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Director of The Work

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE WORK

"The ritual never changes." Have you heard that one before? Maybe in Blue Lodge, but certainly not in the Scottish Rite. As SGIG Jennings has shared with us in our LOP education sessions, the Scottish Rite Degrees have experienced major

changes in the past 150 years.

And, here in the Valley of Tulsa, our Degrees are being tweaked and improved constantly. With our new technical equipment (sound, lighting, graphic imaging) and stage, we are able to give candidates a personal, intimate, and unique Scottish Rite experience.

Our actors are not separated from their audience - our candidates - by yards of dark, empty space. No! In the 7th Degree, the Class becomes the workers over which Naboth and Uriah are fighting. In the 14th Degree, Brother Jon Ferris can look directly in the candidates' eyes and ask those difficult questions that require soul-searching and self-critique. In the 26th Degree, the Class is the angry mob offered the choice between Jesus and Barabas. In the 29th Degree, the Class is in the midst of the fight. We have created experiential theatre!

But, for what end? So, we get together a couple of times a year, pronounce several good men to be Masters of the Royal Secret, and go home. Is that all there is? In the Valley of Tulsa, it certainly should not be! The Reunion is an opportunity to initiate new members and to reconnect with our old friends. But, it should be much more than that. SGIG Jennings has renewed and reinvigorated our education program in the Valley of Tulsa. I hope you can see that the exemplification and communication of the Scottish Rite Degrees is a part of that Masonic education. Not only is it a starting point for new members, it is a tremendous refresher course for us all.

While each of the Degrees can be looked at individually, we need to remember that they are each a part of a great circle. This is a journey of further travels once we have attained the Sublime Degree of

Master Mason. Do you remember the key from the 4th Degree? What does that key open? It takes the entire travel through the Scottish Rite Degrees and becoming a Master of the Royal Secret before you can know. If we just opened that barrier to our candidates without the rich experience of the 5th-31st Degrees, they certainly would not understand.

Each Degree builds upon previous experience. For example, the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th Degrees all address faith - the 23rd Degree, Chief of the Tabernacle, discusses the Judaic Mysteries; the 24th Degree, Prince of the Tabernacle, the Egyptian Mysteries; the 25th Degree, Knight of the Brazen Serpent, the Islamic Mysteries; and, the 26th Degree, Prince of Mercy, the Christian Mysteries. But the foundation for these four degrees was set back in the 19th Degree, Grand Pontiff.

Even with much study, the lessons of the Degrees can be difficult to comprehend. We are so fortunate that SGIG Jennings has taken the responsibility to provide an introduction to the Candidates before each Degree. He gives them context in which to view the upcoming Degree, and provides hints of things for which to look.

The Degree Communications, led by Brothers Richard Carr and Leo Legg, are being improved, also. Previously, it was a member reading four or five paragraphs. Over the next several months (and honestly, two or three years), Richard and Leo will be adding graphic images in addition to the presenter for the Communications to touch not only a Candidate's ears, but also his eyes.

When you combine our experiential Degrees at Reunion and the Education Program at LOP with the Master Craftsmen Program, the College of the Consistory Tulsa Campus, the Scottish Rite Research Society, and the upcoming Master Craftsmen II, there is no want of opportunity for Masonic education in the Valley of Tulsa.

There are plenty of opportunities for you to be not only a student, but also a participant. The Work Division is in need of both creative and technical people. Do you enjoy music, and would like to suggest particular pieces to be parts of Degrees? Would you like to learn about stage design? Do you want to be an actor? Or, maybe coordinate a Degree? Wardrobe

design? Or, maybe you don't know specifically what you would like to do, but you just want to help? The Work Division can probably find you a place! If so, contact the Scottish Rite office at 918.622.7760 or gensec@tulsascottishrite.org, or Brother Russell Donathan at drdonathan@gmail.com.

Please come be a part of our Reunion on October 24-25. Meet new friends, and see some of your old ones. And, take the opportunity to come in the "theatre" and experience our Degrees.

SPECIAL REQUEST

If you are a family member receiving the **Double Eagle News** for a member of the Tulsa Scottish Rite, please notify us at (918) 622-7760, if this member is in the hospital or incapacitated in any way.
Thank You.

**Plan to Attend the
Tulsa Scottish Rite
Fall, Two-Day
Reunion**

**Saturday, October 24, &
Sunday, October 25.**

(Refer to Page 5 for schedule.)

FROM THE SECRETARY



**R. Keith Madden,
32°, KCCH,
Tulsa Scottish Rite
General Secretary**

Brethren,

First up... a huge thank you to Br. Mike Fritts for giving his time and talent to construct, finish, deliver, and install the new book case in the class room! Now that we have a place to properly store books, the Museum will be happy to accept donations of any books of Masonic interest.

If you haven't been to a Lodge of Perfection meeting recently, I encourage you to make time to do so; it ain't the same old business meeting! We are now having a brief educational presentation as part of the agenda of the meetings. These presentations have ranged from the live staging of portions of our degrees, to the Holland Chapter of DeMolay from Claremore who exemplified their DeMolay degree, to a discussion of the Morgan affair and other controversial events in Masonic history.

Brethren, as you should be aware, the M.:W.:Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, A.F. & A.M. and the M.:W.:Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., Jurisdiction of Oklahoma have signed a compact whereby each Grand Lodge recognizes the other as regular grand lodges, and have agreed on visitation protocols. As a result of this historic event, Joseph C. Jennings, Jr., 33°, Sovereign

Grand Inspector General in Oklahoma has met with his counterpart of the Prince Hall Scottish Rite in Oklahoma, and we may well have Prince Hall Scottish Rite Masons visiting us during our Reunion. I have every confidence that these Brethren will be greeted as brother Scottish Rite Masons and will receive every Masonic courtesy.

Please advise us of any change(s) in your contact information. You can call the office at (918) 622-7760, email us at l.caudle@tulsascottishrite.org, or click on the "Scottish Rite Masons" tab on the Supreme Council website (www.scottishrite.org). There is an additional button on this menu for information updates.

We have a great reunion planned. The Director of The Work and his team are working diligently to make sure that the work is well presented, and all those who work in other departments are ready to make sure your Reunion experience is not just good – but great. Mark your calendar now, and join us on October 24th and 25th. We will be happy to see you.

If renewing your membership will create financial hardship on your family, all you need to do is contact me, and we will work out a suitable arrangement for you. But, the truth of the matter is this – it doesn't matter how much I want to assist you, I can't help with a problem I don't know about!

However, if you can pay your dues and have not yet paid for 2009 – NOW IS THE TIME TO DO SO! As Masons we all obligated ourselves to pay a share of the cost of operating our Lodge. We are under no less an obligation as Scottish Rite Masons. It truly is a matter of honor.

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Are You A Perpetual Member?

2010 Membership/Dues Renewal Notices Have Been Mailed

Your 2010 Membership/Dues Renewal notices have been mailed. We ask that you remit promptly.

If for some reason, you find that renewing your dues will create a financial hardship, please contact the General Secretary. We are all committed to caring for our Brethren; we stand ready to assist our Brethren who cannot renew their membership due to a situation that creates a financial hardship for them...all you need to do is call...

Keith Madden
(918) 622-7760



Tulsa Scottish Rite Spring Reunion April 18 & 19, 2009

Seated (L to R): Wesley W. Little; Lynn S. Burgess; Samuel J. Newport; Frank B. Wolfe, III; Joseph C. Jennings, Jr., 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Oklahoma; Richard D. Sewell, 32° KCCH, Chairman - Advisory Conference; R. Keith Madden, 32° KCCH, General Secretary; H.A. "Al" Wilson, 32° KCCH; John D. Miller, Jr., 33°

Standing (L to R): Kenneth L. Smith; Jeff W. Rhodes, II; Floyd D. Boggs; Russell R. Smith; Oscar K. Geilfuss; Robin M. Durland; Ralph W. Neice, III; Varley "Dean" McClure, Jr.; John E. Foley; Dennis Q. Llewellyn; Donald G. Draper

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FEES INCREASE FOR 2010

Members of the Tulsa Valley will receive renewal notices for 2010 within the next few days, and, yes, the regular renewal fees for 2010 have increased to \$80. This increase is for the entire Orient of Oklahoma, not just the Tulsa Valley.

For those who are able to attend our monthly Lodge of Perfection meeting, this should come as no surprise. However, for those who cannot, additional explanation is in order.

- We all recognize that in today's world, a dollar does not have the same purchasing power as in the past. Simply put, the price of everything is higher today than in the past. The last time there was an increase in renewal fees that actually produced revenue that the Valley could use for operations was in 1995. Please note that the annual membership renewal fee has not increased since 2005, when the Supreme Council raised its per capita assessment to the Valleys by \$4. At that time, membership renewal fees in the Orient of Oklahoma increased by that same amount...***not one penny of that increase benefitted the Valley!***

- At the upcoming Biennial Session of the Supreme Council, it is highly likely that the Supreme Council will increase its current per capita assessment from the

current \$10 per member per year to \$20 per member per year over the next five (5) years, and the Valley simply cannot afford to absorb this increase on behalf of our members;

- The recession has created a significant reduction in our investment income. As our membership declines, our investment income becomes an increasingly critical source of revenue for the Valley. Membership fees produce slightly less than 30% of the Valley's income on an annual basis.

The Advisory Conference has worked diligently – and will continue to do so – to operate the Valley on sound business principles, while recognizing that we are not a for-profit enterprise, but a fraternity! As an example, earlier this year after thorough review of our investments, we determined that our needs would be better served if we were to change our investment advisors and money managers. This has proven to have been a sound decision. We did incur significant losses due to the overall market problems, but certainly believe that our new advisors and managers have us positioned to reap the benefits of the recovery we hope to see. We are indeed fortunate that our Advisory Conference has made these hard decisions over the years,

and that we are not forced to depend solely on membership fees to operate the Valley.

As much as we all dislike an increase in any cost, it is wise to put this in its proper perspective. Our Valley received its letters temporary in 1958, and was chartered in 1959. At that time, annual dues were \$5, and average annual income was \$3,700. By 1971, dues had increased to \$15, and the average annual income was \$11,106.

In terms of average annual income and the amount of time it took a man to earn that much money – which is the real way to measure change in the cost of anything – today's \$80 fees take essentially the same amount of time to earn and represents approximately the same percentage of annual income as \$5 did in 1959 and \$15 did in 1970. So, while the number of dollars for renewal fees has increased, the real cost is almost the same today as it was back then! Our membership fees have been and are today, very reasonable when measured in this manner. *And renewing you membership is still one of the best investments a Mason can make. Thank you for your continued support of the Tulsa Scottish Rite, your Brethren are counting on you!*

ORIENT OF OKLAHOMA 2010 REUNION DATES

Tulsa

April 17 & 18
October 23 & 24

Guthrie

April 30 thru May 2
October 9 & 10

McAlester

April 10 & 11
October 16 & 17

If you are working on earning your Scottish Rite medal by participating in the Passport Degree program, remember that witnessing a Passport Degree at a Guthrie or McAlester reunion will also earn credit toward completion of the Passport Degree Program.

PASSPORT PROGRAM STILL IN EFFECT

Did you know that several years before the Supreme Council announced the Master Craftsman program that the Orient of Oklahoma had already responded to the Brethren's desire for additional Masonic learning with its Passport Program?

One can study the degrees of the Scottish Rite and learn much. However, seeing the degrees of the Scottish Rite performed with actors, stage sets, and special effects will certainly do much to cement the lessons of the degree in one's mind.

As we all know, only a handful of Valleys can exemplify all of the degrees, and even those Valleys which can, often are working under significant time restrictions. As a result many degrees are communicated

during any given reunion.

The Orient of Oklahoma's Passport Program is designed to encourage our Brethren to witness all the degrees of the Scottish Rite over a period of years. Each Reunion will have up to 4 designated "Passport Degrees." During a Reunion, when a member has witnessed a "Passport Degree," he should have the Tiler initial his book for that degree, and then secure the sticker for that degree from the office and place it in his Passport Book. When he has witnessed all degrees, and his Passport Book is complete with all degree stickers, he will be presented with either a 32° or 32°, KCCH jewel, whichever is appropriate, as shown to the right.



32° Jewel



32° KCCH Jewel

WHY A REUNION?

John Warren, 32° KCCH

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Does anyone know...really know, why we hold Reunions?

Some may answer that Reunions are a way to get new members. Some may answer that a Reunion is a chance to get all dressed up, act in a play and simply have some fun. Some may even say Reunions are held just to give a lot of guys something to do.

Wrong! Wrong! Wrong!

There are a few questions to be answered before we can answer the main question of Why a Reunion and they include the following:

- 1) What is the definition of the word 'reunion'?
- 2) Do we present them for all the right or wrong reasons?
- 3) What type of person participates and what do we mean by participation?

According to one of the definitions found on Dictionary.com, a Reunion is a reuniting again or a gathering of relatives, friends or associates at regular intervals or after separation. It sounds as if we are on the right path in defining the word 'Reunion'.

A Scottish Rite definition found in the reunion programs states that: "A reunion is a reuniting of the membership after a period of separation. It is a homecoming get-together of the Brethren in a continuing fellowship of the Fraternity." Hmmmmm! Now we are a little closer to our definition of the word 'Reunion'.

Perhaps the most descriptive Scottish Rite definition I have found comes from the General Notes to Actors found in the degree scripts. It says, in part: "We are the degrees. All that represents the Rite, the Temples, the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Centers, the organizations in each Temple, the many charities and outreach programs...all rest on the performance of the Degrees, for they are the means by which we teach the ideals and philosophy of the Rite. They are that mystic Cable Tow which connects men to us and determines whether a man just passes through the Degrees, or whether he truly becomes a Scottish Rite Mason. Tens of thousands of men have literally had their lives changed by what they have seen and felt in the Degrees.

"Each time you walk on the stage or onto the floor of a Scottish Rite Lodge, you literally have the potential to heal a hurt, teach a great lesson or turn around a human life. It is an awesome responsibility."

THIS IS WHY WE SHOULD HOLD REUNIONS!!!!

How many of you have ever read what's written in the Reunion Programs or the notes to the actors in the Scripts...both readily available to the membership? Not many, I would bet and there is a lot of interesting information in the booklets and scripts. And you must know that someone spent a lot of time researching the material for us.

Anticipating honors should not be the reason for participating. We are taught that as masons, no man should be considered for his worldly worth or honors. Having a class member come up to me and say: "Thanks! I learned a lot" is reward enough.

We have all heard people talk about the need to participate, but what exactly do we mean by "participate?" Look at what all it takes to stage a Reunion: It takes Actors, Degree Directors, the Costume Department, the Makeup Committee, the Stage Crew, the Properties Committee, the Light and Sound Committee, the Music Department, the Tilers, the Class Committee, the Office Staff, the Sideliners. So, you see, there are limitless ways to 'participate'.

You can determine what kind of a Mason participates by answering the several questions listed below. No man is perfect, but these questions are excellent guidelines.

- 1) When you first became a Mason, have you tried to be fair and honest with all men?
- 2) Since becoming a Mason, attempted to serve and not injure in any way, your Brethren?
- 3) For the widows and orphans of your deceased Brethren, have you been as generous as possible with your time and material assistance?
- 4) Have you attempted to deserve what our Order has to offer by demonstrating your

zeal in Free Masonry?

- 5) Have you demonstrated how much you value the degrees by attending to your Masonic duties?
- 6) When you have wronged a Brother Mason in any way, have you expressed regret and attempted to make amends?
- 7) If any of your Brethren have wronged you, are you willing to forgive him and make amends?
- 8) In a gathering of Masons, is there usually anyone with whom you have quarreled with?
- 9) Have you attempted to live an honest and virtuous life by being compassionate, honest, frank and generous with a Brother Mason?
- 10) When you have gone astray in some way with your Brethren, have you repented and attempted to make amends?
- 11) Since you were first initiated into Masonry, have you taken the name of God in vain?

Hafiz, a 17th century poet, said in his poem **A GREAT NEED...**

"Out of a great need,
We are holding hands and climbing,
Not loving is a letting go.
Listen!! The terrain around here is far too dangerous for that."

I have had the opportunity over the years to witness degrees presented by several different Consistories. In some, scripts were memorized, in some, not so much. The production values in some were elaborate, and in some, not so much. In some, costumes were elaborate and in some, not so much.

But they all had one thing in common. They were attempting to educate new members of what Scottish Rite Masonry is all about.

Let me leave you with one simple question.

WHY DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN REUNIONS?



**TULSA SCOTTISH RITE
FALL REUNION SCHEDULE
OCTOBER 24-25, 2009**



Saturday, October 24th

7:00 AM Coffee & Rolls – Candidate Registration

7:40 Class Assembly and Roll Call

8:00 Opening Ceremonies
Open Lodge of Perfection

9:00 Introduction to the Scottish Rite

9:30 Introduction – 4th Degree

9:40 4th Degree - *Secret Master* –
Exemplified
James E. Carroll, 32°, KCCH, Director

10:20 5th Degree – Communicated
Introduction – 6th Degree

10:30 6th Degree – *Confidential Secretary* –
Exemplified **
Michael L. McConnel, 32°, Director

11:00 Introduction – 7th Degree

11:10 7th Degree – *Provost & Judge* –
Exemplified **
Anthony W. Keck, 32°, KCCH, Director

11:45 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th Degrees
Communicated

LUNCH

1:30 PM Class Assembly and Roll Call
Introduction – 14th Degree

1:40 14th Degree – *Perfect Elu* –
Exemplified
Dr. Richard R. Polk, 32°, KCCH, Director

3:10 Open Chapter of Rose Croix
15th and 16th Degrees – Communicated
Introduction – 17th Degree

3:30 17th Degree – *Knight of the East and West* –
Exemplified
James E. Smyrl, 33°, Director

Master Craftsman Program Presentation
Class Directors Presentation

Sunday, October 25th

7:00 AM Coffee & Rolls

7:40 Class Assembly and Roll Call
Introduction – 18th Degree

8:00 18th Degree – *Knight Rose Croix* – Exemplified
John W. Vaughan, 33°, Director

9:10 Clinic Presentation
Shrine Presentation
York Rite Presentation
Open Council of Kadosh
19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th Degrees –
Communicated

10:30 Introduction – 26th Degree

10:40 26th Degree – *Prince of Mercy* –
Exemplified **
Broken Arrow Team
Ronald L. Shoaf, 32°, KCCH, Director

11:25 27th Degree – Communicated
Election of Class Officers
Class Photograph

LUNCH

1:30 PM Class Assembly and Roll Call
Introduction – 28th Degree

1:40 28th Degree – *Knight Commander of the
Temple* – Exemplified **
Patrick M. Oliver, 32°, Director

2:50 29th Degree – Communicated
Introduction – 30th Degree

3:00 30th Degree – *Knight Kadosh* – Exemplified
Sand Springs Team
Gary D. Barber, 33°, Director

4:15 Open Consistory
31st Degree – Communicated
Introduction – 32nd Degree

4:30 32nd Degree – *Master of the Royal Secret* –
Exemplified
Dr. Russell E. Donathan, 32°, Director

** Passport Degrees

HELP WANTED

I'll bet you didn't expect to see a "help wanted" ad in the Double Eagle News. But the truth of the matter is that your Tulsa Scottish Rite continues to function only with the help of its members - that's you and me!

At this time, there are several areas in which the Valley can benefit from your time and talent.

FRATERNAL CONTACT TEAM

This team is charged with the responsibility of contacting each member of the Valley simply to "check up" on him - it is NOT to seek a donation or remind him that he hasn't paid his dues yet, but to help us stay in touch with our members, and thereby fulfill our fraternal obligations to him. Each team member will be asked to call a group of Brethren over approximately a year. No one team member should need to make more than 1-2 calls each day. If you enjoy talking to people, this is a wonderful opportunity to talk with your Brethren. If this is something you would like to participate in, please contact Brother Tom Schwartz at drtom1966@sbcglobal.net.

OFFICE ASSISTANCE

If you would like to help out occasionally in getting various mailings ready to go to the postal service, our office staff wants you! With a team working together, these mailings usually take a couple of hours to stuff, label, and sort. And, there's always a good conversation going!! If this sounds good to you, please contact Carole Whiten or Leanne Caudle at (918) 622-7760, and you WILL be put on that team!

REUNION WORKERS

It requires a large number of members to conduct a Reunion! Consider coming out to this Reunion, visit your Brethren, and see if there is anything you might be interested in helping with - whether it be working in the presentation of the degrees or helping in a support role. If you do, and we hope you will, please contact the office - we'll get you in touch with who you need to talk with!

LODGE REPRESENTATIVE

These individuals are responsible for good communications between the Lodge and the Scottish Rite. For example, a Lodge Representative is to promote the Scottish Rite and its programs within the Lodge, encourage new Master Masons to become a member of the Rite (when they are eligible), and advise the Valley office of any difficulties a Scottish Rite member of his Lodge may be experiencing.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the appropriate person listed with each position. They'll be glad to hear from you!

Scottish Rite Masons
Helping Children
Communicate

Charitable Giving A Win-Win Situation

Most of us like to help others; it's almost a given that we will respond positively to "I need a favor," or "Would you help me with something?" The RiteCare Clinics are the major philanthropy of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction. It all started with a young mother going to the Valley of Denver and asking "Can you help my child?" And, of course, they did!

The Tulsa Valley's RiteCare Childhood Language Clinic has been giving youngsters with speech/language/reading difficulties the tools they need to become productive adults since 1977. Since the Tulsa Clinic opened, we have provided therapy to 3,475 children. You, the current members of the Tulsa Valley, and those members who preceded us made this possible by answering that request for help positively and generously.

We do recognize that sometimes it is tough to make a single, large donation. It's not necessary; all donations of any amount are most welcome! In fact, it is very important that our Foundation receives a large number of donations from a variety of sources every year to maintain its status as a Public Charity. So, if you are not comfortable with a single, large annual donation, a small, monthly donation might work for you.

If you want to assist the Foundation without actually writing a check, consider a Bequest to the Foundation, which directs a specific sum or percentage of your estate to the Foundation. Your bequest can be in the form of cash, stocks, bonds, or other financial instruments, real estate, or personal property. Another way is to name the Foundation as the beneficiary on a life insurance policy. This type of gift can be directed through a will or living trust. Contact your attorney to help you make sure your wishes are known and honored.

A charitable lead trust (CLT) is one of the most effective tools to pass wealth to heirs with a minimum of taxation while making a generous gift to the Foundation. It creates substantial charitable deductions, provides income for the Foundation for a period determined by the donor to use temporarily and recuperates the principal for the donor or family member in a specified number of years.

These are only a few of the available vehicles available to meet your charitable giving goals. Each plan has positive tax ramifications for the donor; consult your tax professional, financial planner, and attorney for their professional advice with this.

Whether you choose an annual donation, a smaller monthly donation, or some other vehicle to accomplish your charitable giving goals, the best part of the whole process may well be the satisfaction of knowing that you personally helped a child enjoy a better life!

Something to Consider

One of the most powerful lessons that we as Scottish Rite Masons are taught is that our experience is full of opposites - paradoxes, if you will. With this in mind, give careful consideration to these words of advice that are consistent with the core values of the Scottish Rite.

The Paradoxical Commandments

By Kent M. Keith

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.

Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

Be honest and frank anyway.

The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.

Think big anyway.

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.

Fight for a few underdogs anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.

Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.

Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

Give the world the best you have anyway

Jace Can Communicate!

By: Kelli Croucher, MS,CCC - Speech-Language Pathologist

At 3½ years old, Jace Bormann was an extremely bright and talkative boy. He had the best manners and was eager to tell long, detailed stories. Even though Jace was a great "talker," friends and family had a difficult time understanding him. He needed to use hand gestures and act out his stories to get his point across.

I tested Jace's speech, and he had a severe delay. He needed therapy so that he could be understood. Through structured therapy activities and LOTS of hard work, Jace graduated 10 months later.

When Jace was first tested, he made 110 errors on a test of speech sounds. At the end of therapy, he had only 7 errors. Standard scores (average 85-115) compared Jace's performance to the average child of the same age. When first tested, Jace's standard score was 46 (a severe delay). When he graduated, Jace's standard score was 106 (the high-average range)!

Before Jace started speech therapy at the Clinic, his grandparents couldn't



understand a word he said on the phone. After a few months of therapy, they were able to communicate with him by phone with a little help from mom or dad. During a visit to Jace's home shortly before his graduation, his grandparents were amazed at how much his speech had improved since their last visit with him

Mr. and Mrs. Bormann are grateful to the Tulsa Scottish Rite for providing help for kids like Jace.

MASTER CRAFTSMAN II LAUNCH ANNOUNCED

The Supreme Council has announced the launch of the Master Craftsman II program. At the time of this publication, the Master Craftsman II program material has been approved and is at the printer. It is likely that the new program will be available as early as October.

The Master Craftsman program is a self-study correspondence program developed by the Scottish Rite Research Society for those members who wish to become better educated about the Scottish Rite; it is designed to expand one's knowledge of the Scottish Rite, its history, structure and organization, and its philosophical teachings.

The new Master Craftsman II program is available to those who have completed the basic Master Craftsman course. It is similar in structure to the first course – it has multiple choice exams on the degrees of the Rite, as well as essay questions designed to require additional research and thought. Those who have purchased the Master Craftsman



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program already have the basic source material for the new course in hand; Master Craftsman II also uses the *Scottish Rite Monitor and Guide*, and *A Bridge to Light* as its textbooks.

Completing the Master Craftsman course is no small undertaking. It takes time and commitment to complete the 6 lessons and essay questions. The Tulsa Valley is fortunate to have among us a number of Brethren who have displayed their commitment to Masonic Education and the Scottish Rite by completing the course. Included in those who have completed the course since our April newsletter are: David Allen, Arthur McCullough, Randall Ballard, Christopher Berson, Tom Lillard, Allen Schaefer, John Clift, Michael McConnell, Danny Murphy, Gary Beisley, Teodor Massad, Kenneth L. Smith, and Robert W. Hopper. Please make an opportunity to congratulate these Brethren on completing the Master Craftsman I course – they have earned it!!

Orient of Oklahoma

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*Sovereign Grand Inspector
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