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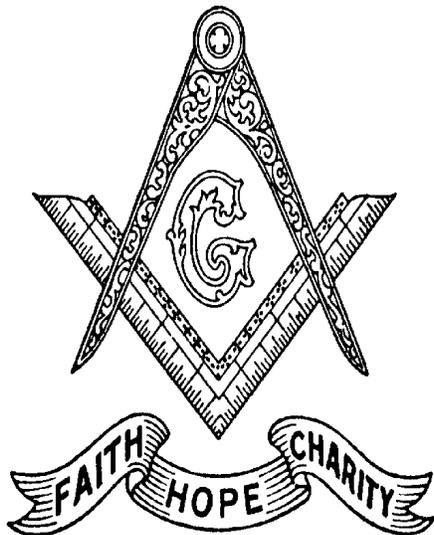
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2005 OFFICERS

*Worshipful Master ----- Keith Phillips
 Senior Warden ----- Jack Jones, II
 Junior Warden ----- Brandon Gosdin
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 Secretary ----- Danny Barnett
 Senior Deacon ----- Stephen Smithers
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 Senior Steward ----- Chris Young
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 Chaplain ----- Gary Allen
 Tyler ----- Bob Williams*



FROM THE EAST



I would like to give a big thank you to the members of Lone Grove Lodge #25 for their support in electing me Worshipful Master for a second term. We will have several practice sessions and schools during the year and also, a Fundraising Committee has been appointed to implement more events to monetarily boost our Lodge Charity Account and enhance partnership fundraisers within the community. Our stated meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, at 7:30 PM., practices or degrees are on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays, at 7:00 PM. and Friends and Family Night on the 5th Thursdays at 6:00 PM. I personally and fraternally thank RW: Charlie Dick DGM, W: Walt (BigFoot) Pettis, and DGL: Buddy Mackey for installing our officers for 2006. Our Grand Lodge has appointed me as 2006 District Instructor for Districts #36 & 38. I will be visiting each Lodge in these districts throughout the year and DGL: Buddy Mackey and I will be glad to assist in instruction and degrees. May we all have a safe, happy and peaceful New Year.
~ KEITH PHILLIPS ~
Worshipful Master

2006 Lone Grove Masonic Lodge #25
Fundraiser Committee:
Chairman ~ Brother Neil Stitt
Member ~ Brother Danny Barnett
Member ~ Brother Chris Young

Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that heareth my word,
and believeth on him that
sent me, hath ever-lasting life,
and shall not come into
condemnation; but is passed
from death unto life.
JOHN 5~24

God Bless America

Pictured below is Past Master Ted Pruitt receiving the 1st Lone Grove Lodge #25 Medal of Honor from officers and members. Brother Ted was sincerely appreciative and thanks all members for the award.



Brother Ted, Sister Iris and family, are going through some rough times of late. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

There are loyal hearts,
there are spirits brave,
There are souls that
are pure and true,
Then give to the world the
best you have, and the
best will come back to you.

DO-GOODERS!

There is the incident of the Irish cop who stopped a car full of Shriners for speeding. When he saw that they were wearing fezes he said, "Oh! Your Shriners are you. Then I will let you off this time because they do a lot of good. BUT if you were Masons, I' d run you all in."
~ BRO. THURMAN D. BELVIN ~

Freemasonry is an establishment founded on the benevolent intention of extending and conferring mutual happiness upon the best and truest principals of moral life and social virtue. ~ CALCOTT ~

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



There seems to be a lot of enthusiasm and excitement among the officers and members of our Lodge. Several plans have been discussed and will be implemented throughout the year. With our "Old Timer" Worshipful Keith Phillips leading the way and our young officers proposing new ideals, 2006 looks to be an interesting and prosperous year.
~ DANNY B. BARNETT ~
Secretary

WHY WE MEET

We meet for the purpose of admitting members to our fellowship, to instruct them in the lessons and principles (of Masonry) and to strengthen each other in adherence thereto. We meet to hand down to succeeding generations the knowledge and practice of certain ceremonies, which we have ourselves inherited from our Masonic ancestors, and the analogues of which can be traced in the remotest antiquity... Lastly we meet to practice our three grand principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.
~ BRO. GEORGE W. SPETH ~
in a public lecture in 1892

Masonic Presidents of The United States
<http://www.pagrاندlodge.org/mlam/presidents/index.html>

It is hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial cost and blamed it on the cost of living.

I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages, and found true. The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and for symmetry. In my heart is wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask. Upon my alters is the Book of Holy Writ, and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God, my sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber. Bu signs and symbols I teach the lessons of life and of death and the relationship of man with God and of man with man. My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will. I accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building of men, and thereafter, find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain. I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphans' cry, the widows tears, the pain of the old and destitute. I am not church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to God, to country, to neighbor and themselves. They are freemen, tenacious of their liberties and alert to lurking danger. At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life. I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe. Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, I am a way of life. I Am Freemasonry.

~ BROTHER RAY V. DENSLow ~



The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite The Scottish Rite is one of two largest concordant bodies of Freemasonry in which a Master Mason may proceed after he has completed the three degrees of Craft lodge masonry. The Scottish Rite work expands and elaborates on the lessons of the three Craft lodge degrees. As with Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite is not a religion, and it is nondenominational, although it does require a belief in a Supreme Being. The Scottish Rite, sometimes called the "College of Freemasonry", uses extensive dramatic plays and allegory to emphasize the messages of its degrees. A freemason, after viewing these dramas, will eventually attain the 32nd degree in Scottish Rite masonry. The highest degree in Freemasonry is the 3rd or Master Mason degree. Degrees as they relate to the Scottish Rite indicate the level of knowledge that a Master Mason has attained. In the Scottish Rite, the 33rd degree, an honorary degree, is bestowed on members of the Scottish Rite who have given outstanding service to Freemasonry or to their communities. In the Scottish Rite a Master Mason may become a member of three bodies:

*Lodge of Perfection,
Rose Croix, and Consistory.*

*Somewhere a Master Mason, you know, is wondering how to become a 32 Degree Mason;
PLEASE HELP HIM.*

*Dedication without Education is of Little Value.
To Educate is to Strengthen.*

To preserve the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied must be your constant care.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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What is Masonry?

*It's not a sign or handshake,
a hall where Tilers sit,
It's not a guarded building,
where passwords will admit,
It's not a place of symbols,
which Wardens oft display,
It's not a lodge of members,
who meet in white array.*

*It is the home of justice,
of liberty and truth,
Of loyalty to country,
of sympathy for youth,
Of succor for a brother,
of gentleness and cheer,
Of tolerance for neighbors,
whose life is often drear.*

*~ BROTHER WALTER H. BONN ~
Victor, Iowa*

Give the brethren a chance to do something, anything, no matter how small or unimportant.

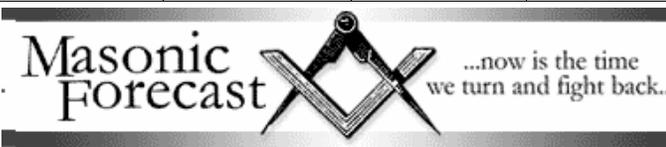
A brother convinced that he is helpful is enthusiastic.

~ BROTHER CARL H. CLAUDY ~

Take a smile from someone else and pass it on.

I Am My Brother's Keeper!!!

JANUARY 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>1st</u> New Year's Day	<u>2nd</u> Templars DeMolay Practice 7:00 PM	<u>3rd</u> Lone Grove O.E.S. #484 Meeting 7:30 PM	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u> Lone Grove #25 Stated Meeting <u>7:30 PM</u> Rainbow Meeting Ardmore	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>
<u>8th</u> Job's Daughters Bethel #8 Meeting 2:00 PM	<u>9th</u> Templars DeMolay Meeting 7:00 PM	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u> Lone Grove #25 Practice or Degrees 7:00 PM	<u>13th</u>	<u>14th</u>
<u>15th</u>	<u>16th</u> Templars DeMolay Practice <u>7:00 PM</u> M. L. King Day	<u>17th</u> Lone Grove O.E.S. #484 Meeting 7:30 PM	<u>18th</u>	<u>19th</u> Lone Grove #25 Stated Meeting <u>7:30 PM</u> Rainbow Meeting Ardmore	<u>20th</u>	<u>21st</u>
<u>22nd</u> Job's Daughters Bethel #8 Meeting 2:00 PM	<u>23rd</u> Templars DeMolay Meeting 7:00 PM	<u>24th</u>	<u>25th</u>	<u>26th</u> Lone Grove #25 Practice or Degrees 7:00 PM	<u>27th</u> ODA York Rite Workshop OKC Holiday Inn Airport	<u>28th</u> ODA York Rite Workshop OKC Holiday Inn Airport
<u>29th</u> ODA York Rite Workshop OKC Holiday Inn Airport	<u>30th</u>	<u>31st</u>	 <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">Masonic Forecast</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 0.8em;">...now is the time we turn and fight back..</div> </div>			



We are poised on the ledge, and can either fall into oblivion, or turn around and head in a direction different from the one we are going. <http://www.freemasoninformation.com/>

Attend and your Blue Lodge and participate.

Masonry does things "inside" the individual Mason.

Grow or die" is a great law of all nature. Most people feel a need for continued growth as individuals. They feel they are not as honest or as charitable or as compassionate or as loving or as trusting or as well-informed as they ought to be. Masonry reminds its members over and over again of the importance of these qualities and education. It lets men associate with other men of honor and integrity who believe that things like honesty, compassion, love, trust, and knowledge are important. In some ways, Masonry is a support group for men who are trying to make the right decisions. It's easier to practice these virtues when you know that those around you think they are important, too, and won't laugh at you. That's a major reason that Masons enjoy being together. The Masonic Information Center

The design of Freemasonry is neither for charity nor cultivation of society. Though noble they are incidental to the organization. We must search for truth. Thus, in that search we will find the unity of God and the immortality of the soul. The degrees of initiation represent the various stages through which the human mind passes. This will show them many difficulties that men must encounter in their progress from ignorance to truth. As an Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason you searched for light. Then when you think you have it, you find out that it has been lost and you must search on. Therefore, the quest for light continues through out your life. Then it is found in the second Temple of the Eternal Life.

FEBRUARY 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES-	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u> Lone Grove #25 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM Rainbow Meeting Ardmore Groundhog Day	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u> York Rite Field Day McAlester
<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u> Templars DeMolay Practice 7:00 PM	<u>7th</u> Lone Grove O.E.S. #484 Meeting 7:30 PM	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u> Lone Grove #25 Practice or Degrees 7:00 PM	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u> Jobs Daughters Honored Youth Reception
<u>12th</u> Job's Daughters Bethel #8 Meeting 2:00 PM	<u>13th</u> Templars DeMolay Meeting 7:00 PM	<u>14th</u> Valentines Day 	<u>15th</u>	<u>16th</u> Lone Grove #25 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM Rainbow Meeting Ardmore	<u>17th</u>	<u>18th</u>
<u>19th</u>	<u>20th</u> Templars DeMolay Practice 7:00 PM President's Day	<u>21st</u> Lone Grove O.E.S. #484 Meeting 7:30 PM	<u>22nd</u>	<u>23rd</u> Lone Grove #25 Practice or Degrees 7:00 PM	<u>24th</u> Lone Grove #25 School of Instruction DGL.: Buddy Mackey Instructor	<u>25th</u> Lone Grove #25 School of Instruction DGL.: Buddy Mackey Instructor
<u>26th</u> Job's Daughters Bethel #8 Meeting 2:00 PM	<u>27th</u> Templars DeMolay Meeting 7:00 PM	<u>28th</u>	<i>Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all. Bro. Dale Carnegie</i>			

Members come to Masonry for many reasons. Because of a relative, because of a friend, because of fellowship, because of curiosity, or maybe because they think they will get ahead. The reason we join is irrelevant. After joining, we found men who treated us with brotherly love. This, in turn relieved the stress of the day. It also gave us a feeling of self worth and helped us see the true meaning of Freemasonry. The fast movement of everyday life, causes a lot of changes in our life style. We move from one situation to another at such a speed, that most of the time, we seldom see the conclusion of one problem before another comes. Except if it doesn't turn out right, then we hear every detail of what went wrong. That is where Masonry comes in. We come to lodge to meet old and new friends that demand nothing from us. Thus we demand nothing from our Brethren. We teach and are taught a more even way to live and cope with problems. We learn that, all that matters is within ourselves. We learn, through watching others, that a better way to do anything is through love, understanding and trust. As we speed on and on through this ever changing world, we come to lodge for a little bit of peace and understanding, we come to slowdown, we come because this is; Where The Fast Land Ends.

~ BROTHER WILLIAM R. FISHER ~

A BROTHER'S HAND ~ When you're feeling all downhearted, and life's hard to understand, say, it's fine to feel the pressure of a brother's friendly hand. Just to know he sympathizes, though he doesn't say a word; how it starts your courage climbing, as your heart is touched and stirred. With an arm across your shoulders, and a grip you love to find, how it makes you feel the bounding of the hearts of humankind. It is just a little token of an ever-growing band, for there's faith and hope and courage in a brother's friendly hand! ~ BROTHER GEORGE B. STAFF ~

MARCH 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u> Lone Grove #25 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM Rainbow Meeting Ardmore	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u> Templars DeMolay Practice 7:00 PM	<u>7th</u> Lone Grove O.E.S. #484 Meeting 7:30 PM	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u> Lone Grove #25 Practice or Degrees 7:00 PM	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>
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<u>19th</u>	<u>20th</u> Templars DeMolay Practice 7:00 PM	<u>21st</u> Lone Grove O.E.S. #484 Metting 7:30 PM	<u>22nd</u>	<u>23rd</u> Lone Grove #25 Practice or Degrees 7:00 PM	<u>24th</u> District #36 School of Instruction Lone Grove #25 DGL.: Buddy Mackey Instructor	<u>25th</u> District #36 School of Instruction Lone Grove #25 DGL.: Buddy Mackey Instructor
<u>26th</u> Job's Daughters Bethel #8 Meeting 2:00 PM	<u>27th</u> Templars DeMolay Meeting 7:00 PM	<u>28th</u>	<u>29th</u>	<u>30th</u> Lone Grove #25 Family & Friends Night 6:30 PM	<u>31st</u> York Rite Grand Session OKC	

*Courage is the first of human qualities,
because it is the quality which
guarantees all the others.*
~ BROTHER WINSTON CHURCHILL ~

*If you have knowledge,
let others light their candles at it.*
~ BROTHER THOMAS FULLER ~

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<http://www.lonegrovelodge.com/>*

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WHERE HAS FREEDOM GONE?



Dusty old helmet, rusty old gun, they sit in the corner and wait. Two souvenirs of the Second World War that have withstood the time and the hate. Many times I've wanted to ask them, and now that we're here all alone, Relics all three of a long ago war. "Where has freedom gone?" Mute witness to a time of much trouble, where kill or be killed was the law. "Were these implements used with high honor? What was the glory they saw?" Freedom flies in your heart like an eagle, let it soar with the high winds above, Among the spirits of soldiers now sleeping, guard it with care and with love. I salute my old friends in the corner, I agree with all they have said, And if the moment of truth comes tomorrow, I'll be free, or I'll be dead.

*~ BROTHER AUDIE L. MURPHY ~ 1924~1971
Awarded the Medal of Honor in World War II*

PROGRESSIVE MASONRY

Free Masonry is undoubtedly a progressive science. The fundamental principles of the institution are the same now as they were at the very beginning. Our principles should never change. We can and should make adjustments as we move towards the future. The one who changes is the one most ready to meet that future. Some have forgotten that change is a natural progression of life and of Masonry. If you think this has not been a problem in the past, look into the Revival of 1717. The changes made at that time caused a split in Masonry but in time, as always, cooler heads prevailed and we once again joined hands. We have again come to these crossroads and must make a decision weather to follow the trail we are on or to take another path. The path you take will move Masonry towards the future or condemn it to obscurity as has happen to other Institutions. We must make our decisions soon and move toward a new beginning and let cooler heads guide us.

~ BRO. WILLIAM "RAY" FISCHER ~

Freemasonry does not require improper oaths.

The solemn promises taken in Freemasonry are no different than the oaths taken in court or on entering the armed services. The much-discussed "penalties," judicial remnants from an earlier age, are symbolic, not literal. They refer only to the pain any honest man should feel at the thought of violating his word. Freemasonry teaches individual improvement through study. Freemasonry encourages study, including literature by the great writers of ancient times. Freemasonry does not sanction the views of these authors but offers them for each individual's reflection and evaluation.

As an old Chinese Proverb says,
The journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step.

The Worshipful Master of our Lodge found a bottle with a Genie in it. In accordance with custom, the Genie offered to grant him a wish. "OK," said the WM, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii, but I hate to fly. So my wish is for you to build a bridge so I can drive to Hawaii." "I can't do that!!!" exclaimed the Genie. "Don't you know that's impossible? No Genie could do that. It's too far, the water is too deep, it's just totally beyond anybody's power. You will have to make another wish." "OK," said the Master.

"I wish that at our next Stated Meeting all the old PMs would just get along and not cause any trouble, not have to tell us how they did it their year, not complain about the ritual, not put down the current officers ... just sit on the sidelines and behave!" "Hmmmm," said the Genie. "Do you want that bridge with 2 lanes or 4???"

A widely quoted definition of Freemasonry states that it is a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.

There are no strangers in Freemasonry, only friends you've yet to meet.

Author Unknown

All a child's life depends on the idea it has of its parents. Destroy that and everything goes-morals, behavior, everything. Absolute trust in someone else is the essence of education.

~ BROTHER E. M. FORSTER

The man who joins with youths stays young in heart and mind. In exchange for the gift of their vitality and eagerness, the mature of man can give guidance and trust, a sympathetic ear and helping hand.

HENRY C. CLAUSEN

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O God, our Father, to Whom we come in these days of illness and sorrow, we ask Thy loving watch and care over everyone we so dearly love. Be with them during the days when they need Thee so very much. Help them to feel Thy love, give them strength in there body and faith in there heart to know that with Thy strong tender arms to hold them, they need not have no fear. And, at night, give them peaceful, refreshing sleep.

AMEN



Lone Grove Masonic Lodge #25



Order Of The Eastern Star Chapter #484



International Order Of Job's Daughters Bethel #8



Templars DeMolay Chapter

WE WISH THESE
BRETHREN A HAPPY
AND BLESSED BIRTHDAY

01-02- Michael Edward Brooks
01-03- Eldon Lee Clark
01-05- Samuel W. Karr, Jr.
01-07- John Clinton Pruitt
01-07- Kenneth Wayne Brown
01-12- Lester Louis Stewart
01-14- Chester Francis Fry
01-14- Barnes Eugene Turner
01-17- Ronald Lee Loyd
01-18- Neil Allen Stitt
01-18- Jacob Warren Vines, IV
01-25- Byrl Vernon Howard
01-26- Cecil Monroe Colson
01-28- Jesse Everett Cross
01-31- Daron Keith Henry
02-01- John Willard Burkett
02-08- Ronald Wayne Davis
02-12- Hullen Boyd Musgrave
02-16- Johnnie Carl Crutchfield
02-17- Aldon Keith Martin
02-18- Raymond Lewis Turner
02-20- Teddy Wayne Hammer
02-24- Terry Gifford Jones
03-02- Herman Floyd Godwin
03-03- Paul Gene Hughes
03-12- Robert Joseph Williams
03-12- Joe Neil Carrell
03-17- Ralph Myron Cochran
03-19- Shawn Brian Allen
03-20- Michael Rex Kerley
03-21- Craig Carlton Cummins
03-30- Melvin David Vernon

LABOR

He who acts upon the Square
will always well with all
compare. The Mason uses tools
of love to build a Temple
planned above. The Gauge he
constantly employs to measure
work and limit joys. The Plumb
imbues his soul and heart with
love Divine and sacred art. The
Level guides his daily act and
makes good fellowship a fact.

If we employ these tools
today a beautiful Temple
will be our pay.

~ BRO. SILAS H. SHEPHERD ~

Man's action are the picture
book of his creeds.
~ RALPH WALDO EMERSOM ~

MASTER MASON'S
MASONIC BIRTHDAY

01-04-1957- Alvie H. Ogle
01-06-1954- Byrl Vernon Howard
01-09-1997- Ronald Wayne Davis
01-16-1981- Phillip Eugene McBain
01-22-1998- Joe Barnes
01-23-1997- Eugene V. Kinslow, Jr.
01-24-1984- Stanley Eastman Foster
01-24-1991- Danny Boye Barnett
01-31-1953- John Clinton Pruitt
02-04-1080- Billy Ray Christian
02-06-1976- Charles David Bone
02-11-1960- Lester H. Thompson
02-11-1982- Jesse Everett Cross
02-11-1993- Owen Earl Russell
02-12-2002- Dale Eugene Wade
02-14-2002- Colby Ree Eastman
02-15-1990- Keith Gerard Miles
02-16-1958- Chaunce Arlie Bean, Jr.
02-16-1990- Paul Gene Hughes
02-16-1996- Timothy Joe McCullers
02-17-1958- Donald Douglas Davenport
02-17-2001- Jacob Warren Vines, IV
02-22-1962- Lester Louis Stewart
02-28-2004- James Edward Tackett
03-01-1968- Charles J. Taylor
03-08-1996- Richard Dwight Fosbury
03-08-2001- Jay Floyd Christian
03-09-1947- Robert Cosbey Phillips
03-10-1950- Tommie Wilburn Crowell
03-13-1947- Burney Combs Cope
03-20-1952- Clyde Dempsey Akers
03-20-1981- John Wilford Dark
03-22-1957- Robert Joseph Williams
03-22-1997- Grant H. Adams
03-23-2001- Jack Dean Jones II
03-23-1965- Joe Neil Carrell
03-26-1996- Byron Vance Porter

Hiram in the brow of hill, eyes gone
dry with weeping, Sprig of green
Acacia and life beyond the grave;
Lion's Paw and Master's Word
teach death is but sleeping, Soul in
immortality, as water in a wave.
~ BROTHER CARL H. CLAUDY ~

Wisdom ~ Strength ~ Beauty

Education is a life long process,
and should end only when we do.

~ EARL NIGHTENGALE ~

"There's no such thing as a
stupid question, but they're
the easiest to answer!"

MASONIC POEM

Those men who help my dad each
day, they wear those Mason rings. A
Square and Compass set in gold, the
praise of which I sing. My dad, he
hurt his back you know, one cold and
wintry day. He slipped and fell upon
the ice, the insurance would not pay.

And since that time those rings

I see, on hands that help
us much. With mowing lawns and
hauling trash, each day my heart
they touch. They even built a house
for me, amid our backyard tree.

Where all the neighbor kids, would
play with laughter full of glee. My
Mom she cried from happiness, the
time the Masons came. To aid our
family in distress, without a thought
of gain. And when I'm big, just like
my dad, of this it must be told.

I want to wear a ring like his, a
Square and Compass gold. Long years
have passed since when My dad was
in that plaster cast. And since I
swore that Solemn Oath, which
unites us to the last. But more than
that I'm proud to say, I wear his
Mason ring. The one dad wore for
many years, until his death this
spring. And one last time his

comrades came, to aid my weeping
mother. They praised and bid a fond
farewell, to our fallen Brother. And
after which MY son did ask, about
their Aprons white. And of the rings
upon their hands. of gold so shiny
bright. With tearful eyes I said
with pride, They're men of spirit
pure. Those men who wear those

Mason rings, of that you can be
sure. And before he went to bed
that night, the family he foretold.
Someday I'll wear a ring like dad's,
a Square and Compass gold.

~ BRO. MICHAEL R. STRAMPE ~

It is not enough merely to exist...
Every man has to seek in his own
way to make his own self more noble
and to realize his own true worth.

~ DR. ALBERT SCHWEITER ~