

AGENDA

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA GRAND ASSEMBLY 2025

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026 - 1:00 P.M.

1. APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES
2. PRELIMINARY CREDENTIALS REPORT
3. OPENING OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA - M.:I.:G.:M.:
4. RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS
5. ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS
6. ROLL CALL OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS
7. ROLL CALL OF CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS
8. ROLL CALL AND RECEPTION OF PAST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS
9. ROLL CALL OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS
10. MOTION TO APPROVE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 131st ANNUAL ASSEMBLY – Jon Greene
11. ADDRESS OF THE M.:I.:G.:M.:
12. REPORT OF THE RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND TREASURER
13. REPORT OF THE RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND RECORDER
14. REPORT FROM THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
15. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
16. FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT
17. ANY OTHER REPORT TO BE GIVEN VERBALLY
18. MOTION TO ACCEPT M.:I.:G.:M.: ADDRESS AND ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS – Jon Greene
19. APPOINT TELLERS COMMITTEE
20. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND REFERRALS
 - RESOLUTION 1a
 - RESOLUTION 1b
 - RESOLUTION 2
 - RESOLUTION 3
21. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027
22. REMARKS OF THE M.:I.:G.:M.: ELECT
23. COMPLETION OF ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS - M.:I.:G.:M.:
24. REMARKS FROM VISITING DIGNITARIES
25. CLOSING OF THE GRAND COUNCIL - M.:I.:G.:M.:

OPEN INSTALLATION OF GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.

INSTALLING OFFICER.....M.:I.:C.: JAMES R. TAYLOR, JR., P.:I.:G.:M.:
INSTALLING MARSHALL.....M.:I.:C.: LARRY D. WHITE, P.:I.:G.:M.:
INSTALLING CHAPLAIN.....M.:I.:C.: TIMOTHY P. ISRAEL, P.:I.:G.:M.:
INSTALLING RECORDER.....R.:I.:C.: JON B. GREENE, GRAND RECORDER

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE 2025-2026 CRYPTIC YEAR**

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Brian M. Ragain [21] | | Most Illustrious Grand Master |
| Michael S. Wright [11] | Kim | Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master |
| Matthew D. McGee [43, 50] | | Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work |
| Kenton M. Israel [18, 25] | Dana | Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer |
| Jon B. Greene [22] | Renee | Right Illustrious Grand Recorder |
| Gary A. Davis [22] | H.:P.:I.:G.:M.: | Right Illustrious Grand Recorder Emeritus |
| Mathew A. Turner [18, 27] | | Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard |
| Donnie G. Higginbotham [3] | | Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council |
| Christopher J.P. Smith [21] | Jennifer | Illustrious Grand Marshal |
| Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [27, 61] | Beth | Illustrious Grand Steward |
| Larry E. Straining, Jr. [22] | Cynthia | Illustrious Grand Sentinel |
| Truman L. "Lavern" Ragain, Jr. [21] | | Illustrious Grand Chaplain |

**GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
DISTRICT DEPUTIES FOR THE 2025-2026 CRYPTIC YEAR**

| | | |
|----------------|------------------------------------|---|
| DISTRICT NO. 1 | Matthew N. Harden [2] | Muskogee Council No. 2 Union Council No. 3 |
| DISTRICT NO. 2 | Roberto "Tony" A. DeLeon, Jr. [27] | Norman Council No. 27 Mysterious Nine Council No. 61 |
| DISTRICT NO. 3 | Steven R. Holekamp [48, 61] | Alpha Council No. 18 Guthrie Council No. 48 |
| DISTRICT NO. 4 | Roland Morales [21] | Lawton Council No. 21 Ardmore Council No. 11 |
| DISTRICT NO. 5 | Larry E. Straining, Jr. [22] | Tulsa Council No. 22 Bartlesville Council No. 41 |
| DISTRICT NO. 6 | David D. Shore [52] | Elk City Council No. 25 Woodward Council No. 52 |
| DISTRICT NO. 7 | Ryan R. Frederick [50] | Bernard Council No. 43 Stillwater Council No. 50 |

**GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
STANDING & SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR 2025-2026 CRYPTIC YEAR**

STANDING COMMITTEES

[Established by Constitution, Law, or Resolution]

JURISPRUDENCE

Robert G. Davis [50] - Chairman
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22] - Recorder
All Past Illustrious Grand Masters

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Robert R. Rolseth [22] - Chairman
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]
Stephen D. Gragg [3]
France Reitz, Jr. [2]
Russell N. Davis [11]
Michael S. Wright [11]
Matthew D. McGee [43, 50] – Ex Officio

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18] - Chairman
John L. Logan [48, 52]
James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]

CREDENTIALS

Bradley S. Rickelman [50] - Chairman
Steven E. Cox [2, 61]
James R. Taylor, Sr. [22]
Jon B. Greene [22] – Ex Officio

MEMBERSHIP

John E. Werts [22, 41] - Chairman
Central – David A. Tennison [48]
N. Central - Justin M. McGee [43]
Northeast – Jim L. Parham [22]
Northwest – David D. Shore [52]
Southeast – John King, Jr. [3]
Southwest - James Oates III [21]
Christopher J.P. Smith [21]

FINANCE

Matthew D. McGee [43, 50] - Chairman
Michael S. Wright [11]
Jon B. Greene [22]
Mathew A. Turner [18, 27] – Ex Officio

YORK RITE COORDINATION

Brian M. Ragain [21] - Chairman
Michael S. Wright [11]
Matthew D. McGee [43, 50]
Mathew A. Turner [18, 27]

INVESTMENTS

2025-28 (CM) James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]
2023-26 (RAM) John L. Logan [48, 52]
2024-27 (KT) Mathew A. Turner [18, 27]

TRIENNIAL

John L. Logan [48, 52] Chairman
William J. "Jim" Cloud [18]
Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18]

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

David A. Tennison [48]

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

Michael S. Wright [11]

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

Matthew D. McGee [43, 50]

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

Mathew A. Turner [18, 27] - Chairman

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]

Brian M. Ragain [21]

Robert R. Rolseth [22]

Mathew A. Turner [18, 27]

Michael S. Wright [11]

EDUCATION

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18] - Chairman

Robert G. Davis [50]

Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Brian M. Ragain [21] - Chairman

Mark K. McFadden [2]

Michael S. Wright [11]

Jon B. Greene [22]

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Jon B. Greene [22] - Chairman

John R. Christopher [48]

Daniel D. Hanttula [27, 61]

TIME AND PLACE

Bradley S. Rickelman [50] - Chairman

Brian A. Buswell [18]

Ivan M. De Tevis [22, 50]

Robert W. McLeod [22]

Jon B. Greene [22] Ex Officio

CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH

Kevin P. Bardy [50] - Chairman

John D. Church [18]

John L. Logan [48, 52]

Larry D. White [22]

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

2025-28 [CM] Johnny D. Allford [3]

2023-26 [KT] Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]

2024-27 [RAM] David A. Ray [27]

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Brian M. Ragain [21] - Chairman

Mark K. McFadden [2]

Michael S. Wright [11]

Jon B. Greene [22] – Ex Officio

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Brian M. Ragain [21] - Chairman

Michael S. Wright [11]

Matthew D. McGee [43, 50]

Jon B. Greene [22] – Ex Officio

NECROLOGY

Truman L. "Lavern" Ragain, Jr. [21]

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]

**ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, BRIAN M. RAGAIN
132ND GRAND ASSEMBLY**

To the officers and members of the Grand Council of Oklahoma, distinguished visitors and Companions: Welcome to the 132nd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. I thank each of you for your attendance and support of your Grand Council. A special invitation was sent to our Companion from Washington DC, Right Illustrious Companion Mark Wright. I am also pleased to welcome the distinguished visitors from our sister Grand Jurisdictions in the South Central conference. We are honored once again to welcome the South Central Regional Deputy General Grand Master Buddy Guidry. William Snyder, our General Grand Master, is also in attendance. Many other distinguished guests from the other two Grand Bodies are also in attendance, and it is my hope that everyone in attendance are here to give congratulations on a successful year rather than to see that I actually survived it.

To Companion Frank Belluardo Jr., the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, who is also serving as my Grand Steward, thank you for your friendship and direction. It has made this year much easier. And to Sir Knight Mark McFadden, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, simply knowing that you are near gives everyone a calming sensation. Your friendship means more to me than you may realize. Success is not something that is weighed only on one occasion, so it is my hope that our year is weighed as successful from now until time immemorial.

To the officers following us, Right Excellent Companion Matt McGee, Very Eminent Sir Knight Trasen Akers, and especially Right Illustrious Companion Michael Wright, I hope the work left behind is not too overwhelming. I will always be nearby, and my services are never more than a phone call away.

To my Grand Council officers who graciously served by my side, thank you. I could not have done anything without your support and words of encouragement. It was truly an honor to work with each of you.

And to my companions of Lawton York Rite Bodies, thank you for believing in me and supporting me and my wild ideas. If I get choked up during degrees, it is because of the love I feel from each of you.

It has been a pleasure to work alongside the Scottish Rite bodies of Oklahoma, the Shriners, the young men and women of DeMolay, Rainbow, and Job's Daughters, Amaranth, Order of the Eastern Star, and of course the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Should anyone actually read this address, I urge you to find time to include these appendant bodies to your calendar. Visiting the youth orders definitely ranked highest for any of my visits.

Due to work situations, travel requests, and medical issues, my visitation schedule was an absolute nightmare. I have attempted to reassemble my list of visits throughout my year.

May 2nd I attended Kansas York Rite Grand Sessions and was received as MIGM.

May 17th I attended KYCH and HRAKTP meetings in Stillwater.

May 20th I visited Elk City York Rite with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

May 25th I was received at the State Assembly for Rainbow.

May 31st I attended All Masonic Day in Edmond.

June 13 I visited Missouri York Rite Grand Sessions and was received as MIGM.

June 16th I visited Tulsa Council and attempted to outline my intentions for the year.

June 28th Oklahoma Lodge of Research Masonicon was held in Guthrie.

July 9th I visited Alpha Council and had a great time and a great meal.

- July 12th to July 15th – I attended the Great Smokies Summer Assembly at Maggie Valley. I was ready to announce my intent to run for Deputy General Grand Master, but I was dissuaded with the promise that my contract for Philanthropic Manager of CMMRF would be given to me by the next week.
- July 26th I attended the Grand Master's York Rite field day in Norman and participated in the degrees.
- July 28th I visited Union Council and received a warm welcome.
- August 2nd I attended the Middle Chamber Program in Durant.
- August 9th I attended the Red Cross of Constantine Triad and participated in the 2nd Grade
- August 12th I visited Woodward Council and had a great visit. We discussed the future of Woodward York Rite.
- August 16th I attended the York Rite Chair Degrees where I served as President of the Order of High Priesthood, Senior Warden of the Thrice Illustrious Master degree, and President of the Past Commander's Association. I do not recommend anyone to attempt that much in one day.
- August 18th I visited Bartlesville Council and discussed education opportunities.
- August 23rd I attended the Middle Chamber Program in Lawton.
- August 26th I visited Lawton Council and was received by my closest Companions.
- August 27th I made my way to Brazil and assisted their Grand Council in creating 22 new Royal and Select Masters.
- September 27th I opened the Oklahoma Lodge of Research as Worshipful Master and installed the officers for the ensuing year.
- October 11th I attended the McAlester Scottish Rite and was introduced as the MIGM.
- October 24th I traveled to Sioux Falls for the North Central York Rite conference.
- November 1st I attended the Guthrie Scottish Rite and was introduced as the MIGM.
- November 9th I attended the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma and was introduced as the MIGM.
- November 15th I traveled to Germany and assisted in knighting 15 new Knight Templars alongside the officers of the Grand Encampment.
- December 9th I visited Bernard Council. This was the first of my wardrobe mishaps, but the chili was outstanding.
- January 21st I visited Stillwater Council after cancelling two other times. They delayed their opening for me.
- February 4th I traveled with Steve Holekamp to Masonic Week in D.C. for my yearly CMMRF board meeting and met up with old friends.
- February 24th I visited Muskogee Council and assisted all three Grand Officers in presenting a worthy Companion with their 50 year certificates.
- March 7th I attended the Order of Athelstan in McAlester.
- March 9th I visited Ardmore Council, was served a great meal, and the education presented by RIC Michael Wright was among the best education I have ever seen at York Rite.
- March 21st I attended the Prince of Peace, Red Cross of Constantine meeting in Ponca City.

- March 11th I opened Mysterious Nine Council for a called meeting.
- March 12th I attended Arkansas York Rite Grand Sessions and was introduced as MIGM.
- March 14th I opened Mysterious Nine Council for the last time. All outstanding members were unanimously voted for membership, including myself. I installed the officers, as no installation had been performed due to a lack of quorum. A vote was then held to surrender the charter. I have summed it up below:
- April 9th I was received at Norman Council and had a great discussion of the works of our charity.

A Broken Triangle

On March 14th, 2026, Mysterious Nine Council #61 surrendered their charter to the Grand Council. The last business conducted at the final meeting was typical of any meeting, except for the donation of the entire bank account to Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation and the voting on two petitions. One petition was held for many meetings due to a lack of quorum. The other petition was from me as a final symbol of humility, as I felt partially responsible for not taking action before it was too late.

There are many reasons why this Council failed, but I feel it can be summed up within our own teachings. Our Great Lights were slowly removed from the Altar. First was the trowel, when we forgot the bonds of brotherly love. Next was the Compasses, when we forgot to keep our passions within due bounds. And finally, the Square, when morality was left behind. All that remained was an unused Bible, a worn-out sword, and a broken triangle.

Just as the equilateral triangle represents God's omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence, the broken triangle can also represent Jesus on the cross, when the Father's presence was no longer felt. And perhaps, after lying in the grave, this Council may also be resurrected one day.

There are many different meetings that did not make it into this address, but I have several that should be mentioned. Due to some pain and swelling from an unexplained issue with my spine, I canceled many trips. These cancellations included the South Central Department Conference, the Northwest Department Conference, the Ish Sodi Banquet in Indianapolis for CMMRF, and several local meetings for all Masonic bodies. I have found no relief or treatment, but I have discovered how to live with the issues.

I granted several dispensations during my term. Dispensations for changing the date of elections were granted to Bartlesville #41, Muskogee #2, Tulsa #22, and Union #3, as these Councils' December elections would have fallen close to Christmas. A dispensation was granted to DGIM Michael Wright for the purpose of closing Tulsa #22 after the NE Oklahoma festival on February 7th, 2026. Two dispensations were granted to Mysterious Nine #61. The first was for an election of officers, as a result of being unable to open their Council due to a lack of quorum. The second was to facilitate a discussion for the surrendering of their charter. Due to previous attempts to have sufficient numbers at their meetings, a special meeting was called to allow the discussion and vote to happen.

At the beginning of my term, I pledged to assist any York Rite body if they would call any and every member at risk of being suspended for nonpayment of dues. Unfortunately, not one call was received. I still believe that a simple phone call could save at least one York Rite member from being suspended. Now that my year is up, I will continue to stand by this pledge and assist any York Rite body that would like to attempt to retain members by simply calling their members. I have no answer to the decline in our numbers. I know if we continue what we are doing now, it will only continue to decline. Perhaps someday the answer will be revealed.

No great strides were made in membership retention, membership enhancement, education, memorization of opening and closing, ritualist awards, or any other part of York Rite that is vital for our existence and our

growth. To this I offer my sincerest apologies and regrets. I feel that my year was nothing more than an existence. I hope and pray I am incorrect, at least in some small part.

In closing, I would especially like to thank my father and Grand Chaplain, Truman Lavern Ragain Jr., for putting up with my travels, my attitude, and my late nights of travel. I cannot imagine surviving this year without his guidance and passivity. To my officers, who have always been present for me and ready to give a kind word and direction. To my DDIGMs and specifically Illustrious Companion Steve Holekamp, who made my travels a little more bearable and entertaining. And especially to the Companions who are destined to serve. You are the future. Make the most of it.

Fraternally submitted,
Brian M. Ragain
Illustrious Grand Master

REPORT OF THE RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND TREASURER, KENTON M. ISRAEL

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma

For the period ending December 31, 2025

These accounts are all held at Morgan Stanley

| Grand Council Investment Account | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund | |
| Beginning Balance, January 1, 2025 | \$88,131.06 |
| Deposits | 0.00 |
| Withdrawals | -600.00 |
| Dividend/Interest Earned | 3,142.51 |
| Appreciation | <u>7,966.79</u> |
| Ending Balance, December 31, 2025 | \$98,640.36 |

| Grand Council Investment Account | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Perpetual Membership | |
| Beginning Balance, January 1, 2025 | \$131,605.71 |
| Deposits | 4,087.50 |
| Withdrawals | -3,992.91 |
| Dividend/Interest Earned | 4,879.66 |
| Appreciation | <u>8,780.05</u> |
| Ending Balance, December 31, 2025 | \$145,360.01 |

| Grand Council Investment Account | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Joint Account-Membership Development | |
| Beginning Balance, January 1, 2025 | \$78,570.23 |
| Deposits | 0.00 |
| Withdrawals | -600.00 |
| Dividend/Interest Earned | 2,799.73 |
| Appreciation | <u>7,727.97</u> |
| Ending Balance, December 31, 2025 | \$88,497.93 |

| Grand Total of Grand Council Investments | <u>1/1/2025</u> | <u>12/31/2025</u> | | |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------|
| General Fund | \$88,131.06 | \$98,640.36 | \$10,509.30 | 11.92% |
| Perpetual Membership | \$131,605.71 | \$145,360.01 | \$13,754.30 | 10.45% |
| Joint Account-Membership Development | \$78,570.23 | \$88,497.93 | \$9,927.70 | 12.64% |
| Grand Total of Grand Council Investments | \$298,307.00 | \$332,498.30 | | |

| Total Perpetual Members Grand Council, CM of Oklahoma | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|-------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------|---------|------------|----------|--------|
| As of 12/31/2025 4/14/2026 10:43 | New Members in 2025 | Total Members | Dead | Living | Total Investment | Total Dues | Interest Distributed * | To Grand | | | To Local | | |
| | | | | | | | | Council | Deceased | Living | Council | Deceased | Living |
| Alpha (OKC), No. 18 | 196 | 110 | 86 | 28,214.00 | 1,833.90 | 846.42 | 179.41 | 239.69 | 419.10 | 245.71 | 181.61 | 427.32 | |
| Ardmore, No. 11 | 26 | 14 | 12 | 5,410.00 | 352.70 | 162.30 | 27.58 | 41.77 | 69.35 | 49.07 | 43.88 | 92.95 | |
| Bartlesville, No. 41 | 42 | 35 | 7 | 5,012.75 | 334.00 | 345.65 | 47.52 | 96.43 | 143.94 | 70.92 | 130.79 | 201.70 | |
| Bernard (Ponca City), No. 43 | 39 | 17 | 22 | 4,637.00 | 306.60 | 231.39 | 24.38 | 113.27 | 137.64 | 25.37 | 68.38 | 93.75 | |
| Elk City, No. 25 | 45 | 21 | 24 | 5,895.00 | 393.00 | 284.40 | 27.45 | 108.07 | 135.52 | 40.50 | 108.38 | 148.88 | |
| Guthrie, No. 48 | 33 | 15 | 18 | 5,826.00 | 388.00 | 174.78 | 23.73 | 62.87 | 86.60 | 35.85 | 52.34 | 88.19 | |
| Lawton, No. 21 | 1 | 91 | 52 | 15,990.00 | 1,058.00 | 468.45 | 85.93 | 126.18 | 212.11 | 135.47 | 120.87 | 256.34 | |
| Muskogee, No. 2 | 84 | 44 | 40 | 13,800.00 | 790.00 | 414.00 | 96.84 | 156.01 | 252.85 | 78.21 | 82.94 | 161.15 | |
| Mysterious Nine No. 61 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 210.00 | 14.00 | 6.30 | | 3.71 | 3.71 | | 2.59 | 2.59 | |
| Norman, No. 27 | 69 | 50 | 19 | 8,434.41 | 556.15 | 253.03 | 69.50 | 48.56 | 118.06 | 95.21 | 39.76 | 134.97 | |
| Stillwater, No. 50 | 49 | 28 | 21 | 7,486.20 | 497.08 | 346.09 | 37.69 | 118.98 | 156.67 | 58.16 | 131.25 | 189.41 | |
| Tulsa, No. 22 | 3 | 128 | 53 | 29,926.73 | 1,887.50 | 854.60 | 82.57 | 294.78 | 377.35 | 138.47 | 338.78 | 477.25 | |
| Union (McAlester), No. 3 | 5 | 64 | 31 | 8021.25 | 534.75 | 382.79 | 50.18 | 188.12 | 238.30 | 39.49 | 105.01 | 144.50 | |
| Woodward, No. 52 | 44 | 27 | 17 | 3,417.50 | 227.00 | 102.53 | 32.63 | 42.71 | 75.34 | 15.53 | 11.66 | 27.19 | |
| 14 | 9 | 911 | 497 | 142,280.84 | 9,172.68 | 4,872.72 | 785.39 | 1,641.13 | 2,426.52 | 1027.95 | 1418.25 | 2446.20 | |
| | | | 54.6% | | | 3.42% | | | 1.71% | | | 1.72% | |
| | | | | | | | | 2,426.52 | | | 2,446.20 | 4,872.72 | |
| As of 31 December 2025 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Percentage used in making calculations: | | | 3.00% | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest/Dividends Earned in 2025 | | \$4,879.66 | | Div/Int earned on 2025 | | \$4,879.66 | | Pd to Gd Council | | | \$2,426.52 | | |
| | | | | Distributed in 2026 | | 4,872.72 | | Pd to Councils | | | \$2,446.20 | | |
| | | | | Retained in Fund | | \$6.94 | | | | | \$4,872.72 | | |

In 2025, equity markets were defined by moderating inflation, restrictive but stabilizing interest rates, and selective growth rather than broad-based rallies. Central banks, particularly the Federal Reserve, maintained a cautious stance, prioritizing price stability over aggressive rate cuts. This environment favored quality, cash-flow-positive companies over speculative growth.

Market performance was uneven. Large-cap, dividend-paying stocks—especially in energy, healthcare, defense, and select financials—outperformed due to strong balance sheets and pricing power. In contrast, smaller-cap and highly leveraged firms faced continued pressure from higher borrowing costs.

Volatility remained elevated but more rational, driven by earnings fundamentals rather than excess liquidity. Investors increasingly rewarded capital discipline, shareholder returns, and operational efficiency. Fixed income regained relevance, with short- and intermediate-term bonds offering attractive risk-adjusted yields, reinforcing a renewed focus on capital preservation.

The market has been crazy, and I feel like our investments are well invested. I appreciate Josh at Morgan Stanley, Jon Greene, and our Investment Advisory Committee. I believe we have the right conservative portfolio. Again, this year we received more dividends and interest than in years past.

Perpetual Membership Account Information

911 Total Members at 12/31/2025

9 New Members in 2025

414 Living Members

497 Deceased Members

Interest/Dividends earned in 2025: \$ 4,879.66

Div/Int distributed to Grand Council in 2026 for Div/Int earned in 2025: \$2,426.52

Div/Int distributed to Local Councils in 2026 for Div/Int earned in 2025: \$2,446.20

Last year, for comparison

Interest/Dividends earned in 2024: \$4,261.55

Div/Int distributed to Grand Council in 2025 for Div/Int earned in 2024: \$2,149.23

Div/Int distributed to Local Councils in 2025 for Div/Int earned in 2024: \$2,106.61

We added 9 new members to our Perpetual Members list in 2025. We had much larger dividends and interest earned in 2025, which were able to be paid out in 2026. This is very good news.

Respectfully submitted,
Kent Israel [18,25]
Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND RECORDER, JON B. GREENE

Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2025 End: 12/31/2025

Grand Council of Oklahoma

Total Working Councils = 14

The following is a recapitulation of membership activity during the specified reporting period.

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| Total number members on last return = | | <u>1,185</u> |
| Total number GREETED = | <u>37</u> | |
| Total number AFFILIATED = | <u>4</u> | |
| Total number REINSTATED = | <u>10</u> | |
| Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT = | <u>0</u> | |
| Total Gain (+) | | <u>51</u> |
| Total number DEMITTED = | <u>13</u> | |
| Total number SUSPENDED = | <u>83</u> | |
| Total number DECEASED = | <u>47</u> | |
| Total number EXPELLED = | <u>0</u> | |
| Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT = | <u>0</u> | |
| Total Loss (-) | | <u>143</u> |
| | Net Gain (Net Loss) = | <u>(92)</u> |
| Total number of members (including Dual and Plural) = | | <u>1,093</u> |

Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2024 End: 12/31/2024

Grand Council of Oklahoma

Total Working Councils = 14

The following is a recapitulation of membership activity during the specified reporting period.

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| Total number members on last return = | | <u>1,205</u> |
| Total number GREETED = | <u>67</u> | |
| Total number AFFILIATED = | <u>153</u> | |
| Total number REINSTATED = | <u>5</u> | |
| Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT = | <u>0</u> | |
| Total Gain (+) | | <u>225</u> |
| Total number DEMITTED = | <u>161</u> | |
| Total number SUSPENDED = | <u>47</u> | |
| Total number DECEASED = | <u>37</u> | |
| Total number EXPELLED = | <u>0</u> | |
| Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT = | <u>0</u> | |
| Total Loss (-) | | <u>245</u> |
| | Net Gain (Net Loss) = | <u>(20)</u> |
| Total number of members (including Dual and Plural) = | | <u>1,185</u> |

GRAND COUNCIL RETURNS FOR 2025

| No. | Name | 2025 Members End of Year | Greeted | Admitted/Affiliated | Reinstated | ADD Adjustment | Demitted | Suspended | Deceased | Expelled/Withdraw | DELETE Adjusted | Net Gain or (Loss) | 2026 Members End of Year | Perpetual Members | Perpetual + GG Council Life | Unable to Pay | G.G. Council Life Only |
|-----|-----------------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------|----------------|----------|-----------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 2 | Muskogee | 108 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 0 | (11) | 97 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 2 |
| 3 | Union | 91 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 2 | 0 | 0 | (15) | 76 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | Ardmore | 61 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 1 |
| 18 | Alpha | 224 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 0 | (8) | 216 | 1 | 85 | 1 | 5 |
| 21 | Lawton | 129 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 6 | 0 | 0 | (17) | 112 | 2 | 35 | 0 | 2 |
| 22 | Tulsa | 172 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | (6) | 166 | 0 | 74 | 8 | 4 |
| 25 | Elk City | 50 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | (1) | 49 | 1 | 23 | 0 | 14 |
| 27 | Norman | 89 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | (1) | 88 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 2 |
| 41 | Bartlesville | 44 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 19 | 4 | 0 | 0 | (24) | 20 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 2 |
| 43 | Bernard | 47 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | (3) | 44 | 1 | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| 48 | Guthrie | 68 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | (3) | 65 | 2 | 17 | 0 | 1 |
| 50 | Stillwater | 52 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | (1) | 51 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 1 |
| 52 | Woodward | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | (1) | 32 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| 61 | Mysterious Nine | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Totals | 1185 | 37 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 13 | 81 | 47 | 0 | 0 | (91) | 1094 | 7 | 404 | 9 | 34 |

| No.2 | Name2 | Dues | Fees | Grand Council Per Capita | General Grand Council Per Capita | DeMolay3 | CMMRF | Reinstatements | Dispensations | Net Amount | Perpetual Member Per Capita Return | TOTAL |
|------|-----------------|---------|---------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------------|---------------|------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2 | Muskogee | \$35.00 | \$50.00 | \$620.00 | \$150.00 | \$15.50 | \$62.00 | \$10.00 | \$10.00 | \$867.50 | \$161.15 | \$1,028.65 |
| 3 | Union | \$30.00 | \$50.00 | \$420.00 | \$105.00 | \$10.50 | \$42.00 | \$0.00 | \$10.00 | \$587.50 | \$144.50 | \$732.00 |
| 11 | Ardmore | \$22.00 | \$45.00 | \$500.00 | \$122.50 | \$12.50 | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | | \$685.00 | \$92.95 | \$777.95 |
| 18 | Alpha | \$20.00 | \$45.00 | \$1,290.00 | \$315.00 | \$32.25 | \$129.00 | \$10.00 | | \$1,776.25 | \$427.32 | \$2,203.57 |
| 21 | Lawton | | | \$750.00 | \$187.50 | \$18.75 | \$75.00 | \$10.00 | | \$1,041.25 | \$256.34 | \$1,297.59 |
| 22 | Tulsa | \$34.00 | \$40.00 | \$840.00 | \$220.00 | \$21.00 | \$84.00 | \$20.00 | \$10.00 | \$1,195.00 | \$477.25 | \$1,672.25 |
| 25 | Elk City | | | \$250.00 | \$30.00 | \$6.25 | \$25.00 | \$0.00 | | \$311.25 | \$148.88 | \$460.13 |
| 27 | Norman | | | \$690.00 | \$167.50 | \$17.25 | \$69.00 | \$10.00 | | \$953.75 | \$134.97 | \$1,088.72 |
| 41 | Bartlesville | \$26.00 | \$0.00 | \$130.00 | \$27.50 | \$3.25 | \$13.00 | \$0.00 | \$10.00 | \$183.75 | \$201.70 | \$385.45 |
| 43 | Bernard | \$17.25 | \$35.00 | \$190.00 | \$50.00 | \$4.75 | \$19.00 | \$10.00 | | \$273.75 | \$93.75 | \$367.50 |
| 48 | Guthrie | | | \$460.00 | \$117.50 | \$11.50 | \$46.00 | \$0.00 | | \$635.00 | \$88.19 | \$723.19 |
| 50 | Stillwater | \$25.00 | \$40.00 | \$300.00 | \$72.50 | \$7.50 | \$30.00 | \$10.00 | | \$420.00 | \$189.41 | \$609.41 |
| 52 | Woodward | | | \$140.00 | \$35.00 | \$3.50 | \$14.00 | \$0.00 | | \$192.50 | \$27.19 | \$219.69 |
| 61 | Mysterious Nine | | | \$160.00 | \$40.00 | \$4.00 | \$16.00 | \$0.00 | \$10.00 | \$230.00 | \$2.59 | \$232.59 |
| | Totals | | | \$6,740.00 | \$1,640.00 | \$168.50 | \$674.00 | \$80.00 | \$50.00 | \$9,352.50 | \$2,446.19 | \$11,798.69 |

2025 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

| | 2025 Actual | 2025 Budget | \$ Over Budget |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Income | | | |
| 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS | | | |
| 4010 · Oklahoma Per Capita | 7,630.00 | 7,630.00 | 0.00 |
| 4020 · G. G. Council Assessment | 1,817.50 | 1,815.00 | 2.50 |
| 4030 · CMMRF Assessment | 763.00 | 763.00 | 0.00 |
| 4050 · DeMolay Donation | 190.75 | 190.75 | 0.00 |
| Total 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS | 10,401.25 | 10,398.75 | 2.50 |
| 4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME | | | |
| 4110 · Perpetual Membership Dividend | 2,149.34 | 2,359.53 | -210.19 |
| 4120 · Interest Income-Other | 600.00 | 2,910.58 | -2,310.58 |
| Total 4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME | 2,749.34 | 5,270.11 | -2,520.77 |
| 4200 · FEES | | | |
| 4210 · Degree Fees | 330.00 | 500.00 | -170.00 |
| 4220 · Dispensation Fee | 0.00 | 10.00 | -10.00 |
| 4230 · Reinstatement Fee | 30.00 | 20.00 | 10.00 |
| Total 4200 · FEES | 360.00 | 530.00 | -170.00 |
| 4300 · RESALE | | | |
| 4310 · Ritual Resale | 288.36 | 300.00 | -11.64 |
| Total 4300 · RESALE | 288.36 | 300.00 | -11.64 |
| 4600 · MISC INCOME | | | |
| 4630 · MISC Income | 20.44 | 150.00 | -129.56 |
| Total 4600 · MISC INCOME | 20.44 | 150.00 | -129.56 |
| Total Income | 13,819.39 | 16,648.86 | -2,829.47 |
| Gross Profit | 13,819.39 | 16,648.86 | -2,829.47 |
| Expense | | | |
| 5000 · STAFF | | | |
| 5010 · Grand Recorder Salary | 5,250.00 | 5,250.00 | 0.00 |
| 5020 · Payroll Taxes | 449.16 | 450.00 | -0.84 |
| 5030 · Grand Treasurer's Allowance | 0.00 | 200.00 | -200.00 |
| Total 5000 · STAFF | 5,699.16 | 5,900.00 | -200.84 |
| 5100 · ASSESSMENTS | | | |
| 5110 · Per Capita - Gen Grand Council | 1,812.50 | 1,812.50 | 0.00 |
| 5120 · CMMRF Donation | 0.00 | 762.00 | -762.00 |
| 5130 · DeMolay Donation | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 |
| Total 5100 · ASSESSMENTS | 2,112.50 | 2,874.50 | -762.00 |
| 6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL | | | |
| 6010-24 · M.I.G.M. Travel - Taylor | 1,250.00 | 1,250.00 | 0.00 |
| 6010-25 · M.I.G.M. Travel - Ragain | 0.00 | 1,250.00 | -1,250.00 |
| 6011 · Grand Recorders Travel | 0.00 | 200.00 | -200.00 |
| 6020 · M.I.G.M. Grand Session Expense | 275.00 | 275.00 | 0.00 |
| 6030 · Grand Sessions Host Expense | 456.18 | 75.00 | 381.18 |
| 6040 · Grand Sessions-GG Council Guest | 0.00 | 1,140.00 | -1,140.00 |
| 6045 · Grand Sessions-Grand Master | 108.77 | 200.00 | -91.23 |
| 6050 · Grand Sessions-Awards | 137.48 | 250.00 | -112.52 |
| 6080 · Triennial | | | |
| 6080-25 · Triennial-2025 | 0.00 | 888.00 | -888.00 |
| 6080-26 · Triennial-2026 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total 6080 · Triennial | 0.00 | 888.00 | -888.00 |
| Total 6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL | 2,227.43 | 5,528.00 | -3,300.57 |

2025 BUDGET VS ACTUAL - Continued

| | | | | |
|--|---|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE | | | |
| | 7100 · Rent | | | |
| | 7140 · G.M. Festival Rent | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| | Total 7100 · Rent | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| | 7200 · Telecommunications | | | |
| | 7210 · Phone and Internet | 0.00 | 75.00 | -75.00 |
| | 7220 · Website | 63.96 | 75.00 | -11.04 |
| | Total 7200 · Telecommunications | 63.96 | 150.00 | -86.04 |
| | 7300 · Office Supplies | | | |
| | 7310 · General Office Supplies | 0.00 | 40.00 | -40.00 |
| | 7320 · Ink | 0.00 | 60.00 | -60.00 |
| | 7330 · Computer Software | | | |
| | 7330.1 · QuickBooks | 333.00 | 333.00 | 0.00 |
| | 7330.2 · Microsoft | 0.00 | 33.00 | -33.00 |
| | Total 7330 · Computer Software | 333.00 | 366.00 | -33.00 |
| | 7340 · Office Equipment | 361.72 | | |
| | 7350 · MMS Online Database | 499.59 | 499.59 | 0.00 |
| | Total 7300 · Office Supplies | 1,194.31 | 965.59 | 228.72 |
| | 7400 · Printing and Reproduction | | | |
| | 7410 · Pre Print | 194.35 | 75.00 | 119.35 |
| | 7420 · Proceedings | 0.00 | 15.00 | -15.00 |
| | Total 7400 · Printing and Reproduction | 194.35 | 90.00 | 104.35 |
| | 7500 · Postage and Delivery | | | |
| | 7510 · PO Box Rental | 70.00 | 70.00 | 0.00 |
| | 7520 · Stamps | 0.00 | 33.00 | -33.00 |
| | Total 7500 · Postage and Delivery | 70.00 | 103.00 | -33.00 |
| | 7600 · Insurance | | | |
| | 7610 · Bond Premium | 75.66 | 75.67 | -0.01 |
| | Total 7600 · Insurance | 75.66 | 75.67 | -0.01 |
| | 7700 · Repairs | | | |
| | 7720 · Equipment Repairs | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Total 7700 · Repairs | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Total 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE | 1,698.28 | 1,484.26 | 214.02 |
| | 8000 · MISC | | | |
| | 8010 · Rituals | 722.70 | 300.00 | 422.70 |
| | Total 8000 · MISC | 722.70 | 300.00 | 422.70 |
| | Total Expense | 12,460.07 | 16,086.76 | -3,626.69 |
| | Net Income | 1,359.32 | 562.10 | 797.22 |

2025 BUDGET - ACTUAL VS BUDGET – MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

| | Jan - Dec 25 | Budget | \$ Over Budget |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Income | | | |
| 4550 · Membership Development | 0.00 | 707.50 | (707.50) |
| Total Income | 0.00 | 707.50 | (707.50) |
| Gross Profit | 0.00 | 707.50 | (707.50) |
| Expense | | | |
| 9000 · MEMBERSHIP | | | |
| 9010 · Promotional Expense | 480.75 | 400.00 | 80.75 |
| 9020 · DeMolay Sword | 0.00 | 100.00 | (100.00) |
| 9030 · Digitize Proceedings | 0.00 | 200.00 | (200.00) |
| Total 9000 · MEMBERSHIP | 480.75 | 700.00 | (219.25) |
| Total Expense | 480.75 | 700.00 | (219.25) |
| Net Income | (480.75) | 7.50 | (488.25) |

2025 BUDGET - ACTUAL VS BUDGET – GRAND SESSIONS

| | 2025 Actual | 2025 Budget | \$ Over Budget |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Income | | | |
| 4700 · GRAND SESSIONS | | | |
| 4710-25 · 2025 Grand Sessions Income | 150.00 | | |
| 4725-1 · Registration Fee | 3,150.00 | 2,800.00 | 350.00 |
| 4725-2 · KYCH Banquet | 2,750.00 | 3,450.00 | -700.00 |
| 4725-3 · Friday Lunch | 2,600.00 | 2,300.00 | 300.00 |
| 4725-4 · Friday Grand Banquet | 6,030.00 | 5,000.00 | 1,030.00 |
| 4725-5 · Ladies Program | 680.00 | 600.00 | 80.00 |
| Total 4700 · GRAND SESSIONS | 15,360.00 | 14,150.00 | 1,210.00 |
| Total Income | 15,360.00 | 14,150.00 | 1,210.00 |
| Gross Profit | 15,360.00 | 14,150.00 | 1,210.00 |
| Expense | | | |
| 6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL | | | |
| 6025 · Grand Sessions Expense | | | |
| 6026 · Grand Sessions Meals | | | |
| 6026-1 · KYCH Banquet | 3,183.00 | 3,450.00 | -267.00 |
| 6026-2 · Friday Lunch | 3,007.40 | 2,300.00 | 707.40 |
| 6026-3 · Friday Banquet | 5,915.08 | 5,000.00 | 915.08 |
| 6026-4 · Bartender | 196.49 | | |
| Total 6026 · Grand Sessions Meals | 12,301.97 | 10,750.00 | 1,551.97 |
| 6027 · Grand Sessions Room Rental | | | |
| 6027-1 · Grand JP Room Rental | 126.07 | 127.00 | -0.93 |
| 6027-2 · KYCH / PCA / HRAKP Div Srvc | 315.18 | 442.00 | -126.82 |
| 6027-3 · Grand Chapter/Council Meetings | 441.25 | 442.00 | -0.75 |
| 6027-4 · Grand Commandery Meeting | 220.62 | 221.00 | -0.38 |
| 6027-6 · Friday Meeting Room Coffee | 258.61 | 130.00 | 128.61 |
| 6027-7 · Saturday Meeting Room Coffee | 193.96 | 130.00 | 63.96 |
| 6027-8 · A/V Rental | 871.54 | 545.00 | 326.54 |
| 6027-9 · Rental-Other | 48.88 | | |
| Total 6027 · Grand Sessions Room Rental | 2,476.11 | 2,037.00 | 439.11 |
| 6027.5 · Ladies Program | 1,677.11 | 600.00 | 1,077.11 |
| Total 6025 · Grand Sessions Expense | 16,455.19 | 13,387.00 | 3,068.19 |
| Total 6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL | 16,455.19 | 13,387.00 | 3,068.19 |
| Total Expense | 16,455.19 | 13,387.00 | 3,068.19 |
| Net Income | -1,095.19 | 763.00 | -1,858.19 |

We suffered significant membership losses in 2025. Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do about those Companions who have put down their "working tools". However, we can work on our suspensions. I started looking at some of our past annual returns.

| | Greeted | Affiliations | Reinstated | Demit | SNPD | Deceased | Net Gain /Loss | Ending Membership |
|------|---------|--------------|------------|-------|------|----------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 2022 | 56 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 48 | 46 | (43) | 1,205 |
| 2023 | 67 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 33 | 37 | 0 | 1,205 |
| 2024 | 67 | 12 | 5 | 18 | 47 | 37 | (20) | 1,185 |
| 2025 | 37 | 4 | 10 | 13 | 83 | 47 | (92) | 1,093 |

In 2022, we started the year with 1,248 Companions. Throughout the year, we had 12 demits, 48 suspensions, and 46 deaths, resulting in a membership loss of 43. We did better in 2023. We had 6 demits, 33 suspensions, and 37 deaths, for a zero loss of membership. In 2024, we had 18 demits, 47 suspensions, and 37 deaths, for a loss of 20. This year, we had 13 demits, 83 suspensions, and 47 deaths, resulting in a membership loss of 92 Compaions.

We need to contact the suspended Companions to determine what went wrong and how we can get them back. Each Council needs a Membership Team (Committee) dedicated to calling those who have not paid their current-year dues. This Team (Committee) is NOT your Recorder! He has been (or should have been) trying to contact these Companions. This Team needs to be made up of Companions dedicated to making

contact with these Companions. If we want to remain relevant in Oklahoma Masonry, we need to address our losses.

One thing we hear is, "We aren't raising Master Masons." In 2022, we raised 239 Master Masons, 207 in 2023, 224 in 2024, and 181 in 2025. While these numbers may not be as high as they were in the past, we are still raising Master Masons! In 2022, we Greeted 56 new Companions, 67 in 2023, 67 in 2024, and 37 in 2025. Our Membership Team (Committee) sends invitations to all Master Masons raised in the past 3 years. We also send invitations to those who have been in a little longer but never joined the York Rite. We all need to remember that we are all members of the Membership Team.

For the 2025 budget, we did well. We were allowed up to \$2,910.58 in dividends from the General Funds investment account. We only withdrew \$600.00. Most of those funds were spent on a new computer for the office. I've managed our budget and spent funds only when necessary.

Unfortunately, on Saturday, March 14, 2026, the members of Mysterious Nine Council 61 voted to surrender its charter.

I would like to thank M.:I.:C.: Briam M. Ragain, our Illustrious Grand Master. Sir, it has been a pleasure working with you this year.

Respectfully submitted:

Jon B. Greene [22]

Grand Recorder

JURISPRUDENCE

Report to be given verbally

Robert G. Davis [50] – Chairman, James R. Taylor, Jr. [22] – Recorder, All Past Illustrious Grand Masters

CREDENTIALS

We, the Credentials Committee, thank the Grand bodies for their support in organizing this annual meeting. If you have any questions about the event or have misplaced your credentials, don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Credentials Committee.

Your badge should include your banquet meal tickets and, if you registered, entry to the luncheon on Friday.

If you are interested in serving on the Credentials Committee, let us know. You should be available Thursday afternoon, Friday morning, and Saturday morning and can quickly and effectively hand out badges and meal tickets and handle issues on the fly – consider serving.

Thank you, Jon Greene, our Grand Recorder. We could do little without his assistance.

The voter tally will be announced verbally.

Fraternally

Bradley S. Rickelman [50] – Chairman, Steven E. Cox [2, 61], James R. Taylor, Sr. [22],

Jon B. Greene [22] – Ex Officio

FINANCE

The Finance Committee met via Zoom on March 1, 2026, and reviewed the statement of revenue and expenses provided by the Grand Recorder for the Grand Council Operating Account and found it to be in order and in agreement with the statements provided by the financial institution holding the assets of this account.

The Committee reviewed the investment reports provided by the financial institution holding the assets for the Grand Council General Fund, Grand Council Perpetual Membership Fund, and Joint York Rite Membership Development Fund and found them to be in order and in agreement with the information provided by the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee commends the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer for their diligence in accounting and safeguarding the funds and investments of the Grand Council.

Also accompanying this report is the 2025 proposed budget for the Grand Council and Membership Development. We recommend their approval by the Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,

Matthew D. McGee [43] – Chairman, Michael S. Wright [11], Jon B. Greene [22],

Mathew A. Turner [18, 27] – Ex Officio

COUNCIL BUDGET 2026

| | 2026 Budget |
|--|------------------|
| Income | |
| 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS | |
| 4010 · Oklahoma Per Capita | 6,740.00 |
| 4020 · G. G. Council Assessment | 1,640.00 |
| 4030 · CMMRF Assessment | 674.00 |
| 4050 · DeMolay Donation | 168.50 |
| 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS - Other | |
| Total 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS | 9,222.50 |
| 4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME | |
| 4110 · Perpetual Membership Dividend | 2,440.00 |
| 4120 · Interest Income-Other | 3,142.51 |
| Total 4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME | 5,582.51 |
| 4200 · FEES | |
| 4210 · Degree Fees | 300.00 |
| 4220 · Dispensation Fee | 50.00 |
| 4230 · Reinstatement Fee | 80.00 |
| 4200 · FEES - Other | |
| Total 4200 · FEES | 430.00 |
| 4300 · RESALE | |
| 4310 · Ritual Resale | 25.00 |
| 4320 · Misc. Resale | 0.00 |
| 4300 · RESALE - Other | |
| Total 4300 · RESALE | 25.00 |
| 4600 · MISC INCOME | |
| 4630 · MISC Income | 150.00 |
| 4600 · MISC INCOME - Other | |
| Total 4600 · MISC INCOME | 150.00 |
| Total Income | 15,410.01 |
| Gross Profit | 15,410.01 |
| Expense | |
| 5000 · STAFF | |
| 5010 · Grand Recorder Salary | 5,250.00 |
| 5020 · Payroll Taxes | 450.00 |
| 5030 · Grand Treasurer's Allowance | 200.00 |
| Total 5000 · STAFF | 5,900.00 |
| 5100 · ASSESSMENTS | |
| 5110 · Per Capita - Gen Grand Council | 1,640.00 |
| 5120 · CMMRF Donation | 674.00 |
| 5130 · DeMolay Donation | 300.00 |
| Total 5100 · ASSESSMENTS | 2,614.00 |
| 6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL | |
| 6010-25 · M.I.G.M. Travel - Ragain | 819.94 |
| 6010-26 · M.I.G.M. Travel - Wright | 1,250.00 |
| 6010 · M.I. Grand Master's Travel | |
| 6011 · Grand Recorders Travel | 200.00 |
| 6020 · M.I.G.M. Grand Session Expense | 275.00 |
| 6030 · Grand Sessions Host Expense | 75.00 |
| 6040 · Grand Sessions-GG Council Guest | 1,140.00 |
| 6045 · Grand Sessions-Grand Master | 200.00 |
| 6050 · Grand Sessions-Awards | 200.00 |
| 6060 · Past Gr. Illust Master's Jewel | |
| 6070 · Grand Sessions over/under | 541.57 |
| 6080 · Triennial | |
| 6080-24 · Triennial-2024 | 903.00 |
| 6080-25 · Triennial-2025 | 888.00 |
| 6080-26 · Triennial-2026 | 820.50 |
| 6080 · Triennial - Other | |
| Total 6080 · Triennial | 820.50 |
| 6100 · Other | |
| Total 6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL | 4,272.01 |

COUNCIL BUDGET 2026 - Continued

| | | |
|-------------------|---|-----------|
| | 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE | |
| | 7100 · Rent | |
| | 7110 · Muskogee Storage Rent | 0.00 |
| | 7120 · Drumright Lodge Rent | |
| | 7140 · G.M. Festival Rent | 100.00 |
| | Total 7100 · Rent | 100.00 |
| | 7200 · Telecommunications | |
| | 7210 · Phone and Internet | 75.00 |
| | 7220 · Website | 75.00 |
| | Total 7200 · Telecommunications | 150.00 |
| | 7300 · Office Supplies | |
| | 7310 · General Office Supplies | 40.00 |
| | 7320 · Ink | 60.00 |
| | 7330 · Computer Software | |
| | 7330.1 · QuickBooks | 383.00 |
| | 7330.2 · Microsoft | 33.00 |
| | 7330 · Computer Software - Other | |
| | Total 7330 · Computer Software | 416.00 |
| | 7340 · Office Equipment | 0.00 |
| | 7350 · MMS Online Database | 500.00 |
| | 7300 · Office Supplies - Other | |
| | Total 7300 · Office Supplies | 1,016.00 |
| | 7400 · Printing and Reproduction | |
| | 7410 · Pre Print | 150.00 |
| | 7420 · Proceedings | 15.00 |
| | 7430 · Publications | 0.00 |
| | 7440 · Check Order | 0.00 |
| | 7400 · Printing and Reproduction - Other | 0.00 |
| | Total 7400 · Printing and Reproduction | 165.00 |
| | 7500 · Postage and Delivery | |
| | 7510 · PO Box Rental | 72.00 |
| | 7520 · Stamps | 33.00 |
| | 7500 · Postage and Delivery - Other | |
| | Total 7500 · Postage and Delivery | 105.00 |
| | 7600 · Insurance | |
| | 7610 · Bond Premium | 75.67 |
| | Total 7600 · Insurance | 75.67 |
| | 7700 · Repairs | |
| | 7710 · Computer Repairs | 0.00 |
| | 7720 · Equipment Repairs | 0.00 |
| | 7730 · ATT-Connect Tech | 0.00 |
| | Total 7700 · Repairs | 0.00 |
| | Total 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE | 1,611.67 |
| | 8000 · MISC | |
| | 8010 · Rituals | 0.00 |
| | 8060 · Move Office | |
| | Total 8000 · MISC | 0.00 |
| | 8500 · EDUCATION | |
| | 8510 · Education Course | |
| | 8500 · EDUCATION - Other | |
| | Total 8500 · EDUCATION | |
| | Total Expense | 14,397.68 |
| Net Income | | 1,012.33 |

COUNCIL BUDGET 2026 – MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

| | 2026 Budget |
|--|------------------------|
| Income | |
| 4550 · Membership Development | |
| 4551 · Membership Development Interest | 933.24 |
| 4550 · Membership Development - Other | |
| Total 4550 · Membership Development | <u>933.24</u> |
| Total Income | <u>933.24</u> |
| Gross Profit | <u>933.24</u> |
| Expense | |
| 9000 · MEMBERSHIP | |
| 9010 · Promotional Expense | 500.00 |
| 9020 · DeMolay Sword | 0.00 |
| 9030 · Digitize Proceedings | 100.00 |
| 9040 · Council Ritual Award | <u>200.00</u> |
| Total 9000 · MEMBERSHIP | <u>800.00</u> |
| Total Expense | <u>800.00</u> |
| Net Income | <u>133.24</u> |

2026 GRAND SESSIONS BUDGET

| | 2026 Budget |
|--|------------------------|
| Income | |
| 4700 · GRAND SESSIONS | |
| 4725-1 · Registration Fee | 3,200.00 |
| 4725-2 · KYCH Banquet | 3,300.00 |
| 4725-3 · Friday Lunch | 3,150.00 |
| 4725-4 · Friday Grand Banquet | 5,900.00 |
| 4725-5 · Ladies Program | 760.00 |
| 4725-6 · Room Rental Donation | <u>150.00</u> |
| Total 4700 · GRAND SESSIONS | <u>16,460.00</u> |
| Total Income | <u>16,460.00</u> |
| Gross Profit | <u>16,460.00</u> |
| Expense | |
| 6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL | |
| 6025-24 · 2024 Grand Sessions Expense | |
| 6025 · Grand Sessions Expense | |
| 6026 · Grand Sessions Meals | |
| 6026-1 · KYCH Banquet | 3,040.00 |
| 6026-2 · Friday Lunch | 3,300.00 |
| 6026-3 · Friday Banquet | 5,900.00 |
| 6026-4 · Bartender | <u>200.00</u> |
| Total 6026 · Grand Sessions Meals | <u>12,440.00</u> |
| 6027 · Grand Sessions Room Rental | |
| 6027-1 · Grand JP Room Rental | 127.00 |
| 6027-2 · KYCH / PCA / HRAKP Div Svc | 350.00 |
| 6027-3 · Grand Chapter/Council Meetings | 442.00 |
| 6027-4 · Grand Commandery Meeting | 230.00 |
| 6027-5 · Hospitality | 250.00 |
| 6027-6 · Friday Meeting Room Coffee | 518.61 |
| 6027-7 · Saturday Meeting Room Coffee | 393.96 |
| 6027-8 · A/V Rental | 900.00 |
| 6027-9 · Rental-Other | <u>50.00</u> |
| Total 6027 · Grand Sessions Room Rental | <u>3,261.57</u> |
| 6027.5 · Ladies Program | 1,300.00 |
| 6025 · Grand Sessions Expense - Other | |
| Total 6025 · Grand Sessions Expense | <u>17,001.57</u> |
| Total 6000 · CONFERENCE/TRAVEL | <u>17,001.57</u> |
| Net Income | <u>-541.57</u> |

NOTE: *Any funds budgeted for Grand Master Travel - (2026-2027) not disbursed during 2026 will be carried over to the 2027 budget.

INVESTMENTS

The Investment Committee consists of three members, each elected by the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery, respectively, serving staggered terms. The purpose of the Committee is to offer advice to the Grand Treasurer, who is responsible for the investments of the Grand York Bodies. The Investment Committee will meet at the request of the Grand Treasurer at places and times convenient to the committee members. The agendas for such meetings are typically to review the investment results for the nearest period ending and any other such matters as deemed appropriate by the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee met via Zoom on February 4, 2026. The Committee is of the opinion that the actions of the Grand Treasurer are in accordance with the Investment Policy guidelines of the Grand York Rite Bodies, and thanks the Grand Treasurer for his efforts in managing the investments of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Taylor, Jr., Grand Council Representative 2025-2028

Mathew A. Turner, Grand Commandery Representative 2024-2027

John L. Logan, Grand Chapter Representative 2023-2026

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

ARTICLE 3. Section 1. Committees.

After his election, the Grand Illustrious Master shall appoint the following committees to serve, except as otherwise provided, during his term of office:

e. Committee on Charters and Dispensations. Consisting of three members plus the Grand Principal of the Work as the ex officio member.

Section 2. Duties of Committees.

d. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations. They shall review all returns and reports on the condition of Councils, whether chartered or under dispensation, together with the reports of the Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Recorder thereon, and report its findings and recommendations.

Sadly, we report that Mysterious Nine Council No. 61, Chartered on April 27, 2018, ceased operation and returned their Charter, leaving the State with 13 Councils operating throughout Oklahoma.

During the 2025-2026 term, there were no requests for Charters or Dispensations to organize a new Council, nor were new charters granted. We defer to the Grand Illustrious Master's address and the Committee on Work and Returns for comments on the condition of the Councils.

Further, we believe the statistical information in the Grand Recorders report does not require explanation or any further inquiry regarding dispensations to the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Fraternally,

Robert R. Rolseth [22] – Chairman, James R. Taylor, Jr. [22], Stephen D. Gragg [3], France Reitz, Jr. [2]

Russell N. Davis [11], Michael S. Wright [11], Matthew D. McGee [43, 50] – Ex Officio

TRIENNIAL

The Committee on Triennial consists of three Past Grand Illustrious Masters appointed by the Grand Illustrious Master at the first Stated Assembly following the Triennial Assembly and shall serve the Triennial term. They shall serve from one Triennial until the next.

The duties of the Committee on Triennial are to advise the Grand Council of matters pertaining to the Triennial and make all arrangements for attendance at the Triennial Assembly. They shall perform duties as required by customs and usage.

The 49th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons will be held in our Nation's Capital, Washington, DC, during the year 2026, when America will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the 1776 Declaration of Independence. Please mark your calendar for August 31 & September 1st, 2026. The venue has been selected and is the beautiful and most convenient Capital Hilton in the heart of the city, about a few meters walk from the White House, the Smithsonian and many historical monuments. You should come a few days before and stay a few extra days to visit one of the most unique cities in the world with its rich masonic history and attractions. It will be with much pleasure and great honor to welcome you to Washington, DC, at the end of August 2026 as we gather to celebrate Freemasonry and the York Rite. Detailed information, program, hotel reservation, and registration link will be posted on <https://yrtriennial.org>. Please commit today and reserve your seat as soon as possible. You do not want to miss this fantastic event.

Fraternally submitted:

John L. Logan [48, 52], William J. Cloud [59], Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18]

YORK RITE COORDINATION

The Committee on York Rite Coordination was instituted to coordinate the activities of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma with the Concordant and Appendant Bodies of Freemasonry in Oklahoma. Currently, a Statewide Unity Calendar is prepared each year listing the scheduled Masonic activities of all Bodies across the State. The Committee is vigilant in reviewing the Unity Calendar and responds on behalf of the York Rite Bodies when requested. No actions have come before the Committee this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian M. Ragain [21] – Chairman, Michael S. Wright [11], Matthew D. McGee [43, 50],
Mathew A. Turner [18, 27]

MEMBERSHIP

Greetings Companions,

This past year has been one of renewed energy and meaningful progress. With great pride, we successfully hosted our regional festivals and the annual Grand Masters Festival, moments that continue to strengthen our fellowship and illuminate the path forward.

A review of this year's annual report revealed that 83 Companions were suspended between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025, due to nonpayment of dues. Behind each number is a brother who once believed in this path. We owe it to them, and to ourselves, to ask: *Why did they walk away?*

There are also bright signs of growth. During this year, we:

Greeted 37 new Companions

Reinstated 9 Companions who chose to return to our ranks

These numbers remind us that many are still seeking what we offer: Light, fellowship, and purpose.

We also pause in solemn remembrance of the 47 Companions who were called to the Celestial Lodge above by the Grand Architect of the Universe. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers and honor their memory by carrying the torch of York Rite Masonry forward with renewed resolve.

Companions, this is our moment. Let us inspire one another. Let us reach out to the fallen and the forgotten. Let us extend our hand to those still searching. Oklahoma York Rite is a treasure, and it is our duty to share it.

In closing, I offer my deepest thanks to our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Brian M. Ragain, for the opportunity to serve as State Membership Chairman during his term. His leadership has been a guiding light, and I wish him every success in the journeys yet to come.

Fraternally and faithfully submitted,

John E. Werts [22] - Chairman

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, We, your Custodians of the Work, are pleased to make the following report to the Grand Assembly.

At our 2003 Annual Assembly, a "plain English" version of our adopted ritual was authorized by this Grand Council. In 2022, the Grand Council, acting upon the recommendation of the Grand Illustrious Master, directed the Custodians of the Work to prepare a manuscript of our ritual in "plain English," with limited encoding where appropriate (e.g., passwords, signs, obligations, etc.), suitable for publication and general distribution to our membership. This was accomplished and this new publication of our adopted ritual is available from the Grand Recorder.

In an effort to further encourage our Councils to regularly open their Assemblies in ritualistic form, at our 2024 Annual Assembly the Grand Council established a certification program in which a member can be designated a "Certified Ritualist of the Council" by demonstrating his proficiency in the ritual and floorwork of the opening and closing ceremonies of a Council of Select Masters, excluding the duties of officers, but including the reception of the Grand Illustrious Master and other distinguished visitors. Councils and Companions interested in this certification program should consult Article 3, Section 2(h) of the General Laws of the Grand Council.

To further encourage excellence in our degree conferrals, and acting upon the recommendation of the Grand Illustrious Master, at our 2024 Annual Assembly the Grand Council established a "Ritual Award" to recognize Companions who have excelled in the ritualistic presentation of the Cryptic degrees. Councils and Companions interested in this award should consult Article 7, Section 6 of the General Laws of the Grand Council.

Over the past several years, Schools of Instruction, each under the direction of one of the Custodians or Assistant Custodians of the Work, have been held in most of our constituent Councils. At these Schools, we have concentrated our instruction on the ritual for the opening and closing of a Council and the reception of visitors. In a few of the Councils, the Companions have requested that we also provide instruction in the ritual of one or more of the Council degrees.

We wish to remind our constituent Councils that they should be regularly opening their Assemblies in ritualistic form as called for in Article 10, Section 16 of the General Laws of this Grand Council. The Custodians and Assistant Custodians of the Work are prepared to assist our Councils in this effort in any way necessary. It is our hope that, in the future, we will be able to hold a School of Instruction in each constituent Council at least once every two years.

Fraternally submitted,

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18] – Chairman, John L. Logan [48, 52], James R. Taylor, Jr. [22]

EDUCATION

The Committee on Education continues to encourage our Councils to make education an integral part of their Stated Assemblies and, in an effort to foster this endeavor, has in recent years produced and made available Cryptic educational resources to both our Councils and members.

The *Cryptic Masonry Education Course* covers the history and symbolism of the three Council degrees and provides an excellent source of material for individual or group study. The *Lessons on Cryptic Masonry* are twenty-four lessons which are drawn from the *Cryptic Masonry Education Course*, the Ritual of the Grand Council, and the Bible and are specifically designed to enable presentation, participation, and discussion as a group during Council meetings. During 2021, a copy of the *Cryptic Masonry Education Course* and a copy of the *Lessons on Cryptic Masonry* were distributed to each of our Councils.

During 2021 and 2022, the Committee on Education published a monthly education e-newsletter, which drew heavily from the two publications mentioned above, along with additional material from Masonic monitors, encyclopedias, and periodicals. Also included were relevant video presentations and links to even more information about that month's topic. After the release of the twenty-fourth and final edition of this monthly e-newsletter in January 2023, all of the previously released editions were assembled into a single website, with links to each of the twenty-four topics covered. This website may be found at: <https://okyorkrite.com/>

We urge our Councils and members to utilize these plentiful resources and make Cryptic education an integral part of their Masonic experience.

Fraternally submitted,

Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. [18] – Chairman, Robert G. Davis [50], Timothy P. Israel [25, 33]

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

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 to better focus and coordinate Oklahoma Freemasonry's institutional giving. 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 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 full-time staff working in the Edmond office under John L. Logan, Executive Director. The following officers were elected to serve in 2026:

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| President | Jack L. Painter |
| 1st VP | John D. Church |
| 2nd VP | Preston L. Doerflinger |
| Treasurer | L. Clay Stuart |
| Secretary | Robert G. Davis |
| Assistant Secretary | John L. Logan |

2025 PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The financials for the period ending December 31, 2025, were reviewed. The consolidated statement of the main Foundation, Woody, and Education fund lists Total Assets of \$115,446,711.52, with General Funds totaling \$23,535,477.67. Endowments for all funds total \$91,911,233.85.

The year-to-date Statement of Support, Revenue, and Expenditures presents Total Revenues of \$16,644,620.82, including Unrealized investment gains of \$5,179,120.25, Realized Investment gains of \$8,028,167.12, and Total Revenue of \$16,644,620.82. Expenditures for 2025 were \$6,367,637.78. The Net Increase for 2025 was \$10,276,983.04

The Defined Benefit Plan assets total \$3,666,839.20. Total Revenue for 2025 was \$483,026.21. Net increase in the plan year for 2025 was \$281,680.43.

PROGRAM REVIEW

The Foundation staff gave an update on the following Masonic Charity Foundation programs:

MATCHING FUNDS

- Total Matching Funds Program use as of December 31, 2025, = \$1,026,145.33
- Community Matching = \$917,155.09
- Promises Matter Matching = \$87,643.74
- Matching Funds applications processed = 1,036
- # of Applications for Promises Matter Matching Purpose = 86
- Matching Funds Applications denied = 32
- # of Lodges using the program in 2024 = 195
- # of Lodges using the program in 2025 = 173

PROMISES MATTER GRANTS

- # of Grants issued = 18
- # of Lodges using the program in 2025 = 12
- # of Chapters using the program in 2025 = 2
- Emergency grants issued = 13
- Average grant amount = \$2,513.74
- The average age of grant recipients = 62
- Total Promises Matter Grants issued during 2025 = \$45,247.29

- Total # of grants issues since inception = 715
- Total amount of grants since inception = \$2,069,608.23

MASONRY IN ACTION AWARD

The Masonry in Action Award was first presented in 2013 to recognize lodges that impact their communities by utilizing Foundation programs. In 2025, Creekmore Lodge 74 was recognized as the small lodge Masonry In Action Winner, and Owasso Lodge 545 was recognized as the large lodge Masonry In Action Winner. Both lodges were presented with trophies at the Grand Lodge Session.

- Owasso Lodge 545 presented their winning \$5,000 grant to STEP Survival Foundation.
- Creekmore Lodge 74 split their winning \$5,000 grant between Madill City County Library (\$2,500) and Madill High School Band (\$2,500).

PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS

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

Partners in Prevention is a partnership with **Vizavance**. Lodges statewide sponsor vision and glaucoma screenings, targeting the young and the elderly. In December, Vizavance celebrated its 6 millionth child vision screening. The Foundation will provide \$300,000 to cover the program's 2026 ongoing costs. Since the partnership's inception in 1986, the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma has granted them \$5,909,078. One Mission Advancing Children's Education Through Better Vision!

Food Bank

Since 2011, the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma has supported Food for Kids Programs at the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, to cover all 77 counties in the State. Support for Senior Food Programs began in 2019.

The Masonic Food for Kids campaign runs from August 1 through October 15. This statewide effort combines the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma, and KOTV Channel 6 in Tulsa and KOCO Channel 5 in Oklahoma City. Food for Kids is one of three statewide projects that aim to enhance the Fraternity's image while supporting a significant charitable or educational purpose.

Total Support for the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma = \$558,149.13 (serves 24 counties)

Total Support for the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma = \$975,300.37 (serves 53 counties)

OETA

OETA is Oklahoma's public broadcasting station. It is one of three statewide projects that aim to enhance the Fraternity's image while supporting a significant charitable or educational purpose. Since 1994, the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma has granted OETA \$1,376,412.50.

Disaster Appeals

There were two Disaster Appeals from the Masonic Service Association in 2025. One for flooding in Kentucky and the other for wildfires in California. The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma contributed \$1,000 to each appeal.

Education

Our support for public education was demonstrated in seven statewide programs.

1. **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

\$7,500 check, and each of the eleven finalists receives \$1,500. Each local Teacher of the Year receives a certificate of appreciation.

2. Student of Today & Teacher of Today

- Total # of certificates issued for Student of Today = 1,894
- Total # of certificates issued for Teacher of Today = 660
- Participating schools = 587
- 141 of 194 Lodges participated

3. Oklahoma Alliance for Arts Education honors the fifty top high school seniors in our State's visual and performing arts. Also, the leading school administrators and board members are honored during a prestigious formal reception at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple. The students are presented with a medallion by the Grand Master and members of the Alliance's leadership. The next event will be held on April 21, 2026.

4. The Payne Education Center is a nonprofit organization established in 1984. Since 1996, the Foundation has supported the Payne Education Center's Reading Readiness program, which trains kindergarten and transitional 1st-grade teachers by providing scholarships for advanced reading techniques. In 2025, \$225,000 was provided, with \$200,000 allocated for teacher scholarships and \$25,000 to support their Digital Phonics Program.

5. The Youth Scholarship Program- as of 1/21/2026

- 3 students graduated - Fall 2025
- 1 student did not submit a transcript Fall 2025
- 3 students disqualified - GPA below 3.0 requirement - Spring 2026
- 1 student did not return for the Spring 2026 term
- 6 students haven't submitted the required documentation for Spring 2026
- 39 scholarships paid for the Spring 2026 term

The 2025-2026 scholarship program awarded 53 \$4,000 scholarships to 23 Youth Order members and 29 Children/Grandchildren of Master Masons. The 2026 budget includes authorizing 62 scholarships at \$4,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.

6. The Senior Essay Contest was launched in 1966 in support of education. Writing teaches critical thinking skills. The essay contest is open to all seniors in Oklahoma public schools. The Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma sponsors it as part of its continuing commitment to education. Cash prizes range from \$2,000 for 1st place to \$200 for 15th place. Also, a \$5,000 grant will be made to the 1st place winner's high school. For the 2025 – 2026 contests, 529 seniors entered. A total of \$13,700 was awarded to the 15 statewide winners, and a \$5,000 grant to the school of the statewide first-place winner. Certificates for presentation to the local division winners of 62 high schools sponsored by 54 Lodges will be provided to the local Lodge.

7. Winter Holiday Card Visual Arts Contest – as of 1/21/2026

The winning designs of the 2025-2026 school year contest were used as the 2025 Holiday Cards for the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma.

Virtual Artwork received to date: PK-2nd Grade 16, 3rd-5th Grade 27, 6th-8th Grade 16, 9th-11th Grade 35, Seniors 20, for a total of 114 submissions.

Senior Assistance Program- Through an agreement with the Oklahoma Area Agencies on Aging, a Department of Human Services division, \$680,607 was given in December 2025 to assist needy Oklahomans aged 55 and over with services not covered by existing government programs during the calendar year 2026. Since the program's inception in 2007, the Foundation, in the name of the Edgar M. Woody Fund for the

Aged, has donated \$13,671,510 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.

CHARITABLE GRANTS

In addition to partnerships with other charitable organizations and agencies, the Masonic Charity Foundation makes several grants each year to support Public Education, Public Wellness, and Public Charities. Some highlights of 2025 grantmaking are:

- Hearts for Hearing provides audiology and speech pathology services in a unique one-stop setting for children with hearing loss. Charitable services for young children help them learn to speak, connect with the world, and become self-sufficient members of their families and communities. A \$1,000,000 commitment from the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma to the building expansion effort was completed in 2025.
- The Cavett Kids Foundation helps children with terminal or chronic illnesses thrive by using camp experiences to build character, coping skills, and connection. Camps are provided for kids of every age who may be dealing with heart issues, cancer, or other disorders. Masonic charity's \$25,000 camp funding in 2026 will provide two of Cavett's highest-level camp experiences throughout the year.
- The YMCA Military Welcome Center at Will Rogers International Airport provides a safe location for military personnel to rest, access mail and telephone services, find refreshments, and prepare for the journey onward. The Masonic Charity Foundation provided \$18,000 to support the facility's operations in 2026.

SUPPORT OF MASONIC GROUPS

- Each year, the Masonic Charity Foundation supports a charitable or educational cause or project of the Grand Master's choice. In 2025, a \$12,000 grant was provided to the Eastern OK Food Bank and the Regional Food Bank of OK.
- Masonic Charity supports Masonic youth orders! In addition, \$36,396 in Matching Funds was provided to local DeMolay, Rainbow, and Job's Daughters in 2025. Scholarships of \$4,000 to youth order members and \$10,000 to each youth order's state-level trust to support ongoing programming and scholarships.
- Each year, the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma contributes to the programming of several national Masonic organizations:
 - Gifts totaling \$1 per Oklahoma member are made by the Masonic Charity Foundation every year to support the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.
 - An annual gift of \$1,500 is made to the Masonic Information Center, an organization operating under the Masonic Service Association of North America that publicly provides information on Freemasons and responds to Freemasonry's critics.
 - The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma supports *every* Masonic Services Association of North America plea for disaster support with a \$1,000 donation.
 - Masonic Charity Foundation also provides annual contributions of \$4,000 to the Masonic Service Association of North America's Hospital Visitation Program, making Oklahoma's support of this program competitive nationally.

Foundation Activities

Additional information can also be found at the Foundation's website, www.mcfok.org. We also try to share positive stories regarding Masonic activities on Facebook.

It has been a great honor to serve as a Masonic Charity Foundation board member, and I thank the members for the opportunity to do this important work.

Respectfully submitted,
John D. Allford [3]

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL

The Grand Master's Festival was held in Norman, Oklahoma on July 26, 2025. At the festival, 31 Companions were Greeted as Select Masters. We want to thank Norman Council 27 for hosting the festival and for all their hard work. The Committee extends appreciation to the Royal Master Degree team and the Select Master Degree team. They are to be commended for the excellent work exemplified at the festival.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew D. McGee [43, 50]- Chairman

SOUTH-CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The South Central conference was held in League City, Texas, on September 19-20, 2025. R.:I.:C.: Mike Wright brought greetings on behalf of the Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma. The 2026 South Central conference will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, on September 18-19, 2026. More information can be found on the South Central website, <https://southcentralyr.org/>

Fraternally Submitted,
Brian M. Ragain [21] – Chairman, Mark K. McFadden [2], Michael S. Wright [11], Jon B. Greene [22]

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS

The Northeast Oklahoma Regional Council Festival was held on February 7, 2026, at East Gate Masonic Center in Tulsa. 10 Companions were Greeted at this event. The Central Oklahoma Regional Council Festival was held on February 28, 2026, at the Oklahoma City Masonic Lodge No. 36. 8 new Companions were Greeted at this event. We want to thank the Companions of Tulsa Council No. 22 and Alpha Council No. 18 for hosting the festivals and all their hard work and dedication to ensuring a successful event.

The committee commends all the Companions who dedicated their time and effort to help promote Cryptic Masonry in Oklahoma, both locally and statewide. The Regional Chapter Degree Festival Committee is always ready to assist the local Councils in any way possible to ensure a successful & educational event for our newest Royal and Select Masters of Oklahoma.

Respectfully submitted,
Mathew A. Turner [18, 27] - Chairman

NECROLOGY

Companions, once more, that great Luminary has made its complete sweep of the earth, and another year has come and gone. And taking with it a number of Brethren who have laid down the working tools of this world and passed on into that next world made not with hands eternal in the Heavens. They are now in that peaceful rest awaiting the scene to unfold and take them into a boundless eternity. We know not what tomorrow brings, but we know who brings tomorrow.

Fraternally,

Truman L. "Lavern" Ragain, Jr. [21]

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

The Membership Enhancement Committee is a Special Committee of the Grand Council of Oklahoma whose purpose is to assist the Membership Committee, upon request, in improving the York Rite experience for new companions and members in general. The Membership Committee has not asked for our assistance in this regard during this Cryptic Council year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael S. Wright [11]

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

The Digital Technologies Committee has been hard at work this year, doing our best to keep the information on the website as up to date as possible. The Grand Recorder has put most of the forms our Recorders need online. Also, all award forms have been posted online. These forms are in the "downloads" section on the website. The Grand Recorder has also updated the calendar with all Council Assembly dates and times. If you see any errors in the calendar, please email the Grand Recorder as soon as possible for correction.

Fraternally and Respectfully submitted,

Jon B. Greene [22] - Chairman, John R. Christopher [48], Daniel D. Hanttula [27, 61]

CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) was incorporated on March 6, 1986, through the efforts of the General Grand Master Ben Mandelbaum (OK). Under Dr. Michael Murphy's direction, the CMMRF funds research at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis through the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine (ICVBM) and the Richard Roudebush Veterans' Administration Medical Center. The CMMRF Executive Director since 2012 is Gary G. Wyne, PMIGM of Indiana.

The ICVBM is committed to being a leader in basic and applied research to understand vascular wellness and disease, and to develop leading-edge medical therapies to improve the care of patients with vascular problems. Our most recent medical breakthrough came this year in our stem cell therapy for Peripheral Artery Disease. The Marrow Stim device (now available through Zimmer BioMet), which extracts bone marrow and reinjects stem cells into areas needing blood vessel regeneration, was moved from the experimental phase to actual treatment by your vascular surgeon. This means that your donations have

been used to create a new treatment option available to anyone! The American Heart Association set forth to reduce the number of amputations by 20% before 2030, and this could very well be the way it is accomplished! Well done, Companions!

Through your continued donations, CMMRF has funded and continues to fund research and treatment through stem cell therapy, which has resulted in medical breakthroughs in the treatment of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Type 1 Diabetes, Cancer, Peripheral Artery Disease, Heart Disease, Stroke, and many other associated illnesses and diseases. CMMRF focuses explicitly on the regeneration and repair of blood vessels through stem cells, especially in the areas of Peripheral Artery Disease and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm. By repurposing the body's own stem cells, or by using stem cells from an adult donor, CMMRF is proving that these disease processes can begin to be reversed in as little as one treatment.

Nationally, donations to CMMRF in 2025 totaled \$311,056.34. Oklahoma's giving of \$4913 was a decrease of \$1,610 from the previous year. Donations made by Oklahoma's Companions ranked 16th in 2025 compared to other jurisdictions.

- "The Bernard F. Mandelbaum Award recognizes the local Council credited with the largest dollar contribution in the preceding calendar year. Most Puissant Companion Mandelbaum was Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Oklahoma from 1962 to 1963. He served as General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International from 1984-1987." Lawton Council #21 was awarded this distinction for 2025, with a total donation of \$1,757.
- "The Robert W. Hill Award recognizes the local Council credited for the largest average contribution per member in the preceding calendar year. Most Illustrious Companion Hill was the first Grand Illustrious Master of Indian Territory, serving from 1895 to 1896. He was a member of Oklahoma Council No. 1, Atoka, Indian Territory." Lawton Council #21 raised \$15.55 per member in 2025. Woodward continues to be one of the biggest contributors every year, but this year, they were edged out by Lawton.

Each Oklahoma Council is encouraged to hold at least one fundraising event each year to benefit this worthy cause and to participate in CMMRF Month during the month of March. We ask for a \$100 donation from each Council for CMMRF Month. More information can be found at CMMRF.org or CrypticMasons.org. Lawton #21, Tulsa #22, Bernard #43, Guthrie #48, Stillwater #50, and Woodward #52 have met these requirements in 2024. Thank you!

With your continued support, CMMRF will be the most discussed, fastest growing, and perhaps the best suited charity to deal with the health problems of Cryptic Masons.

CMMRF 2025 Annual Report on Oklahoma Council Contributions

| No. | Council | 2025 Members | CMMRF Contribution by Council | Additional Contribution (Members) | Total Contribution | Ave. Per Member Donation |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2 | Muskogee | 97 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 3 | Union | 79 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 11 | Ardmore | 62 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 18 | Alpha | 216 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 21 | Lawton | 113 | \$ | \$1757 | \$1757 | \$15.55 |
| 22 | Tulsa | 170 | \$ | \$420 | \$420 | \$ |
| 25 | Elk City | 49 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 27 | Norman | 88 | \$ | \$10 | \$10 | \$0.88 |
| 41 | Bartlesville | 20 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 43 | Bernard | 45 | \$ | \$300 | \$300 | \$6.67 |
| 48 | Guthrie | 64 | \$ | \$161 | \$161 | \$2.52 |
| 50 | Stillwater | 51 | \$ | \$265 | \$265 | \$5.20 |
| 52 | Woodward | 31 | \$ | \$300 | \$300 | \$9.67 |
| 61 | Mysterious Nine | 17 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| | Past Grand High Priest's Association | | \$ | \$ | \$2000 | \$1.81 |
| | Grand Council | | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Totals | | 1102 | \$ | \$2913 | \$4913 | \$4.46 |

Fraternally submitted,
 Kevin P. Bardy [50] – Chairman, John D. Church [18], John L. Logan [48, 52], Larry D. White [22]

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

Our Annual Communications are being held once again at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Oklahoma City Northwest. Should you have any questions about our accommodation, meeting rooms, or meals, don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Time & Place team, and we will do our best to make it right.

We contracted to use this facility for our 2025, 2026, and 2027 Annual Meetings. We've been very pleased with the service, and I have presented your Grand Officers a contract for 2028 at this same facility – giving us a two-year cushion. I trust they – and you – will approve.

Continuing to hold our annual meeting at a hotel/convention center depends on taking sufficient hotel room nights to keep the hotel interested. As a smaller event, with a specific proscribed calendar date for our annual meeting, it remains a struggle each year to locate a convenient and professional hotel/convention center to take on our contract.

What can you do to help? Stay at the hotel at least one night – and if possible two. Spend time with your Companions and Sir Knights. Enjoy the hospitality of being in Oklahoma City, with its myriads of activities. Or remain Saturday night after Grand Commandery's meeting and relax.

Staying at the hotel not only allows us to satisfy our requirements but also allows us to spend time together beyond the proscribed requirements for the annual meeting.

Fraternally

Bradley S. Rickelman [50] – Chairman, Brian A. Buswell [18], Robert W. McLeod [22], Jon B. Greene [22] Ex Officio

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma and our Distinguished Guests:

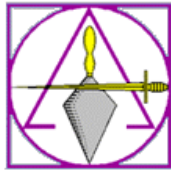
We are pleased with the arrangements for our Annual Sessions and commend the Time and Place Committee, the Grand Recorder, and all who helped for their hard work and planning to make this a successful meeting.

To our Most Illustrious Grand Master, whose responsibility is to plan our Grand Sessions, in cooperation with the other presiding Grand Officers, we commend you on a job well done. We thank you for this Grand Session.

Fraternally submitted,

James R. Taylor, Jr. [22] - Chairman

Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma



**Minutes of the 80th Annual Assembly held at Stillwater, Oklahoma.
August 16, 2025**

Thrice Illustrious Master Robert R. Rolseth opened the 80th Annual Assembly of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma at 10:30 a.m. with thirty-three members and seven candidates present.

Officers present were:

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| Thrice Illustrious Master | Robert R. Rolseth |
| Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden | Kenton M. Israel |
| Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden | Larry D. White, PTIM (Pro – Tem) |
| Thrice Illustrious Registrar-Treasurer | James R. Taylor, Jr., PTIM |
| Thrice Illustrious Steward | Michael S. Wright |
| Thrice Illustrious Sentinel | Jon Greene |

The petitions of the following seven candidates were read. It was moved, second, and approved that the candidates be elected to receive the Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master.

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| Russell Neal Davis | Ardmore No. 11 |
| Christopher J P Smith | Lawton No. 21 |
| Michael Logan Bryant | Tulsa No. 22 |
| William Joseph Foster | Bartlesville No. 41 |
| William Patrick Donovan | Bernard No. 43 |
| Christopher Ron Mallow | Guthrie No. 48 |
| Donnie L. Patrick | Woodward No. 52 |

All the candidates were received, duly anointed, and acknowledged recipients of the Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master, making them members of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma.

The Degree was conferred by the following degree team:

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| Thrice Illustrious Master (King David) | Donnie G. Higginbotham |
| Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden | Brian M. Ragain |
| Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden | Mathew A. Turner |
| Thrice Illustrious Steward | Truman L. Ragain, Jr. |
| Thrice Illustrious Sentinel | Jon B. Greene (Pro – Tem) |

The new members were presented with their member jewels, certificates, and wallet cards.

The Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma present were introduced: Robert G. Davis (2009-10), Donnie G. Higginbotham (2011-12), Timothy P. Israel (2013-14), Matthew D. McGee (2014-15), James R. Taylor, Jr. (2016-17), Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. (2019-20), Larry D. White (2020-2021), James D. Nobles (2021-22), Mathew A. Turner (2022-2023), and John R. Christopher (2023-24).

A memorial service for the following Thrice Illustrious Masters was held: Robert E. Goode, Ralph Eugene Perona, Gerald Ray Stegall, and Roy L. Smith.

The minutes of August 17, 2024, Annual Assembly and Treasurer's report were approved as distributed with the meeting summons.

It was moved, second, and approved to donate \$50.00 to Frontier Lodge No. 48, A.F. & A.M., for the use of the building.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to allow the Registrar-Treasurer to pay all necessary Council expenses that may occur before the next Annual Assembly.

The annual election of officers for the 2025-2026 year was then held.

The nominating committee recommended that the 2024-2025 officers be advanced one station, with the exception that the Registrar-Treasurer is retained, and that Justin M. McGee is elected Sentinel.

It was moved, second, and approved to accept the report of the nominating committee, with no further nominations.

M.: I.: Companion Brian M. Ragain, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, was introduced and afforded the public grand honors. M.: I.: Companion Ragain introduced the Grand Council Officers and Past Illustrious Grand Masters present.

M.: I.: Companion Ragain then installed the officers of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma.

Officers for the 2025-2026 year are as follows:

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| Thrice Illustrious Master | Kenton M. Israel |
| Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden | Mark K. McFadden |
| Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden | Michael S. Wright |
| Thrice Illustrious Registrar-Treasurer | James R. Taylor, Jr., PTIM |
| Thrice Illustrious Steward | Jon B. Greene |
| Thrice Illustrious Sentinel | Justin M. McGee |

Thrice Illustrious Master Kenton M. Israel presented a Past Thrice Illustrious Master jewel to outgoing Thrice Illustrious Master Robert R. Rolseth.

It was announced the 81st Annual Assembly is scheduled for August 15, 2026, at Frontier Lodge No. 48, in Stillwater.

Thrice Illustrious Master Israel made closing comments, and there being no further business to come before the Assembly, it was closed in due form at 11:30 a.m.

James R. Taylor, Jr.
Registrar-Treasurer

Robert R. Rolseth
Thrice Illustrious Master

Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma
Treasurer Report - 08-16-25

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| Cash on Deposit, Arvest Bank | | |
| Checking Account Balance 07/31/24 | | \$2,697.42 |
| Deposits: | | |
| Candidate Fees | \$400.00 | |
| OST Jewel Sales | <u>0.00</u> | \$ 400.00 |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Frontier Lodge No. 48 (Facility Use) | <u>\$ 50.00</u> | <u>50.00</u> |
| Checking Account Balance 07/31/25 | | <u><u>\$3,047.42</u></u> |

**Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Oklahoma
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters**

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|-----------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| 1944-1949 | Clarence Brain* | 2012-2013 | Troy E. Shipman* |
| 1949-1963 | W. King Larrimore* | 2013-2014 | Timothy P. Israel |
| 1963-1964 | William H. Powell* | 2014-2015 | Matthew D. McGee |
| 1964-1965 | Hayward H. Skaggs* | 2015-2016 | Andrew B. Palmer |
| 1965-1966 | John C. Barnard* | 2016-2017 | James R. Taylor, Jr. |
| 1966-1967 | Ansel M. Crowder* | 2017-2018 | William J. Cloud |
| 1967-1968 | Lewis H. Wheeler* | 2018-2019 | William H. Pearce |
| 1968-1969 | Wilbert B. Boggs* | 2019-2020 | Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. |
| 1969-1970 | Cleo A. Walton* | 2020-2021 | Larry D. White |
| 1970-1971 | Oscar W. Swanson* | 2021-2022 | James D. Nobles |
| 1971-1973 | Kenneth M. Blakley* | 2022-2023 | Mathew A. Turner |
| 1973-1976 | Robert E. Fielden* | 2023-2024 | John R. Christopher |
| 1976-1979 | John W. Steward* | 2024-2025 | Robert R. Rolseth |
| 1979-1982 | Herbert O. Nelson* | | |
| 1982-1985 | Carl R. Burrows* | | |
| 1985-1986 | James C. Taylor* | | |
| 1986-1987 | John C. Shanklin* | | |
| 1987-1988 | Barry C. Spradling* | | |
| 1988-1989 | Eugene Smith* | | |
| 1989-1990 | Donald M. Keiser* | | |
| 1990-1991 | O. Ray Harrington* | | |
| 1991-1992 | Ralph L. Tucker* | | |
| 1992-1993 | Don L. Turley* | | |
| 1993-1994 | Donald W. Rimmer* | | |
| 1994-1995 | Donald H. Haralson* | | |
| 1995-1996 | Rex L. Bowen* | | |
| 1996-1997 | Glenn Tuttle* | | |
| 1997-1998 | Elwood M. Isaacs* | | |
| 1998-1999 | Jack L. Sterett* | | |
| 1999-2000 | David A. Ray | | |
| 2000-2001 | Earl L. Berryman, Jr.* | | |
| 2001-2002 | Paul G. Watkins* | | |
| 2002-2003 | Monte G. Hendrix* | | |
| 2003-2004 | Gary D. Rodriguez* | | |
| 2004-2005 | Willis L. Emerson* | | |
| 2005-2006 | Bobby L. Carter* | | |
| 2006-2007 | John D. Miller, Jr.* | | |
| 2007-2008 | James E. Smyrl* | | |
| 2008-2009 | William D. Williams* | | |
| 2009-2010 | Robert G. Davis | | |
| 2010-2011 | James W. Mahan* | | |
| 2011-2012 | Donnie G. Higginbotham | | |

* Deceased

RESOLUTION NO. 1a

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

WHEREAS: Multiple Councils meet on the third or fourth week of the month of December, which conflicts with holiday events, thus causing those Councils to potentially apply for and purchase a Dispensation to hold their Election of Officers out-of-time.

WHEREAS: This change would make it much easier for our local Councils to schedule and hold their elections and to plan high-quality installation programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 9, Chartered Councils

Section 1. Elections, Council Officers, and Members.

The officers of a Council shall be the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder and Captain of the Guard who shall be elected at the first Stated Assembly in December of each year.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 10, Chartered Councils

Section 1. Elections, Council Officers, and Members.

The officers of a Council shall be the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder, and Captain of the Guard, who shall each year be elected at a designated Stated Assembly in November or December, which shall be provided for in the by-laws.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark K. McFadden [2]
Jon B. Greene [22]

RESOLUTION NO. 1b

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA:

WHEREAS: Multiple Councils meet on the third or fourth week of the month of December, which conflicts with holiday events, thus causing those Councils to potentially apply for and purchase a Dispensation to hold their Election of Officers out-of-time.

WHEREAS: This change would make it much easier for our local Councils to schedule and hold their elections and to plan high-quality installation programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE 9, Chartered Councils

Section 16. Assemblies.

The stated Assembly of a Council shall be at the time and place specified in its by-laws. The Council shall be opened in due form (ritualistic form) for a minimum of four (4) stated Assemblies annually, including the one in December for the annual election, which shall be provided for in the by-laws.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 10, Chartered Councils

Section 16. Assemblies.

The stated Assembly of a Council shall be at the time and place specified in its by-laws. The Council shall be opened in due form (ritualistic form) for a minimum of four (4) stated Assemblies annually, including the one during which the annual election is held, which shall be provided for in the by-laws.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark K. McFadden [2]
Jon B. Greene [22]

RESOLUTION NO. 2

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA

WHEREAS: ARTICLE 5 Financial Revenues provides

Section 1. Financial Revenues

Each Council shall pay to the Grand Chapter fees and dues as follows:

- a. Each chartered Council shall pay Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to the Grand Council for each member in the database on the 30th day of December, plus any assessment now levied, or hereafter levied by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, for its use, except as hereinafter provided.
 - 1) There shall be an assessment in the amount of, One Dollar (\$1.00) for each name borne on the rolls, except those members who purchased perpetual memberships prior to April 25, 1990, as an annual contribution to the Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation, Inc., which donation is tax deductible to the member, for the use and promotion of our philanthropy.
 - 2) There shall be an assessment in the amount of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per member, for each name borne on the rolls, except those members who purchased perpetual memberships prior to April 9, 2005, as an annual contribution to the DeMolay, which donation is tax deductible to the member, for the use and promotion of the DeMolay

WHEREAS: I feel that raising the fee to \$1.00 is a small charge that can make a big difference to the membership of DeMolay.

WHEREAS (2nd reason): In today's age, the cost for everything, including basic operations have steadily increased. The increase will help the chapters run strong, meaningful programs.

WHEREAS (3rd reason): I believe that DeMolay is the future of Freemasonry, and this increase will show our support for them more effectively and invest in the future of their organization, while keeping the costs affordable for each Council to absorb.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE 5. Section 1.a. 2. Financial Reviews: be amended to reflect the following changes:

Section 1. Financial Revenues

2) There shall be an assessment in the amount of ~~twenty-five cents (\$0.25)~~ **one Dollar (\$1.00)** per member, for each name borne on the rolls, except those members who purchased perpetual memberships prior to April 24, 2026, as an annual contribution to the DeMolay, which donation is tax-deductible to the member, for the use and promotion of the DeMolay

(This resolution strikes the amount of donation to Oklahoma DeMolay of \$0.25 and inserts the increased sum of "one dollar (\$1.00) and exempts perpetuals purchased before this resolution takes effect.)

Faithfully Submitted,
Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [27]

RESOLUTION NO. 3

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF OKLAHOMA

WHEREAS: ARTICLE 9 Chartered Councils provides

Section 14. Status of Member of Extinct Councils.

When the charter of a Council shall have been surrendered or arrested, the members thereof in good standing shall be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Recorder without charge. A suspended member of such Council may, upon payment of Five Dollars (\$5.00), be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Recorder.

WHEREAS: I feel that, with the decline in membership, we need a Holding Council to provide our members with a home when their Council is closed.

WHEREAS (2nd reason): With the possibility of Councils becoming regionalized due to a decline in membership, this Holding Council will give a member a home if the next nearest Council is not within a reasonable driving distance for them to be an active member within, and may help deter a member from demitting from the Council.

WHEREAS (3rd reason): The excess above per capita will go to the Grand Recorder to assist him with any extra financial expenses incurred with operating Holding Council 00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE 9. Section 14. Status of Member of Extinct Council: be amended to reflect the following changes:

Section 14. Status of Member of Extinct Council

- a. When the charter of a Council shall have been surrendered or arrested, the members thereof in good standing shall be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Recorder without charge. A suspended member of such Council may, upon payment of Five Dollars (\$5.00), be entitled to a Certificate of Good Standing from the Grand Recorder.
- b. A special Constituent Council to be known as Holding Council No. 00 shall be chartered. It shall serve as an at-large holding council for the Grand Council Jurisdiction of Oklahoma for those Companions whose original Constituent Council may have ceased to be active. The Grand Officers of the Grand Council shall be the ex officio officers of Holding Council No. 00, and the official office of Holding Council No. 00 shall be the same as that of the Grand Recorder. Holding Council No. 00 shall not be entitled to a vote at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, but Past Illustrious Masters assigned to it shall remain voting members of the Grand Council. The Grand Illustrious Master is empowered to transfer members of Inactive Constituent Councils to membership in Holding Council No. 00. The annual dues of Holding Council 00 shall be \$40.00 plus the annual per capita charged by Oklahoma Grand Council. The excess after the Grand Council per capita is to be used by the Grand Recorder for administrative expenses.

(This resolution creates subsection a. and then subsection b., the creation of a Holding Council to be numbered 00)

Faithfully Submitted,

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., [27]