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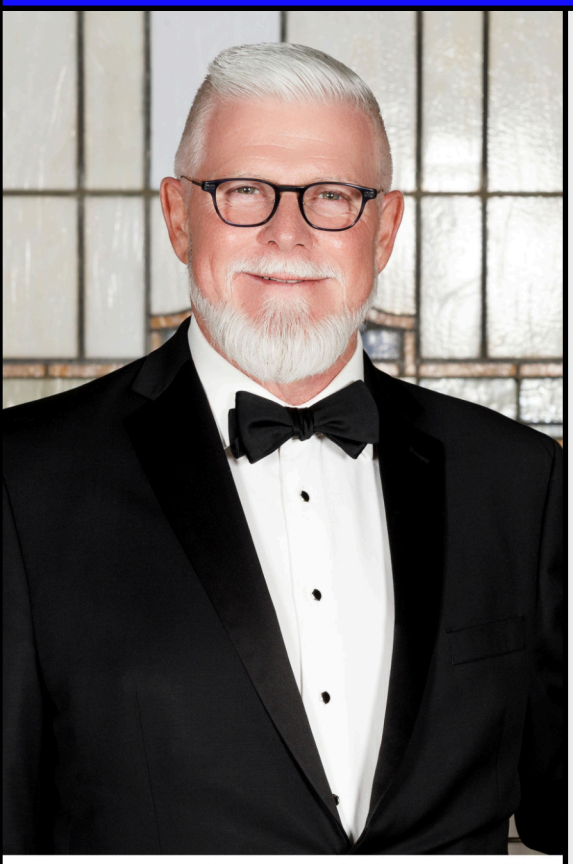

Don Stanton
Grand Master

Membership: The Numbers Tell Our Story

Brethren,

Membership is the single greatest challenge facing Oklahoma Freemasonry today. It affects everything we do, from the strength of our local lodges to the financial stability of our Grand Lodge and our ability to serve our communities.

For years, we have discussed declining membership. Today, I want to share specific numbers that illustrate both the seriousness of our situation and the opportunities before us. There is encouraging news, but there are also difficult realities we cannot ignore.

Where We Stand Today

One year ago, Oklahoma Freemasonry had 14,225 members. Today, we have 13,653 members. That represents a net loss of 572 Master Masons in twelve months, or approximately 4.0% of our membership.

During the same period, we welcomed 396 new members. That is encouraging evidence that men continue to seek what Freemasonry offers. However, we also lost 605 brethren to death. Deaths alone exceeded new members by 209.

The Grand Lodge of OKLAHOMA

Our overall decline of 572 also reflects other membership changes. Suspensions, demits, restorations, affiliations, and any other adjustments must be reconciled before we can fully explain the total. Nevertheless, these figures show the scale of our challenge.

Membership indicator	Reported figure
Membership one year ago	14,225
Current membership	13,653
Net membership decline	572
Annual membership decline	4.02%
New members added	396
Deaths	605
Lodges one year ago	204
Current lodges	189
Net reduction in lodges	15

A Twenty-Six-Year Perspective

In 2000, Oklahoma Freemasonry counted 33,717 Master Masons. Today, we have 13,653—a decline of 20,064, or approximately 59.5%. Nearly three out of every five members represented in our membership total at the beginning of this century are no longer reflected in today's count.

In 2000, we raised 253 Master Masons. Our current figure of 396 new members is encouraging, although the two measures should not be treated as strictly identical without confirming the reporting definitions. Recruitment alone will not reverse the decline; we must also retain and restore brethren.

What Happens If We Do Nothing?

If the latest annual net decline of approximately 4.02% continues, our membership could fall below 10,000 within the next decade. These projections illustrate a constant-rate scenario, not predictions of what must happen.

Year	Projected membership
2026	13,653
2030	11,585
2035	9,442
2040	7,696
2045	6,272

The Loss of Our Lodges

One year ago, Oklahoma had 204 lodges. Today, we have 189—a net reduction of 15 lodges, or approximately 7.4%. Consolidations and closures have been persistent. More are anticipated. Only one Lodge remains in the Oklahoma panhandle area.

Every lodge represents more than a charter or building. It is a community of brethren, friendships, traditions, and service. We should strengthen struggling lodges before they reach the point where closure or consolidation becomes necessary. Our goal must be strong, active, meaningful Masonic communities.

The Encouraging News: Men Still Want Masonry

The addition of 396 new members shows men still want Masonry. Modern communication, including social media, offers an opportunity to introduce younger men to our principles and our fraternity. Our social media campaign is attracting men aged 45 and younger. They are drawn in large numbers because of a past positive experience with a relative who was a Mason.

But attracting a man is only the beginning. We must give him a reason to remain: mentorship, education, fellowship, purposeful work, and a genuine sense of belonging. A petition or degree alone does not measure our success.

Membership Is Everyone's Responsibility

The Grand Lodge provides leadership, resources, and direction, but the work happens in our constituent lodges. Every Worshipful Master, officer, and Master Mason has a role in welcoming candidates, mentoring Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, engaging new Master Masons, contacting absent brethren, and restoring those who have drifted away.

A Renewed Commitment to Membership

Our strategy must address two objectives. First, we must open the door by introducing Freemasonry to good men across Oklahoma and communicating clearly what Masonry offers. Second, we must keep the door open from the inside. Retention requires meaningful education, quality degree work, fellowship, mentorship, and community involvement. I also believe we should seriously consider recognizing Entered Apprentices as members of our jurisdiction and supporting them throughout their Masonic journey.

Our Challenge Is Measurable

We know our membership is 13,653. We know we declined by 572 in one year, lost 605 brethren to death, added 396 new members, and now have 189 lodges rather than 204.

At a minimum, we must work toward a future in which new members and restorations consistently exceed deaths, suspensions, and demits. We must also strengthen lodges so fewer

face closure or consolidation. This effort requires a sustained commitment—not a single campaign.

The Future Is Still Ours to Shape

I share these numbers not to discourage you, but because we cannot address a problem we are unwilling to measure.

We cannot continue losing hundreds of members each year and expect our jurisdiction to remain unchanged. Nor can we assume the next generation will discover Masonry without our deliberate effort.

Our challenge is not simply to slow the decline. It is to build a Fraternity that men want to join, that members want to remain part of, and that future generations will be proud to inherit.



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September 30, 2026

Dear Brethren:

M.·.W.·. Grand Master Don H. Stanton cordially invites you to attend the 118th Annual Communication of the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge A.·.F.·. & A.·.M.·. of the State of Oklahoma, November 13 & 14, 2026, at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple, 900 E. Oklahoma, Guthrie, OK 73044.

Friday, November 13, 2026. Please note the changes in this year's schedule. The **Opening Public Ceremonies** are at **10:00 a.m. on Friday** morning in the main auditorium. **The Grand Session will begin on Friday November 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.** The **Grand Master's Banquet** is Friday Evening at the Dominion House and Gardens, 818 N. Oak Street, Guthrie, OK 73044. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner at 6;00 p.m. Attire for the session is Business and for the Banquet is Formal, coat and tie for the men. Tickets are $80.00. No tickets are available at the door.

Saturday, November 14, 2026. The Grand Session will continue at 8:30 a.m. at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple. There will be a lunch in the ballroom at Noon. Tickets for lunch are $25.00.

Ladies Paint, Sip and Fellowship. The Lady's Event and Brunch is at the Tipsy Artist Studio, 117 West Harrison, Guthrie, OK 73044, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The cost for this event is $55.00 and includes all painting supplies, instruction, and Brunch. Dress for this event is casual.

Installation of Grand Lodge Officers for 2026-2027 is in the Main Auditorium of the Scottish Rite Temple at 6:00 p.m.

Ben Coffin of Granny Had One will cater the meals. Tickets are available on the Grand Lodge Website and are not available for sale at the door. The deadline for purchase is October 29, 2026.

I look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting. Please make plans to attend.

Fraternally,

Michael L. Dixon, PGM
Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Paraguay







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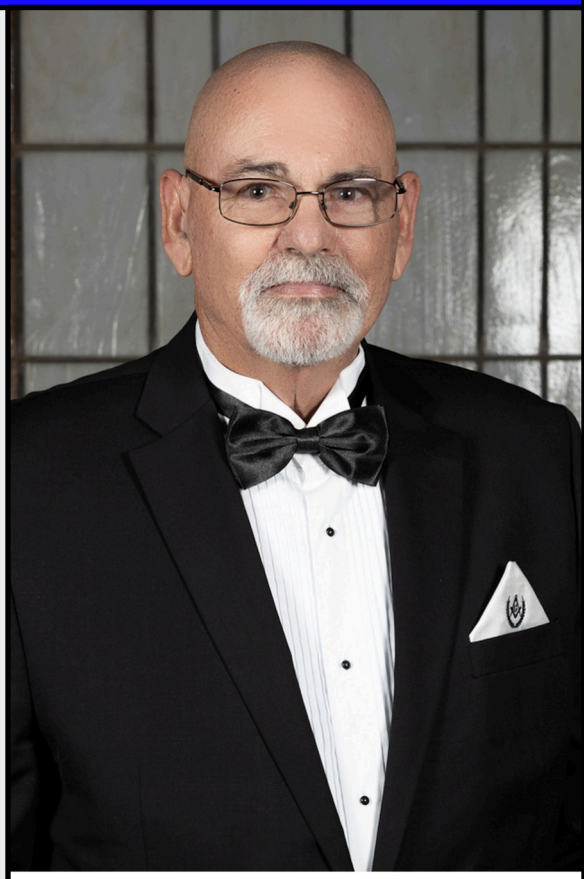
The Choice Before Us



James Oates III
Deputy Grand Master

As my year serving as your Deputy Grand Master draws to a close, I have found myself reflecting on the many miles traveled, the countless hands shaken, and the conversations I have had with Brothers from every corner of Oklahoma. Those experiences have strengthened my conviction that our fraternity's future is bright—but it is not guaranteed.

The future of Freemasonry in Oklahoma will not be determined by changing demographics, economic conditions, or the challenges of modern society. Something far more powerful will determine it: the choices each of us makes every day.

Every Mason has a choice.

We can choose to attend our lodge or let someone else carry the load.

We can choose to mentor a new Brother, or assume someone else will do it.

We can choose to invite a good man to learn about Freemasonry, or lament that our membership is declining.

We can choose to encourage harmony or allow differences to divide us.

We can choose to leave our lodge better than we found it—or preserve the status quo.

None of these choices seems particularly significant on any given day. Yet over months and years, they become the legacy of a lodge and, ultimately, of our Grand Lodge.

Throughout this year, I have visited lodges of every size. I have seen buildings that reflect generations of sacrifice and commitment. More importantly, I have met Brothers whose love for our Craft remains as strong today as it was on the day they were raised. Their example reminds me that Freemasonry's strength has never depended solely on numbers. It has always depended upon committed men who understood that Masonry is not something we belong to—it is something we actively build.

Each generation inherits this fraternity from those who came before. The Brothers who preceded us erected our temples, established our charities, preserved our ritual, and entrusted us with an institution that has changed lives for generations. They fulfilled their responsibility.

Now it is our turn.

The question before us is not whether Freemasonry will change. Every generation experiences change. The real question is whether we will meet that change with courage, wisdom, and determination while remaining faithful to the timeless principles that define us.

If every Oklahoma Mason committed to mentoring one Brother, inviting one worthy man, serving his lodge faithfully, and living the values we profess, the future of our fraternity would be secure for generations to come.

The choice before us is not complicated.

Will we be spectators or builders?

As I conclude this year of service as your Deputy Grand Master, I sincerely thank you for the kindness, encouragement, and friendship you extended to Charlotte and me throughout our travels. Serving the Craft alongside you has been one of the greatest honors of my Masonic journey.

Titles and offices are temporary. Character, service, and influence endure.

May each of us choose to leave our lodge stronger, our Brothers encouraged, our communities improved, and our beloved fraternity worthy of those who will someday follow in our footsteps.

That is the choice before us. And that is a legacy worth leaving.

Celebrate Commitment



St Alban
Lodge #192
70 Year
Member

Britton Lodge #434
50 Year
Member



Heartfelt Thanks



James Taylor Jr
Junior Grand Warden

Brethren, I extend my heartfelt thanks for electing me to serve as your Junior Grand Warden. I am deeply grateful for the confidence you have placed in me and for the opportunity to serve our Grand Lodge in this capacity. This honor carries a responsibility that I take seriously, and I remain committed to serving the Craft with dedication, humility, and respect. Thank you for your support and for the privilege of being part of our fraternity's work.

It has been a pleasure to work with Most Worshipful Don Stanton and the other Trustees of our Grand Lodge this year. I believe it has been a productive year, with the Grand Lodge Trustees accomplishing many goals. Being part of that work has been a meaningful aspect of my service as Junior Grand Warden. As I reflect on the year, I am thankful for the opportunity to contribute to our shared efforts on behalf of the Craft of Oklahoma.

I look forward to visiting with everyone at our Annual Communication in November. It will be a chance to renew friendships, enjoy fellowship, and reflect together on the past year's work. As we look ahead, I remain grateful for your trust and eager to continue my service. Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your Junior Grand Warden. I sincerely cherish the honor.

Britton Lodge #434

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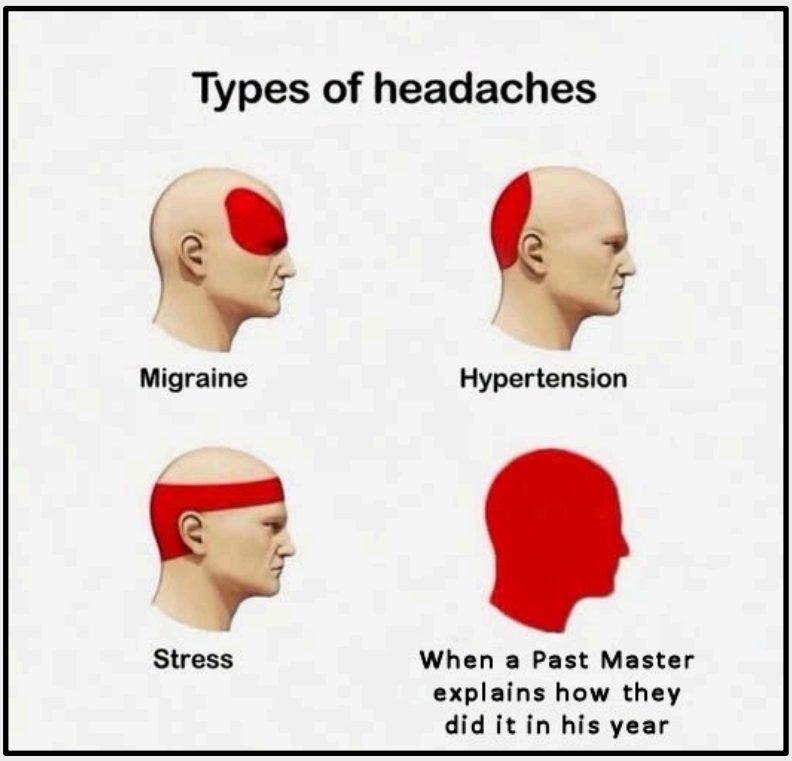

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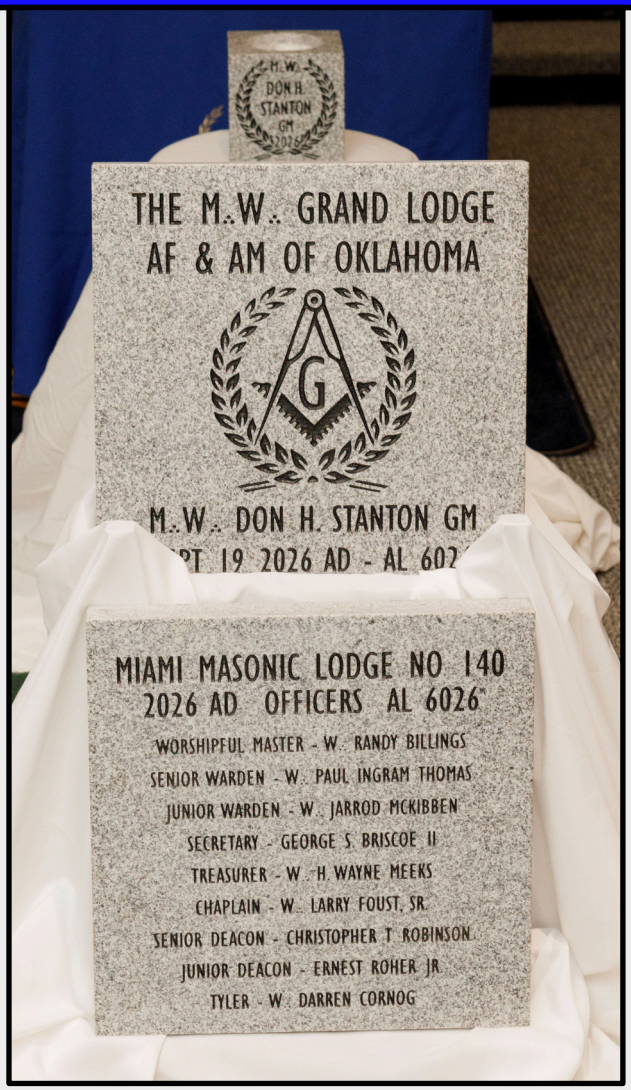






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Don H. Stanton


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The Lifelong Journey of a Master Mason



Craig Simon
Grand Treasurer

Part I — The Master Mason Degree: Beginning, Not End

One of the most persistent misconceptions in Freemasonry is the idea that the Scottish Rite and York Rite confer "higher" degrees than the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. The expression is common enough that we often use it without thinking about what it implies. Yet the terminology can unintentionally suggest that a man somehow graduates from the Blue Lodge or becomes a "higher" form of Mason by pursuing additional degrees.

That is not the philosophy of Freemasonry.

A Master Mason does not become more of a Mason by receiving additional degrees. The three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry establish the foundation upon which every other Masonic experience is built. The Master Mason Degree is not a stopping point, nor is it simply one more step on a ladder. It is the beginning of a lifelong journey.

Preparation for the Journey

The Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees are, in many respects, degrees of preparation. The Entered Apprentice is introduced to the fundamental obligations and expectations of a Mason. He begins the work of self-examination and moral improvement and learns that becoming a better man requires discipline, effort, and perseverance.

The Fellowcraft builds upon that foundation. He is encouraged to develop his intellect, pursue knowledge, and cultivate an appreciation for the liberal arts and sciences. He begins to understand that Masonry calls upon both the heart and the mind.

The first two degrees introduce the candidate to the principles and language of Freemasonry and prepare him for the profound lessons that follow. But then comes the Third Degree.

The Master Mason: The Beginning, Not the End

The Master Mason Degree is fundamentally different. Its lessons cannot be exhausted in one evening, nor can they be fully mastered in one lifetime. They must be revisited, contemplated, and lived.

The degree confronts the Mason with questions of faith, integrity, fidelity, service, leadership, mortality, hope, perseverance, and Brotherly Love. These are not merely lessons to be learned. They are virtues to be practiced.

A man does not finish becoming a Master Mason. He spends the rest of his life learning what it means to be one.

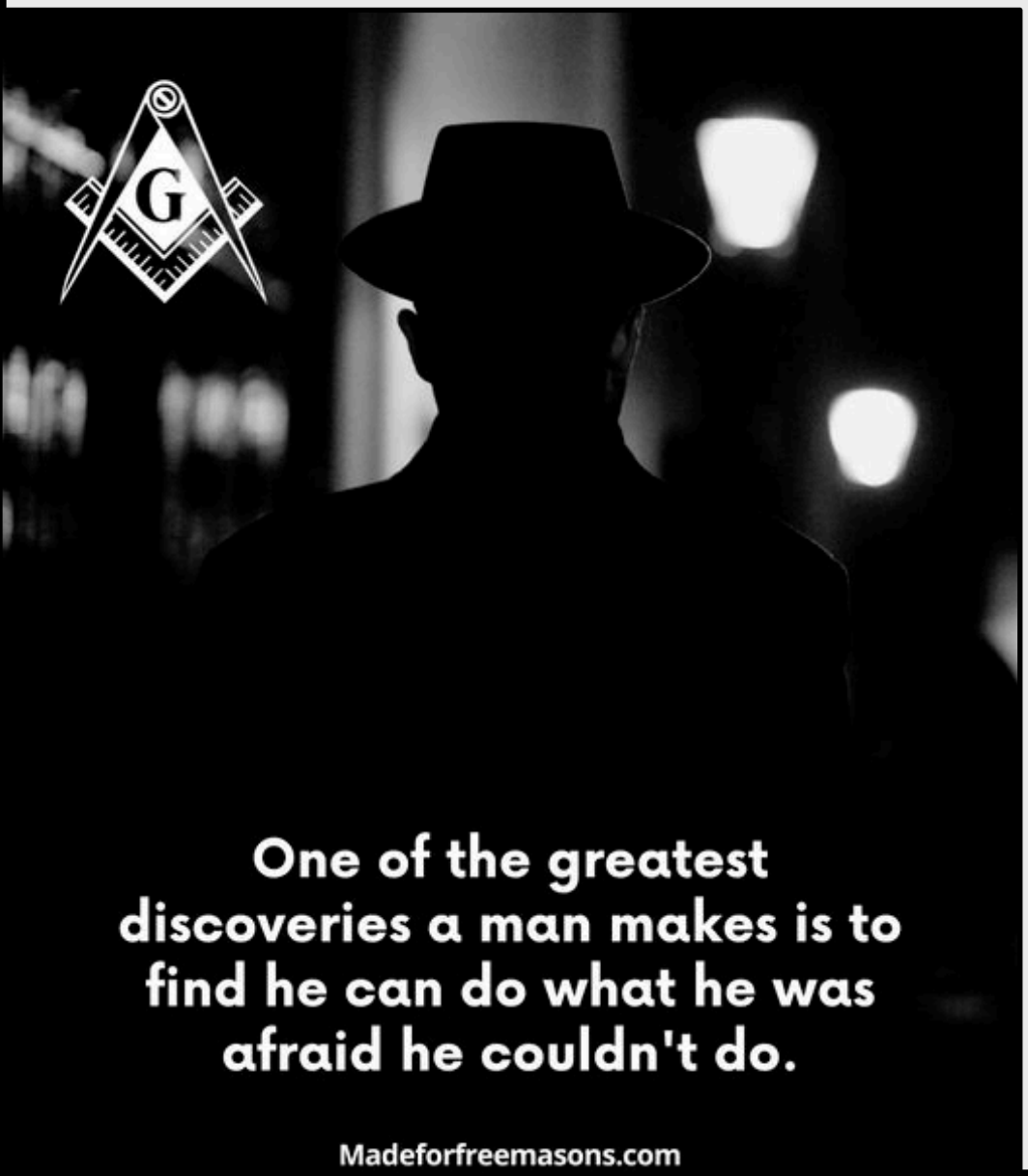
The completion of the Third Degree therefore does not mark the end of Masonic education. It marks the point at which the Mason assumes responsibility for continuing it. The degree gives him the tools, the principles, and the obligations; what he does with them for the remainder of his life is the real measure of his Masonic journey.

A Journey of Growth

Perhaps the best way to understand this journey is to imagine Masonic education not as a ladder, but as an inverted pyramid. The first two degrees establish the foundation, while the Master Mason Degree opens outward into a lifetime of growth.

As the years pass, a Mason can deepen his understanding of Masonic philosophy, history, and symbolism. He can develop greater spiritual and moral maturity, stronger bonds of brotherhood, greater leadership capacity, and a deeper commitment to service. Most importantly, he can continue the work of personal improvement that began when he first entered the Lodge.

That growth does not occur only in a lodge room.



A Mason grows when he serves as Worshipful Master and accepts the responsibility of leading his Lodge. He grows when he teaches a new Entered Apprentice or helps another Brother learn the ritual. He grows when he studies a degree he thought he already understood and discovers something new within its symbolism. He grows when he serves his community, supports a Brother in need, or accepts responsibility when the work is difficult. He grows not only through leadership, but also through humility.

Every one of these experiences contributes to the same objective: becoming a better Master Mason.

The Foundation Remains

A building may become larger and more complex, but it never outgrows the need for its foundation. The same is true of Freemasonry.

Every Mason enters the Craft through a Lodge. Every Mason receives the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. The lessons and obligations received there remain the foundation upon which every subsequent Masonic experience is built.

The Lodge is therefore not merely the place where a Mason begins his Masonic career before moving on to something greater. It is the place to which his Masonic journey continually returns. It is where he meets his Brothers, practices the principles he has been taught, teaches those who follow him, and demonstrates whether the lessons of Freemasonry have become part of his character.

The Blue Lodge is not the beginning of Masonry that a man eventually leaves behind. It is the foundation and continuing center of his Masonic life.

And perhaps that is the most important distinction to remember. The goal of Freemasonry is not to move a man beyond the Master Mason Degree, but to help him become a better Master Mason.

That raises an important question: if the Master Mason Degree is the foundation and the beginning of a lifelong journey, where do the Scottish Rite, York Rite, and other Masonic organizations fit?

That will be the subject of Part II.

Woodward Lodge #189 captures Myrtle Boaz Traveling Gavel





Master Mason Degrees



Jones Lodge #537

Mustang Lodge #407

Two Master Masons







Myrtle Lodge #145

Norman Lodge #38



From the Secretary's Desk



Mike Dixon
Grand Secretary

Why Your Attendance at the Special Grand Lodge Session Matters

It has been an honor to serve another year as your Grand Secretary. Thank you for the trust you have shown in the staff and me. I hope we have met your expectations, and if not, please let us know how we can improve our service.

For this issue of The Oklahoma Mason, I want to talk about why attending our Annual Grand Lodge Session matters, especially this year. We have a great deal of work ahead, including 25 resolutions that could affect how Grand Lodge and our constituent lodges operate.

Under Section 301 C of the Constitution and Uniform Code, Grand Master Don Stanton has called a Special Grand Lodge Session for 1:30 p.m. on Friday, November 13. He aims to bring as much proposed legislation to the floor as time will allow. Any business that is not completed Friday will continue Saturday morning at the usual time.

The Registration Committee will begin registering delegates at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, in the Atrium of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple. Please bring your current 2026 dues card and any proxies you are carrying so the committee can verify them. Registering Thursday will help reduce delays on Friday and will give the Grand Lodge office an early count of the lodges represented.

That count is important because we must have a quorum before Grand Lodge can legally conduct the business for which the Special Session was called. If your lodge is not represented, its members will have no voice in the decisions made during the session. Every registered lodge helps the Craft exercise its right to govern itself through its delegates and proxies.

During the Friday and Saturday sessions, Grand Lodge members will consider proposed changes to the Constitution and Uniform Code, elect Grand Lodge Officers, and choose members of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum Board and the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma. Every Oklahoma lodge should make plans now to be represented.

The 25 resolutions cover the rules by which Grand Lodge and our lodges conduct their work. Some of the proposals may seem technical at first, but they can affect lodge administration, officer duties, member rights, elections, reporting, discipline, and other parts of lodge life. This issue includes more information about the resolutions and the candidates for the offices and boards to be filled.

Please read the proposed legislation before coming to Guthrie. Talk it over with the members of your lodge, listen carefully to the discussion at Grand Lodge, and vote according to your best judgment. Our laws deserve careful study before we change them. When delegates are prepared and take part in the debate, the final decisions reflect the views of lodges throughout Oklahoma. When a lodge is absent, its members give up that opportunity.

We will also elect Grand Lodge Officers. These men will accept major responsibilities for leading and administering our Grand Lodge. Before voting, consider each candidate's character, experience, judgment, and service record. These elections are never a mere formality. The officers we choose will be trusted with the fraternity's welfare and will work with lodges and members across the state.

The elections for the Grand Lodge Library and Museum Board and the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma also deserve close attention. The Library and Museum Board preserves the records, objects, and history of Oklahoma Masonry. The Masonic Charity Foundation supports charitable work that improves lives across our state. Members of both boards must understand their duties, attend faithfully, and use sound judgment.

Of course, Grand Lodge is about more than meetings and votes. It gives Masons from every part of Oklahoma time to visit face to face, renew friendships, exchange ideas, and learn from one another. A conversation in the hallway or over a meal may give you an idea that helps your lodge improve attendance, manage its finances, serve its community, or better care for its members. That fellowship is still one of the best reasons to attend.

Masonic vendors will also be on hand with jewelry, regalia, and other items. Official Grand Lodge of Oklahoma shirts, caps, and merchandise will also be available. This gathering is a good opportunity to find lodge supplies, officer items, gifts, or Masonic merchandise that may not be available near home.

Please begin planning now. Confirm that your delegates or proxies can attend, review the registration requirements, and make travel arrangements early. The Scottish Rite Inn will have a limited number of rooms available. If possible, register Thursday afternoon and avoid the Friday rush. Each lodge should also have a backup plan in case a delegate becomes ill or cannot attend. The Grand Lodge office will be glad to help prepare proxy forms when another member must serve. An unfilled vacancy or missed registration could keep us from reaching a quorum.

Worshipful Masters and Secretaries, please explain why this session matters to your members. Encourage them to study the resolutions and talk with their delegates. Members who understand the work before Grand Lodge are more likely to stay involved after the votes are counted. Our system works best when lodges participate, and their representatives arrive informed and ready to serve.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma belongs to its constituent lodges and their members. Its strength comes from lodges taking part when important decisions must be made. Please ensure your lodge is represented, your delegates are registered, and your members know what we're considering. With a quorum and informed delegates, we can complete the work before us and make sound decisions for Oklahoma Masonry.

I look forward to seeing you in Guthrie. Please let me or any member of the Grand Lodge office staff know how we can make your visit more useful and enjoyable. We are here to help. While you are here, take a few minutes to visit with your Grand Lodge Officers and the office staff. Each of these men, and of course Karen, is committed to serving the Craft. Please let them know you appreciate their work.

Fellow Craft Degrees





Anchor-Crescent Lodge #104

Two Degrees

Mustang Lodge #407



CANDIDATES AVAILABLE FOR ELECTION

UNOPPOSED FOR GRAND MASTER



James Oates, III
Raised: 08/13/2016
Time Missed: 0.0

Memberships: Cache Valley No. 530; India No. 551; Lawton No. 183; Oklahoma City No. 36; Providence No. 558; Triangle No. 548; Tranquility No. 2000 (Texas)

Offices: Junior Warden, Lawton No. 183; Worshipful Master, Lawton No. 183; Secretary Pro Tem, Lawton No. 183; Secretary, Lawton No. 183; Tyler, Lawton No. 183

Grand Lodge Offices: District Deputy Grand Master; Grand Pursuivant; Grand Marshal; Junior Grand Warden; Senior Grand Warden; Deputy Grand Master

Grand Lodge Committees: Education; Statewide Forum; Fundraising; Strategic Planning

UNOPPOSED FOR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER



Michael D. Ray
Raised: 03/15/2008
Time Missed: 0.0

Memberships: Albert Pike No. 162, Anchor-Crescent No. 104, India No. 551, Nicoma Park No. 541, Providence No. 558, Sand Springs No.475, Oklahoma City No. 36, Siloam No. 276

Offices: Junior Warden, Albert Pike No.62; Senior Warden, Albert Pike No. 162; Worshipful Master, Albert Pike No. 162; Junior Steward, Nicoma Park No. 541 (2 terms)

Grand Lodge Offices: Grand Bible Bearer, Grand Pursuivant, Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden

Grand Lodge Committees: Public Schools, Strategic Planning, Statewide Forum, Transportation

UNOPPOSED FOR SENIOR GRAND WARDEN



James R. Taylor, Jr.
Raised: 01/27/2007
Time Missed: 0.0

Memberships: Owasso No. 545; Oklahoma Lodge of Research

Offices: Senior Deacon, Owasso No. 545; Senior Deacon, Oklahoma Lodge of Research; Junior Warden, Oklahoma Lodge of Research; Worshipful Master, Owasso No. 545; Treasurer, Owasso No. 545; Tyler, Oklahoma Lodge of Research; Secretary Pro Tem, Owasso No. 545

Grand Lodge Offices: Junior Grand Warden

Grand Lodge Committees: Strategic Planning; Grand Lodge Fundraising ; Grand Master's VIP; Unity; Finance & Appropriations;

FOR JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN



Craig Louis Simon
Raised: 08/26/1985
Time Missed: 0.0

Memberships: Jenks No. 497, Pilgrim-Rock No. 522 (home) Akdar No. 555, Rock No. 513 (merged)

Local Lodge Offices Held: Treasurer, Akdar No. 555; Secretary Pro Tem, Jenks No. 497 (Six terms); Secretary, Jenks No. 497 (Two terms); Treasurer, Jenks No. 497 (Three terms); Junior Steward, Pilgrim Rock No. 522; Junior Warden, Rock No. 513; Senior Warden, Rock No. 513; Worshipful Master, Rock No. 513

Grand Lodge Offices Held: Grand Treasurer

Grand Lodge Committees: Award of Excellence, Public Schools, Youth Activities, Grand Lodge Fundraising, Unity, Investment Policy

Candidate's Statement (paraphrased): *Right Worshipful Simon lives in Tulsa with his wife, Lori. He is a CPA and retired from BP Corporation North America, where he served as Senior Income Tax Manager. Right Worshipful Simon is a member of the Tulsa Scottish Rite and York Rite Chapter (Tulsa), Council (Tulsa), and Commandery (Trinity); he is a member of the Shrine (Akdar), where he served as Treasurer, High*

Priest, and Prophet, and the Eastern Star (Broken Arrow), AMD, York Rite College, and Knight Masons.

Why do you seek this office? *First and foremost, I want to serve all Oklahoma Masons, not just those in my home lodge. This service would include promoting unity and harmony among constituent lodges; supporting the Grand Master; carrying out the policies of the Grand Lodge; and representing the interests of the Craft as a whole.*

What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer? *Oklahoma Freemasonry has many real challenges that need to be addressed, including declining membership, the upkeep and maintenance of lodge buildings, ensuring sound finances, and restoring enthusiasm among younger men. In seeking this office, my goal is to help solve these challenges and strengthen the fraternity's future through steady leadership and sound judgment.*

Michael Logan Bryant



Raised: 09/15/2012
Time Missed: 0.0

Memberships: Jenks No. 497 (home), Vitruvian No. 557
Oklahoma Lodge of Research

Local Lodge Offices Held: Junior Deacon, Junior Warden
Senior Warden, Worshipful Master, Secretary, Senior Steward

Grand Lodge Offices Held: Junior Grand Steward, Senior Grand Steward, Junior Grand Deacon, Senior Grand Deacon

Grand Lodge Committees: Social Media, Publicity and Public Relations

Candidate's Statement (paraphrased): Worshipful Bryant lives in Tulsa with his wife, Laura, and their two children. He is employed by Studio 4Forty as Vice President of Partnerships; his job description also includes Fundraising Consultant duties. He leads national fundraising programs, manages nonprofit partner relationships, and oversees budgets, operations, and large-scale events. Worshipful Bryant holds a BBA in Business Administration from the University of Central Oklahoma and is certified as a Fund-Raising Executive.

Worshipful Bryant is a member of the Tulsa Scottish Rite, and the York Rite Chapter (Tulsa), Council (Tulsa), and Commandery (Trinity). He has held related offices as Venerable Master, Excellent High Priest, and Illustrious Master.

Why do you seek this office? *….I believe Oklahoma Masonry is standing at a moment of great opportunity. Our Lodges are doing important work in their communities, our Grand Lodge is strengthening its public presence, and the bonds of Brotherhood continue*

to unite men who want to build something meaningful together. I want to help support that momentum and contribute to a future where every lodge feels encouraged, equipped, and valued.

The Craft deserves leadership that inspires confidence and provides steady direction. I believe a Grand Lodge officer should be a servant leader who listens with intention, communicates with clarity, and works with a genuine commitment to the well-being of the Fraternity. My desire to serve comes from a belief that our greatest growth will come through stewardship, continuity, and a shared vision for the future….If granted the privilege to serve, I will approach the work with professionalism, humility, and a sincere dedication to advancing our shared mission.

What goals would you like to attain as a Grand Lodge Officer? *As a Grand Lodge Officer, my primary goal is to practice a level of stewardship that strengthens the culture of our Craft and supports the remarkable progress we are already making in public awareness and community engagement….Stewardship, to me, is the progressive work of caring for the foundations that make these successes possible. It is the commitment to consistency, transparency, and continuity in leadership….I want to support initiatives that deepen engagement for both new and longtime members….Strengthening that culture statewide is a goal that directly impacts growth, retention, and the long-term health of our Fraternity.*

….As a Grand Lodge Officer, I want to help maintain and expand that presence by encouraging Lodges to share their work, serve their towns, and let our principles be seen in action….My goal is simple: I want to continue the thoughtful stewardship that supports the culture, visibility, and Brotherhood that are bringing new life to our jurisdiction….

FOR GRAND TREASURER

Scott A. MacDonald



Raised: 04/17/2012
Time Missed: 0.0

Memberships: Broken Arrow No. 243

Local Lodge Offices Held: Junior Deacon, Broken Arrow No. 243; Junior Warden, Broken Arrow No. 243; Senior Warden, Broken Arrow No. 243; Worshipful Master, Broken Arrow No. 243; Treasurer, Broken Arrow No. 243 (Ten terms); Prospect Manager, Broken Arrow No. 243

Grand Lodge Offices Held: Grand Tyler

Grand Lodge Committees: Finance & Appropriations, Grand Tyler's

Candidate's Statement (paraphrased): *Worshipful MacDonald lives in Broken Arrow with his spouse, Sandy; they have two children. He is a CPA and holds an MBA degree. He is employed by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma as the Sr. Transaction Advisory Manager, where he conducts in-depth business and financial analysis for businesses scheduled for expansion or acquisition. Worshipful MacDonald also serves as an instructor at Choctaw University in Alliance Training and Consulting.*

In addition to his continued local lodge service, Worshipful MacDonald is a member of the Scottish Rite (Tulsa) and the York Rite Tulsa Chapter and Council, and Trinity Commandery. He is associated with the Allied Masonic Degrees and the Knights of St. Andrew #1, Emeritus; he has received KCCH and Grand Cross of Color honors, including honors from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Why do you seek this Office? *To provide experienced and thoughtful financial leadership. To apply my 46 years of varied financial management experience to help guide the Grand Lodge in its financial discussions and decision making by providing accurate and timely financial information.*

What goals would you like to attain as Grand Treasurer? *Continue to enhance financial transparency and communication, implement prudent and conservative fiscal management, and foster collaboration and continuity as it relates to financial reporting and stewardship.*

Dr. Yates Julio Canipe



Raised: 05/18/2010
Time Missed: 0.0

Memberships: Caddo No. 3 and Bokchito No. 253

Local Lodge Offices Held: Secretary, Caddo No. 3; Senior Warden, Caddo No. 3; Worshipful Master, Caddo No. 3; Worshipful Master, Bokchito No. 253; Treasurer, Caddo No. 3; Chaplain, Caddo No. 3 (Two terms); Junior Warden, Caddo No. 3; Senior Warden (Caddo No. 3); Secretary, Secretary Pro Tem, Bokchito No. 253; Treasurer, Bokchito No. 253 (Three terms); Treasurer, Caddo No. 3 (Seven terms); Treasurer, Caddo No. 3 (Eight terms); Treasurer Pro Tem, Bokchito No. 253

Grand Lodge Offices Held: None

Grand Lodge Committees: None

Candidate's Statement (paraphrased): *Worshipful Canipe lives in Durant with his spouse, Martha; they have three children. He holds a BA degree (UT Austin) and an MS and PhD degree from Texas A&M and an MBA from California State, University of Dominguez Hills. He is a retired professor at Southeastern Oklahoma State University and serves as an Adjunct in its school of business in the areas of production, statistics, and database. Worshipful Canipe also served as Treasurer for the Bokchito Community Center and lead them from a state of idebt to become a 501(c)3 corporation.*

Worshipful Canipe is a retired Major in the U.S. Air Force and served in the Vietnam War; he received the Oklahoma Masonic Medal of Honor in 2024; he is an "A" Certificate Holder. In addition to his continued local lodge service, Worshipful Canipe is a member of the Scottish Rite (McAlester) and the Shrine (Bedoin).

Why do you seek this Office? *A way to contribute my Professional and Academic experience to the craft at Grand Lodge while limiting travel. I have been appointed to take over bankrupt or near-bankrupt companies and feel that experience can be of great assistance to the craft.*

What goals would you like to attain as Grand Treasurer? *Stop decline and initiate growth with innovative educational programs with a partnership between the Craft, Grand Lodge and Masonic Charity Foundation based on Oklahoma Masonic material public in the Oklahoma Morrow Monitor.*

UNOPPOSED FOR GRAND SECRETARY

Michael L. Dixon



Raised: 11/09/1968
Time Missed: 0.0

Memberships: Adair No.99; Albert Pike No. 162; Altus No. 62; Composite No. 107; Edmond No. 37; Guildhall No. 553; India No. 551; Oklahoma Lodge of Research; Skiatook No.416; St. Alban No. 192

Offices: Junior Warden, Adair No. 99; Senior Warden, Adair No. 99; Worshipful Master, Adair No. 99; Senior Deacon, Edmond No. 37; Junior Warden, Edmond No. 37; Senior Warden, Edmond No. 37; Worshipful Master, Edmond No. 37; Tyler, Edmond No. 37

Grand Lodge Offices: Grand Marshal (3 Terms); Junior Grand Warden; Senior Grand Warden; Deputy Grand Master; Grand Master; Assistant Grand Secretary; Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge Committees: Child Identification; Grand Tyler; Law Enforcement Relief; Publications; Unity; Grand Master's Address; Charters and Dispensations; Fraternal Correspondence and Relations; Information Technology; Merchandise Marketing; Strategic Planning

UNOPPOSED FOR GRAND LECTURER



Charles K. Babb

Raised: 06/03/1978
Time Missed: 0.0

Memberships: Edmond No. 37; Oklahoma Lodge of Research; Oklahoma City No. 36; Blanchard No. 395

Offices: Senior Steward, Broadway Circle No. 546; Senior Steward, Blanchard No. 395; Junior Deacon, Broadway Circle No. 546; Senior Deacon, Broadway Circle No. 546; Tyler, Broadway Circle No. 546; Senior Warden, Broadway Circle No. 546; Worshipful Master, Broadway Circle No. 546; Secretary, Broadway Circle No. 546; Junior Deacon, Edmond No. 37; Senior Deacon, Edmond No. 37; Worshipful Master, Edmond No. 37; Tyler, Edmond No. 37; Secretary, Oklahoma City No. 36

Grand Lodge Offices: Grand Lecturer

Grand Lodge Committees: Masonic Unity; Award of Excellence; Appeals and Grievances; Public Schools; Prevention of Blindness; Deputy Grand Lecturer Assistant; Statewide Forum; Fund Raising; Deputy Grand Lecturer

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION OF OKLAHOMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Preston Lee Doerflinger

Raised: 12/19/1995
Time Missed: 0.0

Memberships: Will Rogers No. 53 (home), Oologah No. 343, Owasso No. 545, Guildhall No. 553, Vitruvian No. 557

Local Lodge Offices Held: Chaplain, Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, Senior Warden, Worshipful Master

Grand Lodge and/or MCF Offices Held: District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Pursuivant, Grand Lodge elected member of the MCF Board of Directors (5 years)

Grand Lodge and/or MCF Committees: Finance, Executive

Candidate's Statement (paraphrased): Worshipful *Doerflinger lives in Edmond with his spouse, D'Ann; they have one child. He has founded or co-founded multiple businesses in the healthcare services sector and in manufacturing. Worshipful Doerflinger has served in both elected and appointed professional positions as the Tulsa City Auditor and as the State of Oklahoma's Secretary of Finance, Administration and Information Technology, and the State Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, respectively. He currently works with his son in areas of finance, real estate and manufacturing. Worshipful Doerflinger is a member of the Scottish Rite and has been coroneted the honor of 33rd °.*

What strengths or experience do you feel you can bring to the Masonic Charity Foundation? *It has been an honor to serve the craft on the board these past 5 years. I feel I have more value to contribute and would humbly ask for the opportunity to serve another term. Specific strengths I bring are a strong background in finance which has been valuable to my service on the finance committee. During my time in state government I served on 19 boards and commissions. This background has proved to be invaluable to my service on the MCF board including time on the executive committee. I have witnessed what proper functioning boards look like and I have also observed what dysfunctional boards look like. These experiences combined with 30 plus years in our great fraternity has prepared me well to serve on the MCF board.*

How do you feel the Masonic Charity Foundation can best serve the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma? *First, we must continue to seek out ways to be a welcome help to the constituent lodges. We are elected by the Craft and answer to the Craft. We need to be better at communicating with those who elect us. Second, I do believe our strategic investment in the missions of other community non-profits is important for visibility .across Oklahoma.*

Lindley Clay Stuart

Raised: 09/23/2012
Time Missed: 0.0



Memberships: Joppa No. 262 (primary), Woodward No. 189 St. Alban No. 192

Local Lodge Offices Held: Senior Deacon, Senior Warden
Chaplain, Worshipful Master, Senior Steward, Tyler, Junior Steward **Photo Unavailable**

Grand Lodge and/or MCF Offices Held: Finance & Appropriations (Chairman), Investment Policy

Grand Lodge and/or MCF Committees: Investment and Executive

Candidate's Statement (*paraphrased): Worshipful Stuart lives in Shattuck with his spouse, Dr. Danna Stuart; they have three children. He has been employed as the President and CEO of SNB Bank NA for 19 years. As professional achievements he has grown the bank over 400%, Loans over 700%, expanded the physical branch locations, and increased the ATM fleet.*

What strengths or experience do you feel you can bring to the Masonic Charity Foundation? *In my past board experiences, including the foundation board, I have been able to offer a critical challenge to concepts, as well as working with fellow board members to find middle ground.*

How do you feel the Masonic Charity Foundation can best serve the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma? *The Foundation has a critical role in advancing the tenets of Freemasonry, both within the fraternity, as well as externally, by being a prominent public-facing representative of all Masons in the state*.

Thomas Earl Uglean



Raised: 12/08/1967
Time Missed: 0.0

Memberships: Frisco No. 24, Grove No. 187, Miami No. 140 Afton No. 76 (home).

Local Lodge Offices Held: Tyler, Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Senior Deacon, Worshipful Master, Trustee 1

Grand Lodge and/or MCF Offices Held: None

Grand Lodge and/or MCF Committees: None

Candidate's Statement *(paraphrased): Worshipful Uglean lives in Afton with his spouse, Linda; they have four children. He is retired from serving 42 years as a self-employed electrical contractor. He has managed employees and had a brick-and-mortar store for 22 years. Worshipful Uglean has served as an Assistant Scout Master.*

He joined the Grotto at 26, which led him to his fundraising and charity work for over 50 years. For 10 years, he has also taught Basic Electricity to adults at his local vocational technical school. He is a member of the Tulsa Valley Scottish Rite.

What strengths or experience do you feel you can bring to the Masonic Charity Foundation? *I can work with people; I can serve; I can lead.*

How do you feel the Masonic Charity Foundation can best serve the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma? *Educate lodges on how the foundation works. Make it easy to help the community.*



Charles Wesley Manning

Raised: 04/13/2012
Time Missed: 0.0

Memberships: Caddo No. 3, Durant No. 45, Boswell No. 232, Oklahoma Lodge of Research

Local Lodge Offices Held: Senior Deacon, Durant No. 45; Senior Deacon, Boswell No. 232; Junior Warden, Durant No. 45; Senior Warden, Durant No. 45; Junior Deacon, Boswell No. 232; Secretary Pro Tem, Boswell No. 232 (Two terms); Secretary, Boswell No. 232 (Three terms); Worshipful Master, Durant No. 45; Tyler, Durant No. 45; Junior Steward, Durant No. 45; Senior Steward, Durant No. 45; Chaplain, Caddo No. 3; Chaplain, Oklahoma Lodge of Research No. 1999

Grand Lodge and/or MCF Offices Held: District Deputy Grand Master (2 years)

Grand Lodge and/or MCF Committees: None

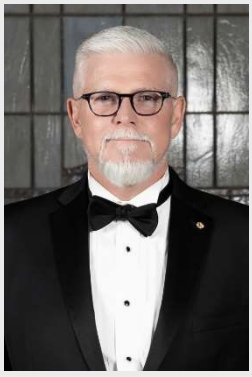
Candidate's Statement (paraphrased): Worshipful *Manning lives in Durant with his spouse, Susan. He is retired from Deep South Equipment and he served in the Rental industry for 40 years prior where he served in fleet maintenance; he holds Equipment Repair certification in several aspects of that work. Worshipful Manning has served the Silver City Lions Club as both its President and Treasurer.*

Worshipful Master Manning is a member of the Scottish Rite (McAlester Valley) and of the York Rite Chapter (Texoma No. 28), Commandery (McAlester No. 6) and Council (Union No. 3), and the Shrine (Bedouin).

What strengths or experience do you feel you can bring to the Masonic Charity Foundation? *I was Lodge Secretary of Boswell Lodge No. 232 for 5 years and am familiar with how the Foundation works. I also served as treasurer of the Silver City Lions Club in the past.*

How do you feel the Masonic Charity Foundation can best serve the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma? *Helping the lodges fulfill our Masonic obligations to our brothers and widows.*

Don Henry Stanton



Raised: 10/28/2008
Time Missed: 0.0

Memberships: Broken Arrow No. 243, Vitruvian No. 557

Local Lodge Offices Held: Junior Steward, Junior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Worshipful Master, Treasurer

Grand Lodge and/or MCF Offices Held: Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, District Deputy Grand Master

Grand Lodge and/or MCF Committees: *Fraternal Correspondence & Relations, FFA, Information Technology, Statewide Forum, Strategic Planning, Grand Lodge Fundraising, Investment Policy, Publicity and Public Relations, Public Schools*

Candidate's Statement (paraphrased): Most *Worshipful Stanton lives in Broken Arrow with his spouse, Penny; they have two children. He works for Tulco Oils, Inc., and serves as Vice President of Operations; his work is primarily in the areas of Capital Expansion, Building Programs Production, Logistics, Purchasing and R&D. Most Worshipful Stanton is a private pilot and a board member of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce Capital Campaign, Alzheimer's Association and, he serves as the First Baptist Church Broken Arrow Finance Chair. He has previously served the MCF as a member of its Board of Directors.*

What strengths or experience do you feel you can bring to the Masonic Charity Foundation? *Leadership, Financial Acumen, Vision*

How do you feel the Masonic Charity Foundation can best serve the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma? *MCF is the most visible example of our Masonic Principles. Their work demonstrates what we value as men.*

GRAND LODGE MUSEUM & LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Rusty Dowan Henson

Raised: 10/28/2017
Time Missed: 0.0

Memberships: Grove No. 187, Oklahoma Lodge of Research
Adair No. 99, Jenks No. 497, Jay No. 544, Covey No. 460

Local Lodge Offices Held: Chaplain, Grove No. 187; Secretary Pro Tem, Grove No. 187 (Two terms); Secretary, Grove No. 187 (Two terms); Junior Warden, Adair No. 99; Worshipful Master, Adair No. 99 (Three terms); Trustee 2, Jenks No. 497; Trustee, Grove No. 187; Senior Warden, Secretary Pro Tem, Trustee 3, Covey No. 460; Senior Steward, Jay No. 544; Junior Steward, Jay No. 544

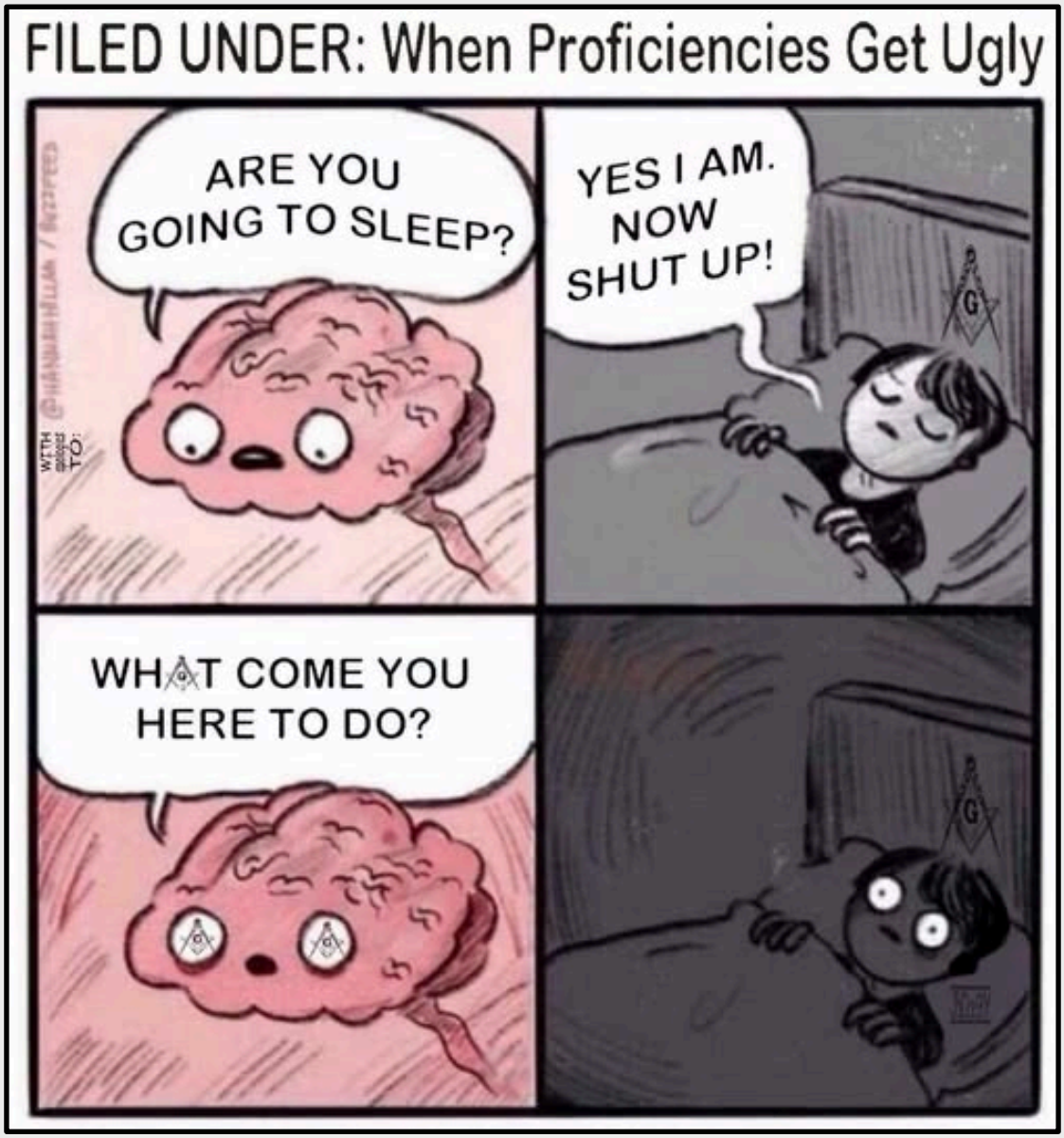
Grand Lodge and/or M&L Offices Held: Grand Historian
District Deputy Grand Master, President – Museum and Library Board of Directors

Grand Lodge and/or M&L Committees: *International Ambassadors, Necrology, Museum/Gifts (acquisitions chairman), Strategic Planning*

Candidate's Statement (paraphrased): *Worshipful Henson lives in Spavinaw with his spouse, Rhonda; they have two children. He is a retired Major from the United States Army; he served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Kuwait and Germany; he is a recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, an Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal + various professional and non-profit achievement awards. Worshipful Henson holds a M.Ed. in School Administration, a B.S. in Elementary Education, a B.A. in Military History and an A.A. in Criminal Justice. He is also retired from Rogers State University; Worshipful Henson served as a Psychology Professor and he served on the Strategic Planning Committee; he was university representative at various National Historical Conferences.*

What strengths or experience do you feel you can bring to the Museum and Library Board? *I am well versed in a wide range of historical topics and how they relate to Oklahoma and Oklahoma Freemasonry. I have extensive experience and accolades in grant writing. I have demonstrated effective problem-solving ability and the ability to unite various groups for a common cause in pursuit of a common mission.*

How do you feel the Museum and Library Board can best serve the Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma? *We are squarely in a period where the preservation of antiquities and artifacts have never been more critical. While maintaining the old school ways of displaying our fraternity's history, we must also embrace the ever-changing technology that is made available. We must "reset" our museum in a manner that it tells the unique story of how the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma was created by blending our methods, reaching new generations, while holding steadfast and maintaining the integrity of traditional historic preservation.*



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Anchor-Crescent Lodge #104

Three New Brothers







Bixby Lodge #359

Myrtle Lodge #145





Norman Lodge #38

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