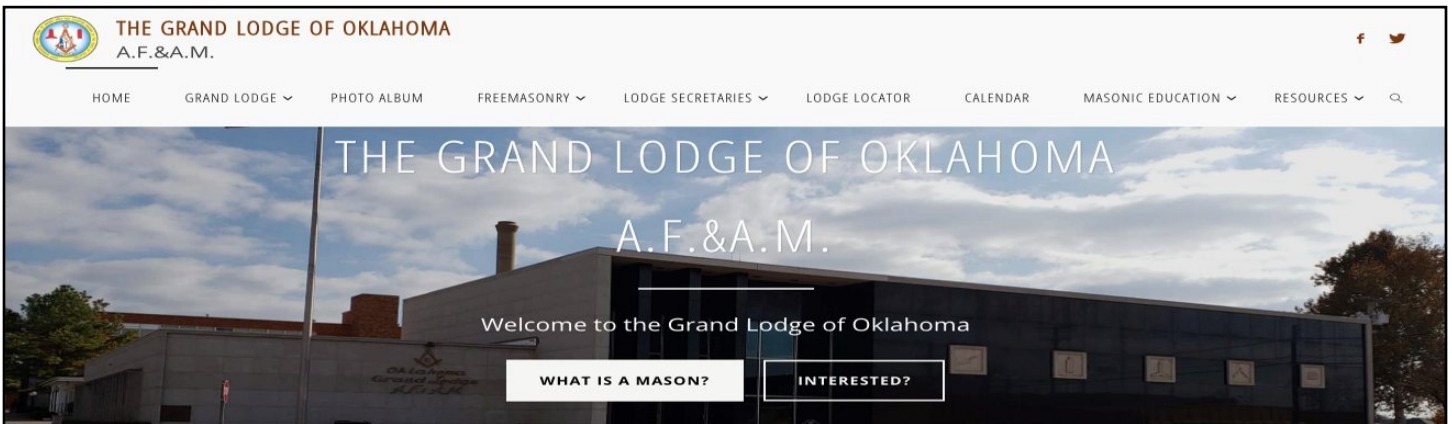
We are also hoping to put on a statewide education seminar later in the year that is focused solely on the future of freemasonry in Oklahoma. Hopefully this type of thing will appeal to brothers across the State who sincerely want to turn things around and get us moving in the right direction.

We know in Masonry, as in life, there is a solution to every problem. Success is always a decision. But, in Masonry, whatever success or failure we have will always come down to the decisions each lodge makes for itself--because all Masonry is local.

The one thing your Grand Lodge officers can do is suggest alternatives that have been used in other parts of the world in addressing the fraternity's most pressing problems. It is important that we become more educated to the examples of others, so that we can start moving together in a direction that is positive. It will require the best that is within us. But Freemasonry is worth our best effort!

Sincerely,

Robert G. Davis
Senior Grand Warden



The Grand Lodge website has been updated:
<https://www.gloklahoma.com/>



Photo by W.: Bill Howell

OBSERVATION FROM A MASON

“The only guide to a man is his conscience; the only shield to his memory is the rectitude and sincerity of his actions.” - WINSTON CHURCHILL

Ethics is defined as the study of standards of conduct and moral judgment. The word “ethics” is derived from two Greek words that mean “moral” and “character”. Ethical behavior is often unconscious and based in the person’s familial, social and religious up bringings. However, ethical behavior also should be conscious and based on well thought out principles.

Personal ethics is the most difficult concept to outline. People develop their code of personal ethics throughout their lives and the ethical code is often undertaken subconsciously. However, a MASON’s personal code of ethics is the most important part of the ethical foundation that encompasses legal, professional, fraternal and personal ethics. As MASONS we must make decisions consciously so we do not forget any part of our obligations.

It should be obvious that legal, professional, fraternal and personal ethics are closely moored together to form the foundation that all MASONS should stand on.



Ethical behavior should not be something learned for academic credit, it should be something practiced each and every day. The best way to consistently behave ethically is to make it a lifestyle through inner determination and outer checks and balances. Using sound ethical behavior will enhance and protect our Fraternity. When we as MASONS use poor judgment and are unethical, we hurt our fraternity, our members and ourselves.

“If a person would not like to be treated dishonestly, he will not treat others that way.” - CONFUCIUS

**David G. David
Grand Treasurer**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Forums:

**June 1, Albert Pike #162 - Grand Lodge Building
102 S Broad St - Guthrie**

Leadership Workshops:

**June 29, 2019 - Delta #425, Tulsa,
July 27, 2019 - S. McAlester #96, McAlester,
August 24, 2019 - Woodward #189.
October 5, 2019 - Lawton #183, Lawton.**

Perpetual Path:

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DEADLINES

**Grand Lodge Resolutions - July 5, 2019
Medal of Honor Nominations - July 13, 2019
2020 Dues Card Questionnaires - July 13, 2019**



*From the Junior Grand Warden
R.:W.: Scott Vincent*



Photo by W.: Bill Howell

Brethren:

First, I would like to tell you what an Honor and a Privilege it is to serve as your Junior Grand Warden for this Fraternity. You, the Craft, have given me the opportunity to serve with some extraordinary Brothers that I feel hold the Fraternity deeply in their heart. Therefore, I know our Fraternity is in good hands.

The year is almost half over and as with any organization, it is time to sit down and evaluate our progression toward our goals. Are we still on the path needed to attain these goals? Are the plans we laid out working to reach our goals or do we need to tweak them? Is there some other plan or idea that might work better? Should we adjust the goals some to achieve a more desirable outcome? These are some of the questions the Grand Lodge should be and are asking. If you and your Lodge are not asking these questions, that might be the reason your Lodge has not satisfactorily progressed.

Let's look at the membership of the Lodge, for example. All of us want more members or Brothers. If you have not set a goal to increase the numbers, that is the reason you have not. If you have set that goal, and have not laid out a plan of attaining that goal, that could be the reason your goal has not been reached.

If the plan is in place and there has been success, but not the fully desired outcome, then the plan needs to be evaluated so additions to or deletions from can be made. It could be that the plan has not

produced the desired out come. Now is the time to create a new plan based on the information that you think will work and the information you know that does not work.

The planning to increase membership, or any goal, that you and your Lodge have set is an ongoing process. That process needs to be cared for on an ongoing basis so that the desired outcome will be obtained.

To help you, your Lodge, and the Craft there have been State Wide Forums set up all around the State to help spark ideas and get answers. Also, there are Leadership Conferences set up across the State. These are tools the Grand Lodge have available to help with the challenges we are facing today in our Fraternity. The Grand Lodge officers and Staff are available to you, the Craft, for help. However, they cannot help if we fail to communicate and to utilize these tools.

I believe the key to all of our success, whether it be the Grand Lodge, Blue Lodge, membership, available tools, finances, or whatever the case may be is COMMUNICATION. Brothers, Communication is the only facet of our Fraternity that success pivots upon. That is the reason that the Trustees of the Grand Lodge have put into motion the State Wide Forums and the State Wide Leadership Conferences throughout our State. We are coming to you to set in motion a line of Communication. However, the success of these programs depends upon the participation of the Craft, so I urge ALL Masons to Participate.

TOGETHER WE GROW=UNITED WE STAND

Fraternally,

**Scott Vincent
Junior Grand Warden**



Available for Election - Junior Grand Warden

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Glen A. Chaney

Glen Chaney and his wife, Patti, live in Lawton, Oklahoma. He is retired from the United States Army and is currently employed by the Department of Defense.

In answer to the question "Why do you seek this office?" Brother Chaney wrote: *"I seek this office to serve the Masonic Family in our Jurisdiction. By supporting and promoting our worthy programs throughout the State, we emphasize the importance of the teachings of our Art. To provide continued effective leadership and assist in developing the Masonic talents throughout the State of Oklahoma which will energize and grow our membership into the leading Masons of our future. I feel that Freemasonry has a place in every good Man's life and we can gain and keep their attention if we continue to exhibit our fraternal values at every level of Oklahoma Masonry."*

In answer to the question "What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer?" Brother Chaney wrote: *"To enhance our educational and charitable programs and continue improving the Fraternal relationships between all Masonic Bodies, and Youth Groups. To extend Masonic awareness beyond our lodgerooms to better reach potential Brothers. To advocate for the preservation of our time honored Ritual, our unique heritage and our history while giving Oklahoma Masonry the best and most favorable exposure going forward."*

Legislation passed on November 12, 2007, requires that the Brother disclose if he has ever been suspended or expelled from a Lodge or from Freemasonry. Brother Chaney was suspended NPD from Triangle Lodge 548 in 2013 and was reinstated in 2015.



Ron Minshall

Ron Minshall and his wife, Paulette, live in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He is a retired Sr. Account Manager with Chickasaw Telecom, Inc.

In answer to the question "Why do you seek this office?" Brother Minshall wrote: *"As a 4th generation Mason, I have been associated with the Masonic Fraternity since joining DeMolay at 14. I have come to recognize that our Fraternity is essential to help build men into better citizens and to provide stability to our society. I feel that my business career has afforded me the expertise to manage the business side of Grand Lodge where as my Masonic heritage and love of the craft gives the tools in which to promote the fraternal side of Oklahoma Masonry."*

In answer to the question "What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer?" Brother Minshall wrote: *"I would like to establish additional strategies to assist our Lodges in gaining and maintaining a younger membership. I am confident that we can utilize our current programs to provide better exposure in the local communities and create more interest for men to seek membership."*

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



Andrew Thomas Bridgewater

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

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

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

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



Available for Election - Grand Secretary

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John R. Christopher

John Christopher and his wife, Pat, live in Guthrie, Oklahoma. He is retired from the United States Air Force and retired from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education as Assistant Director, Support, Training, and Maintenance.

In answer to the question "Why do you seek this office?" Brother Christopher wrote: *"I have extensive experience as leader and manager; first in the US Air Force/Air National Guard where I supervised over 20 personnel specialists; then as an Engineer and Manager in several different roles including process improvement after leaving the Military. I believe I can now put those skills to work to benefit the craft in the demanding position of Grand Secretary."*

In answer to the question "What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer?" Brother Christopher wrote: *"I would conduct a complete review of the Grand Lodge Office technology and functions with the intent of increasing efficiency, reducing cost. Study the feasibility of hiring a Office Manager with concurrent reduction in the Grand Secretary's compensation, turning the role of the Grand Secretary to a more 'ceremonial' role. Improve the Grand Lodge presence on the web and social media. Improve utilization of the membership database by all lodge Secretaries."*

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



Bobby Lee Laws

Bobby L. Laws and his wife, Linda, live in Guthrie, Oklahoma. He is a retired from the United States Air Force and is currently employed by the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma as Grand Secretary.

In answer to the question "Why do you seek this office?" Brother Laws wrote: *"It is my sincere desire to continue to serve the craft of all Oklahoma Masons to the best of my ability. Having served as your Grand Secretary for the past (5) years, I believe that I am qualified to serve you again in this key position. Your problems are my problems and we can continue to work together for the good of Masonry."*

In answer to the question "What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer?" Brother Laws wrote: *"I would like to continue the programs that your Trustees currently have in place and support them in their endeavors to work with every lodge in assisting them in any way possible. I realize that when you call the Grand Secretary's office you deserve and expect the best service possible with your question or request. Rest assured that I will be there to help you to the best of my ability."*

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

Available for Election - Masonic Charity Foundation Board of Directors

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Michael D. Maxey
Yates J. Canipe
John D. Church
D. Ridge Smith
Daniel S. Brown
Richard Allison
Gene McKelvey



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The Order of the Sacred White Buffalo



Dear Masonic Family

I'm pleased to announce the next annual POW-WOW for the Order of the Sacred White Buffalo to be held at the Grand Lodge Building in Guthrie on Saturday, August 17, 2019. The Degree is always conferred by our own World Renowned Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team in full Native American dress. It is a most impressive sight to behold.

As you may have heard, the Order of the Sacred White Buffalo is an organization with two purposes: to recognize and honor the importance of the Native American tradition in Oklahoma Freemasonry, and to support the Grand Lodge Endowed Building Fund. The White Buffalo is a symbol of special recognition to our Native American Brethren. It was a symbol of deliverance in time of need--of the special connection between man and nature.

Eligibility and Membership

To be eligible for membership, the applicant must be a Master Mason, a member of a Master Mason's family, or a member of an Affiliated, Appendant, or Other Masonic Body in good standing. The Initiation Fee of \$100 and 1st year's dues of \$50 (\$150 total) must accompany the application. Dues are \$50 annually. Both husband and wife and children over 14 years of age may join.

Your dues cover the cost of the meal at the meeting which you join. Meals at following meetings will be at your expense.

Perpetual Memberships are available after you complete your degree for \$500 (10 X \$50 dues). This is another good way for us to support Oklahoma Masonry and maintain our beautiful Grand Lodge Building, which houses a big part of our history.

Memorial Memberships are available for a one-time cost of \$50. It is a good way to honor deceased brethren or their spouses. A certificate will be sent to the person purchasing the Memorial Membership, which may be displayed in the lodge or given to the brother's family.

Your next opportunity to join the Order of the Sacred White Buffalo will be Saturday, August 17, 2019 at the Grand Lodge building at Guthrie. Registration will start at 11:00 AM with a meal at noon. The charge for the meal for members will be \$20. The degree will start at 1:15 PM. Dress is casual; but, please, no shorts or flip flops. Applications should be received by the Grand Lodge no later than July 30, 2019; however, walk-ins will be accepted. Meals may not be available without prior registration.

See the attached form and call or e-mail the Grand Lodge if you would like more information.

Sincerely and Fraternally,



Michael L. Dixon
Grand Master



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