

ALBERT PIKE LODGE NO. 303

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FROM THE MASTER'S QUILL

Greetings from the East!!

Brethren and friends, I hope that all is well with each and every one of you. Your lodge has been very active over the last few months and it will continue as we head into the last quarter of the year. We have performed over 60 degrees and we continue being blessed with candidates seeking light in Masonry. Our study club is alive and flourishing. With all this activity and fun, isn't it time for you to think about a visit if it's been awhile?

We are hosting a little refresher event called the Rusty Nail Degree on Wednesday, September 12th, that I hope will entice you to come and participate. We will have a dinner at the Masonic Home (\$7) and will proceed with some Masonic education in a calm, non-threatening, and yes FUN, atmosphere of Brotherly Love and Friendship; we will reintroduce you to some things you may have forgotten. The dinner will start at 6pm and Lodge will open at 7pm. All it takes is a current dues card from our, or any other, lodge. Please consider it and give Jim Craig a call at the office (269-7851) and make a dinner reservation. It will be well worth it!!

I'd like to thank everyone who is contributing this year. From all the degree work, study club, the Ice Cream Social and then the Annual Watermelon Feed this summer. From the old and reliable, to the super new faces, it has all been just great. I would have to say that I've been really lucky this year as Master and it is all because of what you all are doing. Let's keep this express train rolling because it really keeps getting better and better. I cannot think of an organization that you get more than double out of it over what you put into it. It is a great time to be a Mason! Come join us. Until we meet again... Doc

W:. Warren R. Rensner



Albert Pike Masons.....We are everywhere!!

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MASONIC QUESTIONS

These questions and answers were taken from Albert Pike's newsletter (The 3rd Degree) in August of 1989

1. From what particular country are our Masonic symbols derived?
2. Why did all ancient buildings contain a system of Mason's marks?
3. How early were speculative Masons take into operative lodges?
4. What part did the Masons play in the Boston Tea Party?
5. Who was the foremost naval officer of the revolutionary war period, who was also a Mason?
6. What are the three main attributes necessary for a man to become a Freemason today?
7. What officer in the lodge is armed with a weapon?
8. Why does the Master of a lodge wear a hat?
9. We are accustomed to seeing the Master of the lodge sit in the East, and the Wardens in the West and South. Is there another arrangement?
10. What Masonic symbol is prominently displayed on the back of every One Dollar Bill?



SECRETARY'S SHOUT OUT

Brethren, I am writing this not as secretary, but rather as ritualistic committeeman. WE NEED YOU!!! Our lodge this year has been blessed with an abundance of work. By the time you read this we will have completed more than 60 degrees! Even if all these degrees had been done as multiple degrees of three candidates each, this total still equals more than 20 conferrals. And brethren, they have NOT all been triple conferrals!

There have been doubles and singles, making the number of times we presented the degrees much higher than 20! You may have noticed that it appears the same men are filling the chairs for these degrees. That is NOT an illusion, but is something we need to address. All of us who take part in the degrees are happy and yes even proud to do our part, but after awhile, we need to be able to step back, relax and let someone else experience the satisfaction of imparting to those "good men" [who have seen something about our craft they find attractive enough to trust us to guiding them through a ritual they know nothing about,] the means (our ritual) by which they can become an actual part of us and grow into "better" men. Brothers, come to study club and learn the work so you can come and relieve some of us who can't seem to "catch a break". Also, many of our dedicated degree workers are also active in the appendant bodies of the Shrine, Scottish Rite and York Rite and have to choose who they will support when a work night falls on the same evening as perhaps a stated meeting at another of our Masonic bodies. They would feel so much better to know that we would have someone to "fill a chair" if they need to be away at another meeting. Our candidates would feel more like they are "worth it" if there are a large number of witnesses at their several degrees. You might say "Well I don't know anything" or "I have trouble memorizing". We can help! Remember all of us were at one time brand new brothers and knew nothing.

Please note our Study Club revisions on page 3. Don't be surprised if you have a good time while at Study Club! We learn, but we also have a lot of fun in the process! Looking forward to seeing more of you next Tuesday!

By: W:. Jim Craig

PIKE'S MEMBERSHIP TEAM IS TURNING THINGS UPSIDE DOWN

By: Brian Byrd, SD

Albert Pike Lodge is talk of the District. Whether you attend Lodge, Scottish Rite events, York Rite Functions, or Shrine Festivities, the energy at Albert Pike Lodge is all the buzz. Nobody, outside of our lodge, is sure what has caused this recent phenomenon...it could be the youthful energy coming into the Lodge; the resurgence of Study Club; or the camaraderie that is being built after lodge, but one thing is for sure, Albert Pike is turning things upside down!!

For years Albert Pike Lodge has been a target of envy, and known for their high standards and large membership in Kansas. Recently, members coming in have taken the torch and really given the rest of the Lodges in the area something to talk about. Let's be clear, this thought process has always been around, but now we have good Masons in place that are taking Albert Pike's past image of quality to the next level.

If you know of a good man that may be interested in Masonry, but aren't sure how to present the great things our fraternity has to offer, give us a call. We will assist you in bringing this good man into (arguably) the best lodge in the state of Kansas. You will get the credit for bringing this candidate in; we are just here to help you present the product.....MASONRY.

Our membership team will assure you that we will guide this candidate through the degrees; include him in everything possible, and give him the attention that he deserves. So many people in the past have dropped out of masonry because they did not feel included. At Albert Pike Lodge No. 303, we can assure you that we will do everything possible to give your candidate the attention he so greatly deserves. When WE WORK TOGETHER, there is nothing that Albert Pike Lodge cannot do.

FOUND ON A CUP IN NORTHERN IRELAND:

“Old Masons Never Die, But You Have To Join The Lodge To Find Out Why!”

WE WANT YOU AT STUDY CLUB!!!

1st, 3rd & 5th TUESDAYS at 7:00 PM (Ritual Work Practice)

2nd & 4th TUESDAYS (Proficiency Practice) at 6:00 PM

Albert Pike Lodge #303

Call Jim Craig @ 316-269-7851 Mon-Fri 9:00 AM –1:00 PM

After Hours @ 316-942-2956



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FROM YOUR TRUSTEES OF ALBERT PIKE

The duties of the officers of the Lodge are defined both in the Grand Lodge by-laws and the Albert Pike Lodge by-laws, this is also true of the Trustees of the Lodge. We are sometimes asked by both members and Lodge officers "just what is it you do?" so we thought it would be appropriate to detail the duties of the Trustees per the Albert Pike Lodge No. 303 by-laws so you would know what the duties and responsibilities of your Lodge Trustees are and why we need this function.

It should also be noted that our by-laws are being updated (*can be reviewed on page 13 of this newsletter*) to clean up some administrative issues and to make them better conform to the Lodge as it does business today. A list of the revisions which are being proposed and which will be voted on by the Lodge are included in this newsletter for your review and comment. Please take a few minutes to read them and if you have questions or comments, make them known to the Lodge officers or to the Trustees and most importantly attend the meeting, if possible, at which the by-law changes will be voted on by the Lodge. Amendments to the by-laws are approved by a two thirds vote of those present at the Stated Communication, if only a few attend, then only a few decide for the many.

Article V, Board of Trustees: Duties (Albert Pike Lodge No. 303 By-Laws) defines the structure and terms, organization, meeting schedule and duties of the Albert Pike Lodge No. 303 Trustees. The Board consists of three (3) members who are elected by the Lodge with one Trustee being elected/re-elected at each Annual Communication of the Lodge in December. Each Trustee serves a three (3) year term with the term of one Trustee expiring each year. The Trustee who is senior on the Board serves as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, currently that is RW: Bob Talbott. The Chairman will call the meetings and presides over the meetings which are held each month.

The duties of the Trustees include financial supervision preservation of the physical property of the Lodge and approval of any lease and/or purchase agreements for housing of the Lodge. The Trustees review the financial statements of the Lodge which are maintained by the Secretary and Treasurer of the Lodge on a monthly basis to ensure that good accounting procedures are being used and that the Lodge is operating within its budget. The budget is established by the senior officers of the Lodge with the assistance of the Trustees, following this budget ensures that we operate within our plan and make the best use of the Lodge funds. The supervision of this process is one of the responsibilities of the Trustees. The Trustees, with the input of the senior officers of the Lodge are also responsible for setting any salaries for paid employees of the Lodge.

The Trustees are also responsible for the investment of any surplus funds of the Lodge. We have a Memorial Fund and a General Fund which reflect the funds owned by the Lodge which are beyond our daily operating funds, it is the responsibility of the Trustees to see that these funds are invested with a qualified and bonded financial advisor/investment firm. Performance reports on these funds are reviewed monthly and quarterly meetings with our financial advisor are also held to ensure that these funds are invested wisely and are performing to the best possible extent given the financial market. The Lodge officers are invited to participate in this process in an advisory capacity, however it is the responsibility of the Trustees to manage the investment of these funds in accordance with our investment policy.

The other major area of responsibility of the Trustees is the physical property of the Lodge. This includes ensuring the maintenance and well being of our furniture and fixtures as well as being involved in the negotiation and approval of any lease/purchase agreements for the housing of the Lodge. Again, this is an area where the senior officers of the Lodge are intimately involved and carry a large part of the responsibility for decisions concerning the housing of the Lodge with those decisions being reviewed and approved by the Trustees. Housing of the Lodge is one of those issues that ultimately must be approved by you, the membership of the Lodge. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 5)

The role of the Trustees is to provide guidance and oversight of the business functions of the Lodge. It is not our function to "run" the Lodge, that responsibility belongs to the Master and his officers. With the Trustees serving for three years, it provides some stability and continuity to the operations of the Lodge, since the officers serve one year, the Trustees can ensure that those coming up the line are aware of the operations of the Lodge and of the plan for the Lodge for the future years. The Trustees are a part of the checks and balances system of government and it is our responsibility to make sure that the resources of the Lodge, both monetary and physical, are used in a prudent and efficient manner. The officers of the Lodge have the responsibility for day to day management of the Lodge, our responsibility is simply to ensure that good business practices are followed.

Trustee meetings are held at 4:00 PM on the first Friday of each month in the Lodge office, if the month end falls too close to that first Friday then the meeting may be moved to the following Friday. All officers and members are welcome to attend the meetings, we only ask that you let the Secretary, W.: Jim Craig know that you plan to attend. We do follow an agenda and try to limit the length of the meeting to an hour or hour and a half so while input is always welcome, we will limit the amount of general conversation in order to stay on schedule and accomplish the goals of the meeting.

We hope that this gives you a better understanding of the role of the Trustees, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions concerning the role and responsibilities of the Trustees, we will do our best to answer them for you.

Fraternally,

RW.: Bob Talbott, Chairman W.: Scott Kailer, Trustee W.: Jim Ralston,

WORD FROM THE WEST

What a pleasure it is to sit in the West and observe the smooth workings of a positive and growing lodge. To see all the officers and members; "new and seasoned", work together in introducing new candidates into this great fraternity. There has been challenges keeping up with the scheduling of the cards, but it is a welcome challenge. A special thanks to Jim Craig, not only for contacting candidates for the work, but he has also maintained the Study Club as a great instructor, while learning very difficult new job as Secretary. The most exciting part of being in the West is watching our current Worshipful Master "Doc" Rensner lead us through 2012. He has been a good example of how to lead a Lodge in due form, and make it fun at the same time. Our Junior Warden Paul Ditty, along with others, are working on a strategic plan for the 2020 vision and I am confident that they will produce a great blue print as a guide to follow and learn from.

There are so many thanks to all of the Junior officers who are doing work behind the scenes: Brian Byrd and David Ryan in communications, Mike Ward and the other officers who are out doing investigative committees, funeral services and so on. We are fortunate to have active young Master Masons who are learning the work and working the seats! It has also been a pleasure to work with all of the Past Masters who come to lodge and assist in the work. You have all been a good example to learn from, so if you can.....keep coming and filling up our seats. We have lost a lot of brethren, and or their family members this year. I hope and pray that their families can be strong and know that our prayers go out to them.

I overheard in Lodge that Earnest Borgine passed recently. W.: Mike Wilson stated that Bro. Borgine had made the comment that because of the teachings, learned from the Masonic cipher, he was able to learn his lines as an Actor. I thought that was a good statement toward the Blue Lodge and the fraternity!

By: Stan Howard, SW

ALBERT PIKE MEMBERS IN ACTION



FRED SMITH



DOUG CHARTIER



JAMEY BLUBAUGH



BRIAN BYRD & MIKE WARD



W. H. GENE PAYNE



JON MILLS



JEFF BLUBAUGH



JASON ARMSTONG

VENTURE HOUSE HOLIDAY DINNER PROGRAMS

Mark Your Calendars "Tuesdays" 11/13/12 & 12/18/12

The staff of Venture House and those whom they serve, *need your help!!*

Once again, and for over 30 years, Albert Pike Lodge #303 will be preparing and serving Thanksgiving & Christmas dinners at the Venture House Homeless Shelter (Episcopal Social Services). It is located at 1005 E. 2nd St. (southeast corner of 2nd & Washington). There is parking to the South of the building. Thanksgiving dinner will be served on Tuesday November 13, 2012 and Christmas dinner will be served on Tuesday December 18, 2012.

This is always a fun time for the Brothers and their Spouse & family members to give back to the community as we prepare and serve a warm Holiday meal to those less fortunate than ourselves. We start at 8:00 am in preparing the meal. This includes not only what we serve but the eating area. We give out time and service these two days so the staff of Venture House can have a rest. Don't worry, we have a job for you.

We will be announcing this at stated meetings, as well as sending emails to let remind you. You can always check the Albert Pike Web page for the latest information at <http://albertpikelodge303.org>.

Sign up for a shift or sign up for the day.

Prepare meal & dining area	9:00am—11:00am
Server dinner	11:00am—1:00pm
Cleanup	1:00pm—2:15 pm

Contact Bob Talbott at bob.talbott@sbcglobal.net or 316-641-3566 with the shift that you can assist with.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Lodge Office at (316) 269-7851 or email at sec@albertpike303.org.

By: W.: *Sheldon Lawrence, PM*

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS ANYONE?

A perpetual life membership costs 20 times the Lodge dues at the time it is purchased (including Grand Lodge per-capita dues). The money is invested and the interest is calculated annually. 20% of the interest goes back into the principal, so the payment to the Lodge grows a little each year to help keep up with inflation. Once the member passes away, the Lodge still continues to receive dues and Grand Lodge receives per-capita dues from his membership each year **forever**.

Key points to remember:

1. Dues can never be increased.
2. Grand Lodge per-capita dues can never be increased.
3. The Lodge receives money from you **forever**.
4. Perpetual memberships can be transferred to another Kansas Lodge, however there are some restrictions.
5. Perpetual memberships cannot be transferred out of state.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren, as stated previously, our #1 goal for this year is to increase membership. We have already surpassed the amount of masons raised this year over last. If we continue at this pace, it will be the most men raised during a single year in recent history. Great work!

I have contacted men who were on the suspension list at the end of 2011 for non-payment of dues. I was able to reduce the number of men to 27 by the end of the grace period of June 30, 2012 whereby they only needed to pay their 2011 dues and did not need to fill out a petition for restoration with a background check to be restored. Welcome back Brothers.....the fraternity has missed you.

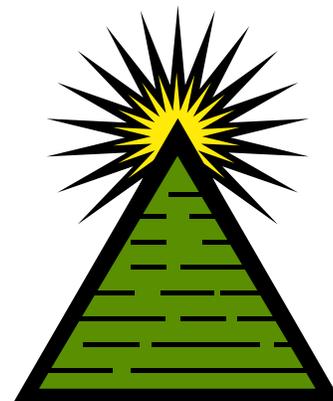
It has been four months since the Grand Master's edict went into effect regarding the new petition and background check. Even with the change, we have continued bringing men into masonry with the new requirements; this has positively changed my position regarding this revision. There is now a new petition for restoration available so our brothers wishing to be restored will need to fill out the restoration petition and attach the completed background check.

I want to thank everyone who attended our annual ice cream social & watermelon feed this summer. Both events were well attended, but the heat this summer prevented us from having the outside activities that were held last summer. Wichita set a record high temperature of 110° F on the day of our watermelon feed.

Our year will be two-thirds complete in August and we have the fall months remaining. Let us continue with the work of introducing good men to Masonry at Albert Pike Lodge.

Fraternally,

By: *Paul Ditty, JW*



AREA MASONIC ACTIVITIES

September 8th—Midian Shrine Family Day	October 27th—Keystone Kops Halloween Party
September 22nd—Midian Shrine Casino Night	October 29th—Masonic Unity Meeting (Elections)
October 5th—Champagne & Chocolate (WSR)	November 2nd—Pre-Glo at Midian Shrine
October 12-13th—Scottish Rite Classes	November 3rd—Midian Fall Ceremonial
October 16th—Masonic Info Night (Hutchinson)	November 11th—Veterans Appreciation Lunch
October 20th—Sumner County Hog Roast	November 17th—Midian's New Nobles Party
October 20th & Nov. 3rd—York Rite Class	December 8th—Scottish Rite Children's Xmas

NEWLY ADMITTED AND RESTORED BROTHERS - 2012

Brent Allen	Eric Deyle	Leslie Linneman	Patrick Sean Smith
Steven Anthimides	Danny Farlow	Jeff Logan	Kenneth Stoppel
Jonathan Auch	Douglas Foster	Jon McConnell	Richard Sutcliff
Stephen Baca, Jr.	Ryan Furlong	Ronald Niswander	Edward Sutton
Ronald Belcher	Tony Folkers	Andrew Olson	Joe Tigert
Thomas Blair	James Groff	Thomas Oxley	Fred Travis, Sr.
Douglas Bogart	Scott Hall	Aaron Page	Fred Travis, Jr.
Adam Brooks	Curtis High	Davin & Jarrett Perry	Kenneth Ward
Luke Blankenship	Larry Hopper	Jay Price	Charles Webb
Jamey & Jeff Blubaugh	Larry Hopper II	Jared Ragsdale	Briand Welch
Gerald Cleverley	Russell Horner	David Robertson	Lynn Westbrook
Randell Cook	Ronnie Ingle	Alex & Scott Rosell	Douglas Williams
Albert Cooper	Jessie Ingram	James Rowe	Terry Williams
Derek Courtright	Michael Inman	Jeff Runberg	Billy Wilson
Terry Cox	Richard Kane	Douglas Seaberg	Jeffrey Zitlow
Daryl Crotts	Raymond Knoefel	Lyndon Schaeffer	* Through 8/15/12
Marium Crumm	Cyril Lampe	Michael Schmitz	
Felipe Dela Rosa	T. Michael Lanning	Matthew Smith	

ALBERT PIKE MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS FOR 2012

Beginning Membership January 1, 2012	1,041
Master Masons Raised	21
Restorations	33
Suspensions	00
Demits	4
Deaths	23
Expulsions	00
Other (admitted and plural)	7
Net Change to date (thru August 15, 2012)	1,075



The Albert Pike Express Train is still moving down the tracks with a full head of steam. Thank you all for your focus and dedication!

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Master
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Prospect
Fellowcraft
Apprentice
Study Club
Potentate
Obligation
Masonic
Clandestine
Lost Word
Raised
Initiated
Voted
Black Ball
Elected

TO THE FELLOW WHO'LL TAKE MY PLACE

<p>Here is a toast that I want to drink To a fellow I'll never know; To the fellow who's going to take my place When it's time for me to go.</p> <p>I've wondered what kind of chap he'll be, And I've wished I could take his hand. Just to whisper, "I wish you well, old man"; In a way that he'd understand</p> <p>I'd like to give him the cheering word That I've longed at times to hear. I'd like to give him the warm hand clasp When never a friend seemed near.</p>	<p>I've learned my knowledge by sheer hard work, And I wish I could pass it on, To the fellow who'll take my place Some day when I am gone.</p> <p>And we'll meet some day in the great unknown Far out in the realms of space; You'll know my clasp when I take your hand And gaze in your tired face.</p> <p>Then all failures will be success, In the light of the new found dawn— So today I'm drinking your health, old chap, Who'll take my place when I am gone.</p>
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— Author Unknown

BART OGDEN ELECTED ORIENTAL GUIDE

At Midian Shrine's June Stated Meeting, Bart Ogden was elected as the new Oriental Guide. This special election was called to order due to a resignation that had taken place further up the elected line at Midian.

Bart, and his lovely wife Lesa, will continue the tradition of carrying on the Albert Pike name and providing Midian Shrine with another Potentate and First Lady.

The next time you see Bart at lodge, or he and Lesa at Midian, please take some time to get to know them. Once you spend five minutes with them you will understand why Midian, and Albert Pike, are very fortunate to have them as members.

Bart and Lesa are local business owners; Bart is a long time member of Albert Pike Lodge. Bart, affectionately known as M.O.M. in the Directors Staff, is very active at Midian and is a major part of the creative processes behind the 2nd Section. Congrats my friend!!

By: *Brian Byrd, SD*



WORD SCRAMBLE

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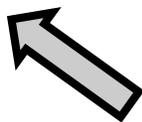
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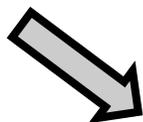
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An Invitation

On Friday, December 14th, your newly elected Albert Pike Officers for 2013 will be publically installed into their offices. This ceremony will take place at our Kansas Masonic Home Auditorium in Wichita, Kansas. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend this ceremony to show support to your newly elected officers.

WHAT: Public Installation of Officers

WHEN: Friday, December 14th

**WHERE: Kansas Masonic Home Auditorium
401 S. Seneca—Wichita, KS**

TIME: 7:00 PM

USEFUL MASONIC WEBSITES

Kansas Grand Lodge

www.KansasMason.org

Masonic Unity Council

www.MasonicUnity.org

Wichita York Rite

www.MasonicUnity.org

Wichita Scottish Rite

www.WichitaScottishRite.org

UPCOMING LODGE & CHARITABLE EVENTS

Sept 12th—Stated Communication @ 7:00 PM

Nov 20th—Venture House from 10 AM—2 PM

Sept 26th—Stated Communication @ 7:00 PM

Nov 28th—NO STATED COMMUNICATION

Oct 10th—Stated Communication @ 7:00 PM

Dec 12th—Stated Communication @ 7:00 PM

Oct 24th—Stated Communication @ 7:00 PM

Dec 14th—Installation of Officers @ 7:00 PM

Nov 13th—Venture House from 10AM—2PM

Dec 18th—Venture House from 10 AM—2 PM

Nov 14th—Past Master's Night @ 6:00 PM

Dec 26th— NO STATED COMMUNICATION

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BY LAWS

ALBERT PIKE LODGE NO. 303, A.F. & A.M. OF KANSAS

NOTE: In order to clearly indicate the changes being proposed, the section of the by-laws being changed shows the original wording (struck out) and the proposed wording (underlined). The rationale for the change follows the section being proposed for change.

Section 4.

Time and Place: All Communications of this Lodge shall be held at the Lodge hall, located in the ~~Scottish Rite Temple~~ Kansas Masonic Home, in the City of Wichita, Kansas, unless for funeral or other emergency purposes the Master shall direct otherwise. Stated Communications shall commence at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the day specified. No communication shall be called off beyond the night of the day on which it is opened, and the Lodge must be regularly closed in form before the brethren disperse.

Rationale: Maintenance to correctly define the current meeting place for the Lodge. Corrects an oversight from when the Lodge moved to the Kansas Masonic Home.

ARTICLE V

Board of Trustees; Duties

Section 5.

Duties: The duties of the Board of Trustees are: financial supervision, and ~~property maintenance~~ The duties of the Board of Trustees are: Financial supervision, preservation of the physical property of the Lodge and negotiation and approval of all lease and/or purchase agreements for the housing of the Lodge.

- (1) The Trustees shall periodically examine the books, vouchers, and reports of the Treasurer and Secretary, and shall review the reports of monthly deposits and expenditures, ~~and in no event shall an expenditure in excess of \$100.00 be incurred without their prior approval.~~ The Trustees shall be in charge of investing all surplus funds of the Lodge, ~~and for this purpose are authorized from time to time to purchase and sell bonds and securities and to make such investments, adequately secured, as they may deem advisable; provided,~~ The Trustees shall be responsible for selecting and engaging a qualified and bonded financial advisor who will invest the funds of the Lodge in consultation with the Trustees and according to the established investment policy of the Lodge. ~~no~~ No loans or advances shall ever be made to officers, trustees, employees, or members of the Lodge. The Trustees, in consultation at a formal meeting with the Lodge's elected officers, shall determine and set all salaries and pension arrangements for full and part-time employees of the Lodge.
- (2) The Trustees are further charged with overseeing the preservation and maintenance of the leased and/or owned physical property of the Lodge hall, and for this purpose may recommend programs for upkeep and maintenance to the officers and to the Lodge membership, and shall give approval to all programs for remodeling; provided, however, that the elected officers of the Lodge and/or the Trustees may authorize any necessary emergency repairs without approval of the Lodge membership.

Rationale: Duties: The notion of "property maintenance" has been removed to note the change from own-

ership to lease of our physical space. We are no longer responsible for direct maintenance of the physical property, however the Trustees continue to be responsible for ensuring that the physical assets of the Lodge are properly maintained.

1: Removed the spending limit requiring approval by the Trustees. There are adequate checks and balances in place to ensure that expenditures are reviewed in a timely manner. Expenditures also require two signatures further reducing the chance of unauthorized distribution of funds.

The Trustees are responsible for the investment of surplus funds, previous wording stated that the Trustees were responsible for buying and selling stocks, bonds and securities, the new wording reflects that the Trustees are responsible for engaging an experienced and bonded financial advisor and monitoring the performance of the investments according to the established investment policy of the Lodge. This is the process that has been followed for the last 8 to 10 years, this just formalizes it. Also, corrected a capitalization error in the original by-law.

2: The Trustees are responsible for the physical properties of the Lodge and for negotiating and/or approving any decisions on lease or purchase agreements for housing of the Lodge prior to such decisions being presented to the Lodge. They also are responsible for ensuring the maintenance of the physical property of the Lodge as stated above. This redefines the "physical maintenance" duties of the previous wording in the by-laws.

Section 1.

Standing Committees: Standing Committees as provided by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Kansas shall be established:

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee shall consist of ~~the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Senior Warden, and the Junior Warden,~~ three members appointed by the Master of the Lodge who shall regularly examine the financial reports of the Treasurer and Secretary, audit all claims against the Lodge and as necessary consider budgetary matters with the Master.

Rationale: The change is to make the establishment of the Finance Committee conform to the Grand Lodge by-laws.

A WORD FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Acknowledgement of a "Supreme Being" is the basic foundation for our Masonic beliefs and teachings, for as Masons we are taught that the influence of God as our Creator is present in all events in our lives. Through life's experiences we hope to grow spiritually.

In our Masonic labors we often address our spirituality through prayer. We are directed to look to our Chaplain to lead us in prayer, and candidates for Masonic light are caused to kneel and attend prayer. Prayer is not just pouring out our hearts or asking God for favors, but it is also a tool for meditation and introspection.

Prayer and Masonic teachings won't make a bad man good, but they will make a good man better.

By: *Gillard Cohen, Chaplain*



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