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## The Academy of Reflection Reunion Slated for October 1-2!

Mark your calendars now to come to Guthrie and experience the wonder and stateliness of one of America's largest Masonic edifices in an atmosphere of sharing, learning, fellowship and reflection on the weekend of October 1-2, 2011. There is no better place to feel at the same time the beauty of man's accomplishments and the wonder of his possibilities than at a Guthrie Scottish Rite reunion. Each reunion is an academy of reflection for the brother who sincerely desires self-improvement and spiritual growth.

Reunion activities begin with breakfast and registration of candidates at 7:00 am on Saturday, October 1, followed by the opening ceremonies at 8 am. All candidates are welcome to come to the Temple the evening before for an introduction to the Scottish Rite by our Valley's mentorship group. This is very much a part of the reunion experience and is a good chance to get acquainted with other members of the class and learn things about the Scottish Rite that are not covered in other aspects of the reunion. It takes time to explore the vast Guthrie temple and the eve of the reunion is an excellent time to get acquainted with the many artistic rooms and curious hallways of the building.

The work will begin on Saturday at 9:15 am with an introduction to the Lodge of Perfection degrees. There will be breakout sessions with the candidates throughout the day to give every new student of the Rite an opportunity to learn and share his reflections on the degrees he is witnessing. There will be assignments and exercises that will facilitate each candidate's focus on the overall purpose and meaning of the higher degrees of Masonry.

The class election of officers will take place before the evening banquet and the Saturday's activities will close with a presentation of the 18°, Knight Rose Croix at 7 pm, followed by a Masonic conversation with Jim Tresner, Robert Davis, and Chuck Dunning.

Sunday morning, following a hearty breakfast, Dr. Tresner will introduce the class to the Council of Kadosh degrees and the 24° will be conferred. Some of the largest degrees in Freemasonry will unfold during the morning and early afternoon sessions on Sunday. The reunion will conclude with the presentation of the 32°, scheduled to begin at 2:50 pm.

The Guthrie Valley invites all 32° Masons to attend and enjoy the college course in Masonic instruction as we kick off the Fall, 2011 with the Academy of Reflection reunion.

### *What is the Academy of Reflection?*

Guthrie Scottish Rite members will be hearing a lot more about the academy of reflection over the next few years. It is not just a reunion; it is a program. It is an experience. The name was selected for the Fall, 2011, reunion because the Valley will be initiating some of the activities that will be undertaken by the academy in the future. So, just what is the Academy of Reflection?

Scottish Rite Freemasonry is inherently holistic in its approach to the moral, social and spiritual development of its members. It offers beautiful and inspiring ritual, profound and stimulating literature and appendant bodies for men with callings and interests of many sorts. However, despite all our rituals and literature consistently referring to the importance of meditation, contemplation and prayer regarding our mystic rite, there is really no body within Masonry in general specifically dedicated to such pursuits. The Academy of Reflection will offer men opportunities to pursue these interests within the rich context of the Scottish Rite's symbolism, ritual and literature, and in association with other like-minded men. Yes, the Rite will benefit from the increased passion and loyalty of those who undertake the deeper meanings and reflections of Masonry's real purpose. But the individual participant can be literally transformed by his own effort in such work. The result is that the insights which come from the inner work flow out of the Rite into the life and world of the Brother, enriching the experience for all members and enhancing the Rite's potential to assist with the transformation of their lives, their families, and their communities. That is the true goal of Freemasonry.

Among the activities which will be explored in this new curriculum that is being developed by the Guthrie Valley's education committee will include such practices of mindfulness, visualization and meditative reflection, the art of memory and the creative imagery of the Masonic Camp of the 32°, prayer and contemplation directed at the great questions of life. The mission of the academy is to offer interested Guthrie Scottish Rite Masons encouragement and basic instruction in the pursuit of the inner work.

The goals of the academy are based on interviews with many young men entering the fraternity today who have a deep interest in the inner work of Freemasonry and an abiding urge to unravel the allegories of their own life. Of course, Masonry has always existed to facilitate this process for all of its initiates. It's time we started being true to what we are as an organization. The academy is one place to start for those who have this kind of interest. For more information you can talk with members of the Guthrie Valley Education Committee at the upcoming fall reunion.

## THE ACADEMY OF REFLECTION REUNION

October 1-2, 2011

Friday, September 30, 2011

*Candidate Registration 6:30-7:00 p.m.*

*Candidate Reception, 7:00 p.m*

*Introduction to the Scottish Rite 7:30 p.m.*

**Knights of St. Andrew Processional 9:00 p.m.**

Saturday, October 1, 2011

Breakfast, Snack Bar.....	7:00 - 8:00 am
Registration of Candidates.....	7:30 - 8:00 am
Class Organization-Egyptian Rm.....	8:00 am
Opening Ceremonies.....	8:30 am
Ladies Coffee.....	9:00 am
Introduction to the Lodge of Perfection.....	9:15 am
4° Secret Master (Guthrie-Johnston).....	9:30 am
10 Year Member Recognition (Blue Rm).....	10: 00 am
Candidate Education.....	10:05 - 10:25 am
5° Perfect Master (Kay-McGee).....	10:35 am
Candidate Education.....	11:00 - 11:20 am
<b>*7° Provost and Judge (Altus-King).....</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>
<b>Lunch—Snack Bar.....</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>
50 Year Member Luncheon (Invitation Only).....	12:00 pm
<b>*9°, 10° Elu of the Nine, Fifteen, (OKC-Robison).....</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
Candidate Education.....	1:40 - 2:20 pm
13° Royal Arch of Solomon (Choctaw-Smith).....	2:30 pm
14° Perfect Elu (Del City-Steddum).....	3:25 pm
Obligation of the 14°.....	4:15 pm
Into to the Chaper of Rose Croix.....	4:40 pm
<b>*17° Knight of the East and West (Duncan-Powers).....</b>	<b>4:55 pm</b>
Class Election of Officers.....	5:40 pm

**Banquet 6:00 p.m.**

18° Knight Rose Croix (OKC-Massad).....	7:00 pm
Obligation 15° - 18°.....	8:10 pm

A Masonic Conversation with Chuck Dunning,  
Jim Tresner, 33° G.C., and Robert Davis, 33°, G.C.  
Main Auditorium 8:30 pm

Sunday, October 2, 2011

<b>Breakfast, Snack Bar.....</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>
Introduction to the Council of Kadosh.....	8:00 am
24° Prince of the Tabernacle (W Cent Ok-Sheppard).....	8:15 am
Candidate Education.....	8:55 - 9:30 am
28° Knight Commander of the Temple (Guthrie-Heaton).....	9:40 am
Membership Committee Meeting.....	10:00 am
30° Knight Kadosh (OKC-Berry).....	11:00 am
Obligations 19°-30°.....	12:00 pm
<b>Lunch—Snack Bar.....</b>	<b>12:05 pm</b>
Class Memorial/Class Picture.....	1:00 pm
31° Inspector Inquisitor (Guthrie-Cook).....	1:30 pm
<b>*32° Master of the Royal Secret (OKC-Dixon).....</b>	<b>2:50 pm</b>

\*Passport Degrees



## The Four Paths to Self Study in Scottish Rite Education

If there is one thing that resonates almost universally among younger men joining the fraternity today, it is a strong desire to uncover the deeper meanings of Masonry. They want to know they are on a quest to mature and manly judgment with like-minded brothers. They want to know how to validate the milestones they encounter on this quest. They want to discover the meaning of the allegories and interpret the many symbols and themes they are told about in our progressive system of moral and civic instruction. They want to know how the lessons of Masonry can apply to their contemporary lives. They have values and they want their values to be shared by several generations of men who have also obligated themselves to take Masonic instruction seriously.

In a word, they want to study Freemasonry.

Fortunately, the Scottish Rite has an ever expanding program for self-study in the college curriculum of Freemasonry. This opportunity exists through both online and hard copy exams using facilitated guidebooks prepared by scholars of the craft. There are four such paths available to any 32° Mason.

**Master Craftsman I** – a series of multiple choice exams over the degrees of the Rite, using Arturo de Hoyos’ “Ritual Monitor and Guide” as the source book for instruction. One can enroll in this program online by going to the Supreme Council’s website; <http://www.scottishrite.org>. The resource book is covered in the admission price.

**Master Craftsman II** – a series of multiple choice exams over each degree of the Rite, with added essay questions. The Ritual Monitor and Guide can also be used for answering the exam questions. You can enroll in this program at the same website upon completion of the Master Craftsman I program.

**College of Consistory** – a self-study program on each individual degree of the Rite, requiring completion of a combination of multiple choice exams and essays. Rex Hutchen’s “Bridge to Light” is the resource guide for the multiple choice exams. The essay topics are selected by the enrollee from a list of questions included in the syllabus for each degree. One can enroll in the College of the Consistory program at any time, but it is recommended upon completion of the Master Craftsman II program. Enrollment can be done online by clicking the consistory icon at [www.guthriescottishrite.org](http://www.guthriescottishrite.org). The purchase of several Masonic books is required as part of this curriculum. Completion of the College of Consistory program designates one an Adept of the Consistory and qualifies him to be a teacher of Scottish Rite education in his own Valley or Orient.

**Education on the Rite Nite** – a monthly Scottish Rite program for Oklahoma 32° Masons conducted in Blue Lodges across the Guthrie Valley where the esoteric and philosophic meanings of the degrees are explained and moral and ethical questions explored and debated. The sharing of ideas and group discussion by attendees is expected at these monthly meetings. To receive a calendar of dates and programs for the year, email your request to [gscrite@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gscrite@sbcglobal.net)

Any Brother who desires to build a discipline for regular study in Masonry, or just wants to make the personal commitment to learn more about the teachings of the degrees of the Rite will find these four programs worth his time and effort.

## NEW MEMBER/CANDIDATE EDUCATION PROGRAM BEGINS WITH FALL REUNION

The Guthrie Valley leadership team that has been involved with education has been interviewing candidates and members over the past several years to determine how the reunion experience might be improved. We have made excellent progress in recent years in the area of candidate education through adding break-out sessions to our reunion schedules so that our candidates can have an opportunity to discuss the degrees with Jim Tresner, 33°, G.C., the Valley's Director of Work. While members attending reunions have always been welcome to join these class discussions, they have been focused on instruction for the new Scottish Rite Mason.

Prompted by the response we received from candidates, members and visitors to a special program we launched during the spring reunion, an Education Committee has been established by the Valley Secretary. It has been given the charge of creating a structured education program for both candidates and members during the Guthrie Scottish Rite reunions. Bro. Chuck Dunning, a Guthrie member who resides in Fort Worth, has been named chairman of the committee. Members include Dunning, Jim Tresner, Robert Davis, Kevin Main and Shane Pate—all members of the Guthrie College of the Consistory. Each member will be given specific education tasks at each Valley reunion. The committee has not only brought back some traditions of candidate participation that historically was required and directed by the degrees themselves, it has created a structured program of instruction in every candidate break-out session.

In addition, a parallel program has been created by the Committee that is available only to members and visitors who are 32° Masons. Beginning with the "Academy of Reflection" reunion in October, a one hour session will be held for the purpose of discussing the specific lessons, philosophical and hidden meanings of the 7th, 9th and 10th, 17th and 32nd Degrees. These sessions will be both instructive and participatory. The intent of the program is to get members to actively engage their thoughts in a shared dialogue with their brothers so that all attendees may receive valuable new insights into the teachings of the Degrees.

The program will continue at every Valley reunion, pulling out a different set of degrees for discussion each time. The normal process will be for the members to watch the conferral of the degree and then retire to one of the artistic rooms to discuss what they just witnessed. In the upcoming reunion, the discussions will be held first so that members can be told what to look for as they witness each degree. It is hoped this facilitated instruction will enable members to look at the degrees which unfold before them with a new set of "mind-eyes."

The member education program success depends on your participation. As long as we have participation, we plan on continuing the program for our members. When you arrive at the "Academy of Reflection" reunion, make a note of the times and places these sessions will be held and make a commitment to attend and participate. You will be glad you did!

### COLLEGE OF THE CONSISTORY ADEPT AWARD MEDALLION UNVEILED

When the Valley of Guthrie introduced the College of the Consistory education course in 2001, the intent of the College was to affirm and document that the Scottish Rite is indeed the "University of Freemasonry."

In testament to the success of the program and the eagerness of Scottish Rite Masons to delve deeper into the teachings of Masonry, the College of the Consistory has garnered nearly 1,100 members in 48 states and 10 foreign countries.

Upon completion of the education program, members become Adepts of the College. They are encouraged to become teachers of Masonry themselves and are qualified to review the essays of other students in the College.

Adepts receive a certificate commemorating their completion of the program, along with an honorary Master of Kadosh jewel. Now, we are pleased to announce they will also receive this beautiful medallion and neck ribbon to wear, signifying their achievement. Adepts have spent a number of years in Masonic study to garner this award and we are pleased to honor their efforts with this new medallion.





**Guthrie Scottish Rite  
Harper S. Cunningham Memorial Reunion  
April 1, 2 & 3, 2011**

**Row 1, seated, from left: John Stahl, KCCH, Class Director; Steve Hanna, KCCH, Class Director; Bill Fowler, Class Chaplain; Carl Hendrix, Class Secretary; Tom Brinkley, Class Vice-President; Bryan Shackelford, Class President; Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33°, Deputy in Oklahoma; Bedford F. Rowland, Jr., 33°, Personal Representative to the Deputy; Jack L. Painter, KCCH; Robert G. Davis, 33° G.C., General Secretary; David Williamson, Class Director; Kent Callahan, KCCH, Class Director; Richard Massad, 33°, Class Director.**

**Row 2, from left: Glen E. Waggoner; Heath A. Weber; Jeff D. Roegner; Charles Dunkle; Gary Smith; Jamie Miller; Armond Sardayani; Seth J. Dawson; Richard L. Robles; Koka D. Booth; John T. Turner; Zachery J. Almager; Scott A. Johnson; Michael Darr.**

**Row 3, from left: Douglas D. Teachman; Glen M. Waggoner; Kerry D. Fitch; Bill Tate; Jack C. Scott; Kyle West; Guy J. Power; Michael D. Ketchersid; Benny Saroukhani; Jay Peak; Michael Snider; Philip Hornsey; Joe H. Millsap.**

**Row 4, from left: Jason H. Renfro; Paul D. Kumer; James P. Cleveland; Aaron L. Ellis; Arthur B. Thorpe; Ronald J. Montiel; Philip D. Power; Louis M. Khoury; Mitchell D. Goodstein; David J. English; Brian C. Goff; John B. McCracken; Donald J. Dettlaff.**

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The Harper S. Cunningham Memorial Reunion welcomed 46 new Scottish Rite Masons, 37 to the Valley of Guthrie and 9 other candidates, visiting from the Pasadena CA, Austin TX and Topeka KS Valleys. Candidates and members from throughout the Southern Jurisdiction continue to visit our Spring Reunions to experience the conferral of all 29 degrees in a single weekend. A special invitation was also extended to our 49 new members from the January 8, 2011 Reunion. They were encouraged to join the class in viewing the degrees they had not witnessed during their one day class.



Seated from left: Lloyd Webber of Lone Wolf and William Frazier of Stillwater  
Standing from left: Stanley Hitt of Enid, Walter Hammert, Jr., Okla City and Melvin Slate of Washington, Ok.

Several members of the membership team earned honors for their member recruitment at this reunion. John Hibbs received a 10 member recruitment pin, Bryan Smith, David Altland, Daniel Hanttula and Joe Rough all earned their Scottish Rite dues card for the coming year by sponsoring 3 or more candidates in 2011. Larry J. Morrow top line signed his 20th petition, earning him a Life Membership. Congratulations to all the brethren. If you would like to learn more about the Membership Incentive program, contact the General Secretary.

At a special luncheon, the brethren pictured at left were honored for their 50 years of membership in the Scottish Rite. The men and their families were recognized by Deputy Manning and the Advisory Conference. Each Brother reminisced and spoke briefly about the role Scottish Rite Masonry has played in his daily life.



*“When I approach a child, he inspires in me two sentiments; tenderness for what he is and respect for what he may become. Louis Pasteur*

This statement sums up the attitude the clinicians at the Guthrie Rite Care Language Clinic practice everyday with the children they treat. We all know how young children can amuse us and

tug at our heartstrings. We also understand that they have a future and will hopefully grow into happy, successful young men and women. That’s what makes our work here so important. We are not only helping them overcome communication problems in the “here and now”, but we have a hand in shaping their future lives. That’s something we take very seriously.

If you want to observe first hand the impact we have on a child’s future, take Hannah for example. Hannah, pictured at right, is a beautiful 23 year old woman, now completing her senior year at the University of Central Oklahoma. Her chosen career path in Speech Pathology was in some ways shaped by her experiences as a six year old client at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Clinic.

Hannah had a history of language and memory impairments which most likely were the result of a difficult birth.

She had memory, word finding, problem solving and expressive difficulties. Hannah demonstrated great progress while at the clinic. Following her clinic graduation, her very supportive family continued to help her memorize cheers for cheerleading activities and speeches for class presentations.

Hannah has taken the positive feelings and memories she has from her time at the clinic and applied them to her life. She wants to help others they way she was helped. She visits the clinic from time to time and her former clinician (who is still around) loves to be her coach and cheer her on.

As we can see, our work doesn’t stop with Hannah, now or in the future. There is always a need and with that, a chance to help future generations.



*“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”  
Sir Winston Churchill*

## TEN YEAR MEMBERS TO BE HONORED AT FALL REUNION

**Are you one of the 147 men that joined the Guthrie Scottish Rite in 2001? If so, you are about to receive a special invitation to the Academy of Reflection Reunion, October 1-2, 2011.**

**It doesn’t matter if you have attended every reunion since 2001, or if this will be your first visit back to the Temple. You have been a valued member and we want to thank you.**

**A recognition ceremony has been planned for 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 1 in the Blue Room. You will be presented a certificate and gift of appreciation for your first decade as a Scottish Rite Mason.**

**Inspector Manning’s wife, Cindy, will host a ladies coffee at 9 a.m. in the Pompeian Room. Your lady is invited to join the ladies for refreshment and conversation prior to the ceremony, which she may also attend.**

**We look forward to seeing you next month. Please RSVP when you receive your invitation.**



The 2001 Scottish Rite Bicentennial Reunion Class



The 2001 Paul T. Million, Jr., 33° Memorial Reunion Class

# FIRST ANNUAL MASONIC SHORT TALK COMPETITION

When a lodge comes up with an idea that is just too good not to share, the Rite is happy to spread the good news. In this case, congratulations go out to Frontier Lodge #48 in Stillwater for creating and implementing what they styled the “first annual Masonic short talk competition.” It doesn’t take a seer to figure out that this idea may soon turn into a statewide competition among lodges who want to put their best Masonic students in front of a statewide crowd of contented listeners.

Based on the long standing Short Talk Bulletin program which has been published and mailed to lodges by the Masonic Service Association of North America for over a half century, Frontier Lodge came up with the idea to have a competition among its members that resulted in a “short talk” competition. Here’s how it works.

Members were invited to prepare and deliver a 15 minute talk on a Masonic topic of their choice. Four categories of awards were set up to recognize and reward the best efforts. This incentive stimulated more participation and turned the Masonic education program idea into a friendly competition. After the papers of all participants were read, members and guests were handed paper ballots to select the winners.

The award categories included best overall presentation, most original topic, most educational presentation, and best visual component. Every participant was asked to include a visual component with his talk, and the lodge monitor chosen for the competition cut each speaker off when his 15 minutes were up. This step proved unneeded as every participant made sure his paper did not exceed the time limit. After all, if a fellow is going to go to the trouble to prepare a paper, he’s not about to get disqualified by a rule of the game.

The competition was held at a stated meeting of Frontier Lodge in July. You can be sure your Guthrie Valley Secretary was in attendance. It just sounded like too good an idea to

miss. Besides, he wanted to see what the speakers came up with in their short talk presentations. He was not disappointed!

In total, eight members of the lodge presented papers. The competitors ranged in age from 27 to 74. John Womack was the first speaker, who delivered an excellent powerpoint presentation on “Masonic Symbolism in the Square and Compasses.” He revealed for us the guild masons most closely held secret of squaring the circle. It earned Brother Womack the award for Best Visual Component. Next, Steve Singleton, who happens to also be Oklahoma’s Grand Secretary, delivered a paper entitled; “Living a More Productive and Happier Life through Masonry.” He outlined the secrets of longevity of Brother Walter Bruening, who, until his recent death, was the world’s oldest living man. Steve also informed us of research done on longevity using the Nuns of Notre Dame. It was a delightful presentation. Brother Akhnaton Uaenre-El then gave a talk on “The Enemies of Freemasonry,” highlighting the Masonic condemnations made by President John Adams, Musselini, Franco and Hitler and how they and their ideas served as oppressors of freedom.

Our Senior Grand Warden, Brad Rickelman, gave a very clever paper styled; “Of Broccoli and Cake: Self-Improvement in Masonry,” where he posited, through the comparison of these two food items, how Masonry facilitates self-improvement by making the unusual normal. He should take this talk statewide. It was that enjoyable. The Lodge Secretary, Robert Cook, then delivered a talk titled; “Excellence-the Common Gavel of Masonry: A Look at Ritual.” It

was a nice observation on the importance of combining the accuracy of words with the communication of effect in ritual delivery.

Daniel Brown then delivered what proved to be the most scholarly paper of the evening with “Mystical and Magical Thought In Augustine’s City of God and Machiavelli’s The Prince and Discourses.” Wow—just Wow! For his efforts, Dan won the award for Most Original Topic. Not to be out done, Brother Tom Warren followed with another award winner, Most Educational Presentation, styled; “Hiramic Legend in the Master Mason Degree,” in which he gave us a historically accurate overview of the Hiramic legend and its introduction into the rituals of Freemasonry.

Perhaps the best was saved for last when the youngest lodge presenter for the evening, Chris Forster, gave the paper that was voted Best Overall Presentation. It was titled; “Recent Research on the Beehive and Its Significance to Freemasonry, Further Speculation from a Young Mason.”

As our readers can see for themselves, this was an outstanding evening of Masonic Education carried out in a single lodge. It can be done by any lodge in the state. It can and should be copied by other lodges because it fills a real need in our fraternal experience today—that of getting back to our roots of educating Masons in Masonry—which is our most important tradition.

The program was so well received by the members that Frontier Lodge is planning on making their event an annual competition. Imagine what fun it would be if a dozen or more lodges did the same thing, and one day we could all enjoy a statewide weekend of Masonic education where all Masons could be treated to the essays of the best labors presented by Brothers in lodges from all across Oklahoma! As the saying goes, if you want to be successful, all you have to do is attach yourself to a dream.



## RETIRED TULSA EDUCATOR NAMED GRAND CROSS RECIPIENT

Ill. Roy J. Lewis, Tulsa community leader and retired superintendent for instruction in the Tulsa Public Schools was recently elected by the Supreme Council In Washington DC to receive the highest honor that can be given to a 33° Mason. He was named in a group of ten men as a 2011 recipient of the Grand Cross of the Court of Honor. He was coronated an Inspector General Honorary in 1993.

Bro. Lewis recently retired as the President of the Tulsa Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation, where he was instrumental in raising funds for the Tulsa RiteCare clinic, as well as giving hands on support to the clinic for many years. He has been a champion for children in all areas of his life.

Bro. Lewis has enjoyed an extraordinary public and civic career. He began his education serving in the United States Navy during WW II and then graduated from Arkansas Polytechnic Institute in 1950 where he majored in History and Political Science. He received a degree of Master of Arts in Education at the University of Tulsa in 1965. Roy taught school at the secondary level from 1950 to 1956 and then became an administrator for Tulsa Public Schools. He served in this capacity until his retirement in 1991.

He is the recipient of many civic awards and honors. He helped establish the Oklahoma Educational Memorial Trust Foundation which has granted scholarships to 3,000 Tulsa Public School graduates. He was instrumental in developing and implementing a plan for the desegregation of Tulsa Public high schools and helped develop curriculum and secure funding and equipment to implement the International Baccalaureate Program and advanced placement courses in Tulsa, as well as establishing a summer arts program in conjunction with the prestigious Harwelden Institute.

In addition, Bro. Roy has been involved in many civic, church, and non-profit organizations, including the Tulsa Rotary Club, Arts and Humanities Council Board, American Red Cross, Junior Achievement of Greater Tulsa, Inc., Junior League of Tulsa, RSVP Board, Tulsa Retired Educators Association, City of Tulsa Manpower Area Planning Council, Oklahoma Academy of State Goals, Methodist Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry, Gilcrease Museum Association, Oklahoma Tribal Assistance Program Board, Tulsa Science Enrichment Institute, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Philbrook Art Museum, Cooperative Council of Retired School Administrators, Oklahoma State Commission on National and Community Service, University of Tulsa Welsey Foundation, and the Tulsa City-County Health Department Turning Point Initiative.

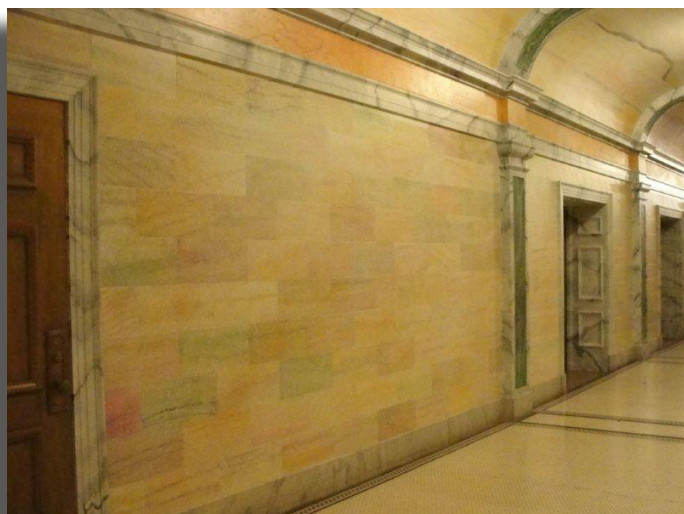
Bro. Lewis has traveled extensively in other countries and is listed in the Who's Who of Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans. He is a member of Hartford Masonic Lodge in Hartford Arkansas, the Tulsa Scottish Rite and Akdar Shrine.

We are proud this prominent Oklahoman has been recognized by our Supreme Council and wish Brother Lewis good health and safe travels in his retirement. He is truly a great man and Mason.



## KING SOLOMON'S ARCH HAS TAKEN ON A REGAL LOOK!

We didn't get the job done, but our resident artist, Bro. Tim Heaton, made a yeoman's effort toward the restoration of King Solomon's Arch during a summer that has produced 95 degree daily temperatures in the Guthrie temple since May. Working with a fan to help move the air, Tim was able to complete the first section of the restoration over the past three months. This encompasses the east-west hallway from the Atrium to the back stage entrance of the temple complex, which is the largest section of the total restoration project. What has been accomplished will give viewers a good sense of what the entire project will look like when



completed. Rather than keeping with the theme of a red clay subterranean vault, which turned out to be more startling than attractive, the new hall with its eight arches and chambers is a beautiful rendition of a corridor in the temple on Mt. Moriah. It represents an entirely different era of Masonic instruction, but still retains a connection with a Masonic tradition.

The temperature and humidity in the temple has been so high this past summer that daily public tours were suspended in early June. The plaster walls have been so warm that all paint and stain applied to the surface dries almost immediately. This made working on this project a slow and tedious process. It is hoped we can finish the section between the temple and the legislative hall, along with the area outside the grand ballroom early next year. Because the temple is currently booked every weekend for private and/or events from September 24 until year's end, it will not be possible to get back on the hallway work until 2012. Hopefully, the entire project will be completed by the Spring Reunion.

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# Manning Crowned S.G.I.G.



Congratulations to Brother Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33°!  
Brother Manning was crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector  
General in Oklahoma at the recent Supreme Council  
Biennial Session. Brother Manning becomes only the 12th  
SGIG to serve the Orient of Oklahoma.

# ARE YOU A PHOTOGRAPHY BUFF?

If you enjoy photography and take your camera with you everywhere, then we have a job for you!

So many activities and functions take place during a Reunion that it is impossible for one photographer to capture all the memorable moments. So, we are asking all our photography buffs to bring their camera to Reunion. You can all be "Reunion Photographers."

Click away. Photograph the people, functions, even the temple architecture. We've seen your work before. We know you can be quite creative.



After the Reunion, submit your digital photos to us. If we use them in future publications, we'll give you photo credit.

This is a great opportunity for you to enjoy your hobby and garner some small recognition of it. And most of all, you'll be performing a much needed service for the Rite.