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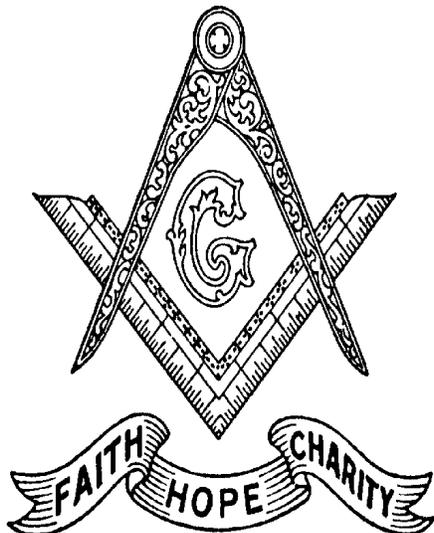


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2005 OFFICERS

*Worshipful Master* ----- *Neil Stitt*  
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## FROM THE EAST

Brethren,



The year is almost over, but some important things are about to happen at Grand Lodge. There is somewhere close to 20 resolutions that we will have to make a decision about in November. Some are old ones that we have looked at before, some new. We need to read these carefully. We shouldn't just go and turn everything down so we can get done with business and get home. We really should discuss these locally and then at Grand Lodge. We should make every effort to be at Grand Lodge to make our voice heard. We have had a very productive year so far. We have done several degrees, fund-raisers, and family dinners all with good participation. I hope the flow will continue.

~ NEIL A. STITT ~  
 WORSHIPFUL MASTER

### DISTRICT #36

Lodges Stated Meetings

Called to Labor ~ 7:30 PM

Ardmore #31 ~ 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Healdton #23 ~ 1st Tuesday

Hewitt #89 ~ 3rd Tuesday

Lone Grove #25 ~ 1st & 3rd Thursdays



### 2005 DISTRICT #36 WORSHIPFUL MASTERS



Ardmore #31 ~ W. Donald Ray Dickson

Healdton #23 ~ W. William (Bill) McCartney

Hewitt #89 ~ W. Gerald Udell (Bud) Young

Lone Grove #25 ~ W. Neil Allen Stitt

## BROTHERLY LOVE

### RELIEF ~ TRUTH

Did you know that at times during the "War Between The States" brotherhood was often more important than bloodshed. Masons from both sides sometime called a truce and stopped fighting long enough to join together and bury a fallen Masonic Brother. <http://www.geocities.com/hempstead749/>



## FROM THE SOUTH

I can't believe the year is almost over,



we've had some great times and are planning to continue. The only problem that I can see is attendance. I know that there are many, many members of our Lodge that I've not met and look forward to meeting you in the future. Some have said that our meetings are meant to be boring, I disagree. Our meetings are not boring, we have implemented topics of Masonic education. Going to Lodge is more than just hearing the minutes, gripping about paying bills and going home. Lodge is meant to be enjoyable and educational, by adding Masonic education I feel we have done both. We cover topics from what is a cable tow, to Lodge etiquette. We need some of our elder members to come and share with us your Masonic knowledge.

~ JACK D. JONES II ~  
 JUNIOR WARDEN

## GOD BLESS AMERICA

### FAMILIAR RING



I met a man the other day,  
 A fellow traveler on life's way;  
 Our paths had never crossed before,  
 And maybe we shall meet no more,  
 At least not this side of heaven's gates,  
 Where the great Architect awaits,  
 He bore no mark of wealth or fame,  
 Perhaps he'd won no great acclaim,  
 Upon his hand he wore a ring,  
 'Twas not a costly jeweled thing,  
 But there was an emblem plainly shown,  
 Told me I was not alone,  
 For as we stood together there,  
 I knew that he was on the square.

~ BROTHER GEORGE CREWE ~



Congratulations to Brother Jimmy Vines as Chapter Dad of Templars DeMolay Chapter.



## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



It is, again, the time of the year to financially support our Grand Lodge and our membership Lodge(s), by paying our annual dues. Of our Lodge, \$50.00 yearly dues, our Grand Lodge receives \$8.00 and the remaining \$42.00 is deposited into our Lodge General Fund Account for operation and expenses. It is essential for all members, to have our dues paid by December 31st, in order to budget the ensuing year. Remember our obligation and please be prompt for the good of Masonry. Our dues will be repaid in Masonic wages.

~ DANNY B. BARNETT ~  
 SECRETARY

WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY  
our, ~ pronoun  
 (a form of the possessive case of WE used as an attributive adjective)



Our Father, in Jesus name we pray, asking that Thy love and protection be around us all, but more especially those who are very ill and distressed. We come to Thee asking that the sick be restored to health and strength, according to Thy wisdom and Thy will, and that we all may learn the lesson to be found in these afflictions. Give us faith to know that according to Thy promise all things work for good to all who love and trust Thee. Bless the worried loved ones who join in this prayer, and give them the comfort of Thy love.

AMEN



**LONE GROVE  
CHAPTER #484 OR-  
DER  
OF THE EASTERN**

**STAR** Our Chapter resumed meetings the first week in September after having been dark in July and August. Due to some work going on at the Lodge in August, we did not hold our Robert Morris ice cream social this year. Our Worthy Matron Betty GoodEagle and Worthy Patron Bob Williams hope that everyone has had a good summer and that members will make it a point to come to meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. We need you! If you know of someone who would like to become a member, please let the Worthy Matron know. We have had several of our members who have been ill and wish them a speedy recovery. Please mark October 16~19 on your calendar for Oklahoma Grand Chapter, Eastern Star, which will be at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple, and try to attend.  
~ CATHY WILLIAMS ~  
OES PUBLICITY

**IS IT MASONRY?**

Is it Masonry to dare to take God's name in vain, or be careful of our speech; from evil thoughts and words refrain, and practice what we preach?  
Is it Masonry to boast of your fine jewels, or purify your heart; to be a man and Mason and act a Mason's part?  
Is it Masonry to fail to help your brothers, or your obligations fill?  
To leave it for the others, or mean and say "I will"?  
~ BROTHER F. G. OLIVER ~  
From The Builder,  
Anamosa, Iowa ~ August, 1915



If you want your work to be Square, don't cut corners.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which



Well, summer is winding down and the feel of fall is in the air. We hope all of you had a great summer and are ready to get down to the business of promoting and participating in our wonderful Fraternity. Our degree work is already increasing and I am excited about bringing many new members into our district and Fraternity throughout the rest of this year and beyond. Soon after the December elections, I plan to call a meeting of representatives from all our district organizations to discuss how we can enhance our district meetings and encourage more of us to want to attend the meetings and we will also discuss when and where our meetings will be held and elect officers for the ensuing year. I will notify all organization when this meeting will take place. We have a district e-mail newsletter that is usually sent out every Tuesday. If you or someone you know would like to receive it, contact me at the following numbers and/or email address. Have a great fall and we hope to see you in Lodge and/or around our great community.  
~ JOHN MOORE ~  
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
DISTRICT #36  
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I do not attend the meeting for I've not the time to spare. But every time they have a feast you'll surely find me there. I cannot help with the degrees for I do not know the work. But I can applaud the speaker and handle the knife and fork. I am so rusty in the ritual that it seems like Greek to me. But practice makes me perfect in the knife and fork degree.  
AUTHOR UNKNOWN



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GRAND LODGE &  
BLUE LODGE BY  
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Build up your life like the temple of old with stones that are polished and true; cement it with love, and adorn it with gold as all master builders should do: upon a foundation, well chosen and strong, build now for the ages to come: make use of the good, while rejecting the wrong ~ and test all your work with the plumb.  
~ BRO. NEAL A. McCAULEY ~  
From The Builder,  
Anamosa, Iowa ~ August, 1915

**LONE GROVE LODGE #25  
MASONIC FAMILY**



Lone Grove Masonic  
Lodge #25



Order Of The  
Eastern Star  
Chapter #484



International Order  
Of Job's Daughters  
Bethel #8



Templars DeMolay  
Chapter

# OCTOBER 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<u>1st</u>
<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u> Templars DeMolay Practice 7:00 PM	<u>4th</u> Lone Grove O. E.S. #484 Meeting 7:30 PM	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u> Lone Grove #25 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM Rainbow Meeting Ardmore	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>
<u>9th</u> Job's Daughters Bethel #8 Meeting 2:00 PM	<u>10th</u> Templars DeMolay Meeting 7:00 PM Columbus Day	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>	<u>13th</u> Lone Grove #25 Practice or Degrees 7:00 PM	<u>14th</u>	<u>15th</u> McAlester Scottish Rite Fall Diamond Jubilee Reunion
<u>16th</u> McAlester Scottish Rite Fall Diamond Jubilee Reunion OES Grand Chapter	<u>17th</u> Templars DeMolay Practice 7:00 PM OES Grand Chapter	<u>18th</u> OES Grand Chapter Guthrie	<u>19th</u> OES Grand Chapter Guthrie	<u>20th</u> Lone Grove #25 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM Rainbow Meeting Ardmore	<u>21st</u>	<u>22nd</u>
<u>23rd</u> Job's Daughters Bethel #8 Meeting 2:00 PM	<u>24th</u> Templars DeMolay Meeting 7:00 PM	<u>25th</u> Lone Grove O. E.S. #484 Meeting 7:30 PM	<u>26th</u>	<u>27th</u>	<u>28th</u>	<u>29th</u> Guthrie Scottish Rite Reunion
<u>30th</u> Guthrie Scottish Rite Reunion	<u>31st</u> Halloween	 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Some never give, but always take, Some drag, some pull, some don't, some do. CONSIDER, which of these are you?</i></p> 				

### WHEN IS A MAN A MASON?

*When is a man a Mason? When he can look out over the rivers, the hills and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope and courage ~ which is the root of every virtue. When he knows that down in his heart, every man is as noble, as vile, as Divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive and to love his fellow man. When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yes, even in their sins ~ knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and above all how to keep friends with himself. When he loves flowers, can hunt the birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laugh of a little child. When he can be happy and high minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life. When the star ~ crowned trees, and the glint of the sunlight on flowing waters, subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead. When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response. When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of Divine things, and sees majestic meaning in life, whatever the name of that faith may be. When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something beyond mud, and into the face of the most forlorn fellow mortal and see something beyond sin. When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope. When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow man, with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of a song ~ glad to live, but not afraid to die! Such a man has found the only real secret of Masonry, and the one which it is trying to give to all the world.*

*~ BROTHER JOSEPH FORT NEWTON ~ "The Builders"*

# NOVEMBER 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<u>1st</u> Lone Grove O.E.S. #484 Meeting 7:30 PM	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u> Lone Grove #25 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM Rainbow Meeting Ardmore	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>
<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u> Templars DeMolay Practice 7:00 PM	<u>8th</u> Election Day	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u> Lone Grove #25 Practice or Degrees 7:00 PM	<u>11th</u> Grand School Guthrie Veterans Day	<u>12th</u> Grand School Guthrie
<u>13th</u> Job's Daughters Bethel #8 Meeting 2:00 PM Grand School Guthrie	<u>14th</u> Templars DeMolay Meeting 7:00 PM Grand Lodge Guthrie	<u>15th</u> Lone Grove O.E.S. #484 Meeting 7:30 PM	<u>16th</u>	<u>17th</u> Lone Grove #25 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM Rainbow Meeting Ardmore	<u>18th</u>	<u>19th</u>
<u>20th</u>	<u>21st</u> Templars DeMolay Practice 7:00 PM	<u>22nd</u>	<u>23rd</u>	<u>24th</u> Lone Grove #25 Practice or Degrees 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Day	<u>25th</u>	<u>26th</u>
<u>27th</u> Job's Daughters Bethel #8 Meeting 2:00 PM	<u>28th</u> Templars DeMolay Meeting 7:00 PM	<u>29th</u>	<u>30th</u>	<p><i>And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. MATTEW 21~22</i></p>		

**ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN** ~ Every young man ought to belong to some first~class fraternal organization. In no way can he gain so many substantial advantages, mentally, morally and financially, at so small a cost of time or money as by forming such a connection. The teachings he will receive in the lodge room are of a high and ennobling character. It is line upon line, precept upon precept; and not only this, but he will see numberless instances of the practical application of the lessons taught. Men naturally love to see a noble act well performed, and love to feel, in its performance, they have had something to do. Human nature is not altogether bad. It is safe that 999 out of 1,000 would prefer to do a good act rather than a bad one, all other things being equal. But all men abhor hypocrisy, and moral lessons supplemented by immoral practices bear the sure fruits of iniquity. If there is any class of organizations under the sun that practice what they preach, it is fraternal societies. It is almost impossible for a young man to grow up surrounded by fraternal influences without becoming a better man because of the fact. The lodge room is a good school. It teaches how to conduct debates, the value of discipline, the strength of combined numbers, social customs, mutual dependence, and the necessity of promptitude and fidelity in the discharge of every duty. Moreover, it accustoms one to public addresses and ceremonials, and if a person is so inclined, it affords the best possible means to acquire the art of oratory. Thousands of our best speakers today got their first and most valuable lessons in the lodge room. The benefit one gets, financially, by lodge membership, is usually of an indirect character, rather than otherwise. It does not come in the way of wages, or contributions for his individual benefit, unless perchance, to guard him or his against actual want; but it comes in the way of a wide and valuable acquaintance that afford him an opportunity to help himself, when otherwise he might be a stranger in a strange land. It gives him the advantage of confidence when else there would be distrust. A good name is better than gold or precious stone, but a good name is only valuable where its possessor is known. "<http://www.masonicdictionary.com>" Pacific States Watchman ~ reprinted in The Canadian Craftsman, Oct. 15, 1882 ~ AUTHOR UNKNOWN

# DECEMBER 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<u>1st</u> Lone Grove #25 Stated Meeting & Election of Officers 7:30 PM Rainbow Meeting Ardmore	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
<u>4th</u> Lone Grove #25 Installation of 2006 Officers 1:00 PM	<u>5th</u> Templars DeMolay Practice 7:00 PM	<u>6th</u> Lone Grove O.E.S. #484 Meeting 7:30 PM	<u>7th</u> Pearl Harbor Day	<u>8th</u> Lone Grove #25 Practice or Degrees 7:00 PM	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>
<u>11th</u> Job's Daughters Bethel #8 Meeting 2:00 PM	<u>12th</u> Templars DeMolay Meeting 7:00 PM	<u>13th</u>	<u>14th</u>	<u>15th</u> Lone Grove #25 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM Rainbow Meeting Ardmore	<u>16th</u>	<u>17th</u>
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<u>25th</u> Job's Daughters Bethel #8 Meeting 2:00 PM Christmas Day	<u>26th</u> Templars DeMolay Meeting 7:00 PM	<u>27th</u> St. John the Evangelist Day (observance)	<u>28th</u>	<u>29th</u> Lone Grove #25 Family & Friends Night 6:30 PM (tentative)	<u>30th</u>	<u>31st</u> New Year's Day



Lone Grove Masonic Family  
& Friends wish all a safe  
and happy Holiday Season  
and a blessed New Year.

Check out our new Lodge website.

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

The future Trestleboard Newsletters will be  
posted on the website in PDF form. To save postage  
expenses, we ask brethren and friends contact us if  
you wish to read it online. Your name and address  
will be deleted from our mailing list.

Pictured Below ~ Sr. Steward  
Bryan Graham and fish fry  
cook John Dawson



The next time you feel as if God can't use you, just remember...

**NOAH** was a drunk ~ **ABRAHAM** was too old ~ **ISAAC** was a daydreamer ~ **JACOB** was a liar ~ **LEAH** was ugly ~  
**MOSES** had a stuttering problem ~ **GIDEON** was afraid ~ **SAMPSON** had long hair and was a womanizer ~  
**RAHAB** was a prostitute ~ **JEREMIAH** and **TIMOTHY** were too young ~ **DAVID** had an affair and was a  
murderer ~ **ELIJAH** was suicidal ~ **ISAIAH** preached naked ~ **JONAH** ran from God ~ **NAOMI** was a widow ~  
**JOB** went bankrupt ~ **JOHN** the Baptist ate bugs ~ **PETER** denied Christ ~ The **DISCIPLES** fell asleep while  
praying ~ **MARTHA** worried about everything ~ **MARY MAGDALENE** was, well, you know ~ The **SAMARITAN  
WOMAN** was divorced...more than once ~ **ZACCHEUS** was too short ~ **PAUL** was too religious and a persecutor ~  
**TIMOTHY** had an ulcer ~ **AND LAZARUS WAS DEAD!!!!** ...no more excuses now.

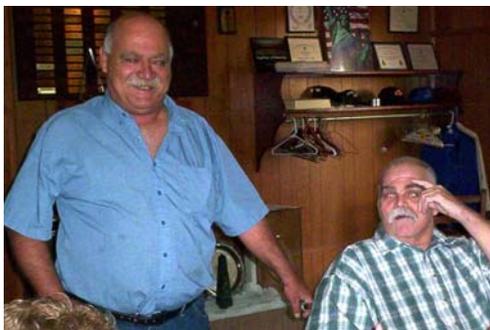
God's waiting to use your full potential. Besides, you aren't the message, you're just the messenger!!!

Article Submitted by ~ **SISTER CATHY WILLIAMS** ~ Lone Grove OES Chapter #484

Thanks to those who attended and participated at our Lone Grove Lodge #25 Fish Fry Fundraiser that was in conjunction with our District #36 meeting. In attendance was over 70 brothers, sisters, Jobs Daughters, DeMolays and friends. Brother Richard Massad was our guest speaker and was very well received, Brother Doug Blocker was our honored guest and was fortunate to attend, Jobs Daughters Shae Self and Bethany Bryant entertained us with their wonderful songs, DeMolay Tyler Prosize gave an outstanding Flower Talk and last but not least, our good friend John Dawson who cooked and supplied the fish. The donated proceeds will go to Brother Doug who was recently involved in a motorcycle accident. He was a patient, for several months, at OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City and is currently recovering at Elmbrook Nursing Facility in Ardmore. With God's will and Doug's resolve and determination we are all looking forward to seeing him again darken our Lodge door.

**WE ARE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER!!!**

~ pictured from left to right ~  
Brothers Jake Vines  
and Doug Blocker.



As you can see the first tall tale doesn't stand a chance!!!

Remember that we are someone else's impression of Masonry.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**



Some Masonic Principles  
Faith must be the center of our lives. All men and women are the children of God. No one has the right to tell another person what he or she must think or believe. Each person has a responsibility to be a good citizen, obeying the law. It is important to work to make the world a better place for all. Honor and integrity are keys to a meaningful life.

Scottish Rite Journal,  
Scottish Rite of Freemasonry,  
Southern Jurisdiction USA

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

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McAlester Scottish Rite  
Fall Diamond Jubilee Reunion  
October 15th & 16th  
Candidate fee \$125.00  
(due at registration)  
or partial payment  
with petition of \$65.00.  
**Seek and Ye Shall Receive**  
**ABUNDANT MASONIC LIGHT**

#### **THE TRUTH**

It is most true, that Truth is a Divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be true, and to seek to find and learn the Truth, are the great objects of every good Mason.

~ BROTHER ALBERT PIKE ~

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Morality is a force. It is the magnetic attraction of the heart toward Truth and Virtue. The needle, imbued with this mystic property, and pointing unerringly to the north, carries the mariner to safety over the trackless ocean, through storm and darkness, until his glad eyes behold the beneficent beacons that welcome him to safe and hospitable harbor.

~ BROTHER ALBERT PIKE ~

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The company of Freemasons is one of the oldest societies known to man and with this heritage let us be sure that the story of our work in this life lives on in the record of the working tools that we leave behind. Primitive man has come a long way from the stone axe to the computer; adapting, learning, progressing. This is the nature of man. Masons have come from the prehistory of rough ashlar buildings to gleaming skyscrapers. Let us never forget that the basis for our successful continuance is the square, the level and the compasses ~ shining brightly in the reflected light of the Grand Architect of The Universe.  
[http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/working\\_tools.htm](http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/working_tools.htm)



#### **THE MASONIC TROWEL**

To spread the cement of brotherly love and affection, that cement which unites us into one sacred band or society of brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble emulation of who can best work or best agree.  
<http://www.themasonictrowel.com/education/MDictionary.htm>

**WE WISH THESE  
BRETHREN A HAPPY  
AND BLESSED BIRTHDAY**

10-03- Tommie Wilburn Crowell  
 10-03- Gerald Udell Young  
 10-07- James E. Sims  
 10-08- Bradford Lee Scarbrough  
 10-09- Michael Phillip McCullers  
 10-11- Pearl Kenneth Updike  
 10-11- Gerald Alexander Tucker  
 10-12- Donald T. Franklin  
 10-12- William F. Winblood  
 10-13- Keith Gerard Miles  
 10-17- Chaunce Arlie Bean, Jr.  
 10-17- Richard Dwayne Welch  
 10-19- Merl Dean Bone  
 10-19- John Arthur Cress  
 10-19- Steven Dean Warren  
 10-20- Marvin Cole Wade  
 10-20- John Joseph Love  
 10-23- Gary Lynn Keith  
 10-24- Don Mike Turner  
 10-27- Math Melvin Damron  
 10-27- Timothy Joe McCullers  
 11-01- Jimmie Howard Grace  
 11-01- Monte Gerald Paschall  
 11-04- Danny Boye Barnett  
 11-07- Jeffrey Brandon Easley  
 11-08- Truman Wilburn Rouse  
 11-08- Stanley Earl Horsman  
 11-08- John Landon Decker  
 11-11- Dale Cornelison  
 11-14- Douglas Ray Loader  
 11-15- Stephen James Smithers  
 11-17- Jimmy Anderson Whitfield  
 11-25- Michael Todd Warren  
 11-27- Phillip Eugene McBain  
 11-29- Donald Ray Harmon, Jr.  
 12-01- Owen Earl Russell, Jr.  
 12-03- James Edward Tackett  
 12-10- George Melvin Stitt  
 12-10- Sean Rory Rousseau  
 12-13- Bobby Royce Smith  
 12-16- Jerry David Flanagan  
 12-16- Henry Thomas Hicks, Jr.  
 12-17- Andrew Daniel Rogers  
 12-19- Billie Charles King  
 12-20- Rodney Christopher Young  
 12-21- Tony Wayne Braden  
 12-23- Grant H. Adams, Jr.  
 12-29- Daron Keith Henry

**MASTER MASON'S  
MASONIC BIRTHDAY**

10-03-1988- Dale Cornelison  
 10-06-1994- Jerry Lynn Reid  
 10-08-1993- Michael Gene Bivings  
 10-08-1998- Jerry Keith Phillips  
 10-10-1979- Monte Gerald Paschall  
 10-12-1995- Neil Allen Stitt  
 10-12-1995- Jacob Warren Vines  
 10-16-1973- Ronald David Manning  
 10-18-1948- Dennis H. Prince  
 10-20-1952- William F. Winblood  
 10-20-1994- Barnes Eugene Turner  
 10-30-1982- Carlos Edward Perkins  
 11-03-1975- Merl Dean Bone  
 11-13-1987- Lowell Dale Shaw  
 11-19-1979- Rhoten Basil McClennahan  
 11-20-1981- James E. Sims  
 11-23-1956- Eldon Lee Clark  
 11-24-1964- Aldom Keith Martin  
 11-27-1979- Clarence Ray Ollis  
 11-29-1960- Lyndal Eakin Fox  
 11-29-1999- Shawn Brian Allen  
 11-30-1989- William Curtis Eastman  
 12-04-2000- Stanley Earl Horsman  
 12-05-1986- Paul Michael Sherrell  
 12-07-1996- Ivan Ali Otero  
 12-18-1986- Charles Otis Rutledge  
 12-18-1987- Terry Gifford Jones  
 12-19-1980- Charles Robert Williams  
 12-26-1942- Truman Wilburn Rouse

**MASONIC HUMOR**

A small Lodge had a string of bad luck. It was preparing to initiate a Candidate on a steamy evening in June and it's air conditioning system (two fans and an open door) broke down. After sweating their way through the opening of the Lodge, the Candidate was brought in, in due form. The reception and Obligation then ensued and finally the Master asked the Candidate what he most desired, the Candidate replied "A beer." At this juncture, the Conductor whispered in the Candidates ear "LIGHT." "OK," said the Candidate, "A LITE beer."



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 Masons in North America and nearly  
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**Why do the stairs in  
the Second Degree wind?**

In I Kings VI:8 appears:

"The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third."

The Fellowcraft climbs the winding stairs to reach the middle chamber where are paid the wages he has earned, in corn, wine and oil.

Symbolists find an especial significance in the "winding" of the stairs, denoting the necessity for a courageous ascent. Stairs which wind do not disclose what is ahead as does a straight stair. He who climbs a winding stair in confidence does so because he is a man grown, no weakling, but one able to face even an unknown future with courage.

The Fellowcraft degree as a whole is a symbol of manhood, so it is appropriate to its teachings that winding stairs denote courage. The Entered Apprentice degree as a whole is a symbol of youth and the Master Mason degree as a whole a symbol of age.

"The Masonic Fraternity is one of the most helpful mediating and conserving organizations among men, and I have never wavered from that childhood impression, but it has stood steadfastly with me through the busy, vast hurrying years."

~ BROTHER GEORGE W. TRUETT ~  
 Southern Baptist Leader



Why is a Past Master's compass, in his jewel, open at 60 degrees on a quadrant instead of on a square? The compass open sixty degrees is in easy position to construct a square. The Master has worn the square while he presided; now, as Past Master, he is supposed to be in possession of the knowledge necessary to make a square, hence the position of the compass and the quadrant.