



# 164th Annual Communication

## Grand Lodge of Kansas A.F. & A.M.

MARCH 20 & 21, 2020  
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**THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020**

- 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. .... Early check-in & registration opens *{Trail}*  
MORI database demonstrations  
Select vendors open
- 3:00 p.m. .... Lodge Of Research meeting *{Cypress-upstairs}*
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. .... Welcome Reception\* *{Redbud-upstairs}*  
Silent auction open\* *{Redbud-upstairs}*  
\*Events hosted by Kansas Masonic Foundation
- 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. .... Hospitality Room Open *{Waterview-top floor}*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020**

- 6:30 a.m. .... Check-in & registration opens *{Trail}*
- 7:30 a.m. .... Vendors open
- 8:15 a.m. .... Everyone seated for Public Grand Opening
- 8:30 a.m. .... Public Grand Opening ***{Eagle Ballroom}***
- 10:00 - 5:00 p.m. .... Ladies activities *{Cypress-upstairs}*
- 10:30 a.m. .... Opening of 164th Annual Communication  
***(Master Masons only. Aprons required.)***
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. .... Masonic family luncheon *{Redbud-upstairs}*
- 1:00 p.m. .... Resume Labor ***{Eagle Ballroom}***  
Resume ladies activities
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. .... Social hour & silent auction end *{Redbud foyer}*
- 6:00 p.m. .... All Masonic Banquet *{Redbud}*  
Awards Ceremony  
“Fulfilling Our Obligation” live auction
- 6:00p - 12:30 a.m. .. Hospitality Room Open *{Waterview-top floor}*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020**

- 7:30 a.m. .... Vendors open
- 8:00 - 8: 30 a.m. .... Annual Necrology Service *{Redbud-upstairs}*
- 8:30 a.m. .... Resume Grand Lodge of Kansas (if necessary)
- 10:00 a.m. .... Installation of 2019 Grand Lodge Officers  
(open to the public) ***{Eagle Ballroom}***

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# **PUBLIC GRAND OPENING**

**Friday, March 20, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

David Hendricks, Master of Tuscan Lodge No. 460

## **PROCESSION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**

## **INTRODUCTION OF THE GRAND MASTER**

## **INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES**

## **INTRODUCTION OF KANSAS PAST GRAND MASTERS**

## **INTRODUCTION OF OTHER GRAND MASTERS**

## **PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS**

Heroes Of '76

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Steven J. DeBerry, Grand Chaplain

## **GRAND MASTER'S WELCOME**

## **KANSAS MASONIC FOUNDATION REMARKS**

Rick Reichert, PGM, President Kansas Masonic Foundation

## **GREETINGS FROM SELECTED BODIES**

Garie Opitz, Worthy Grand Matron OES

Ian Jameson, Kansas DeMolay State Master Councilor

Cathleen Kinders, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Kansas Job's Daughters

## **GRAND MASTER'S CLOSING REMARKS**



# 2019-2020 Grand Lodge Officers

*Grand Master .....	Delmus R. "Dale" Morrow <i>Belle Plaine Lodge No. 173, Belle Plaine</i>
*Deputy Grand Master .....	Anthony W. "Tony" Borum <i>Parker Lodge No. 341, Parker</i>
*Grand Senior Warden .....	Mikel J. Stoops <i>De Soto Lodge No. 40, De Soto</i>
*Grand Junior Warden .....	Michael D. Johnson, II <i>Peace Lodge No. 243, Louisburg</i>
*Grand Treasurer .....	B. Cole Presley, PGM <i>Millbrook Lodge No. 281, Hill City</i>
*Grand Secretary .....	Tracy L. Bloom, PGM <i>Salina Lodge No. 60, Salina</i>
Assistant Grand Secretary .....	Robert F. Nelson <i>Emporia Lodge No. 12, Emporia</i>
Grand Chaplain .....	Steven J. DeBerry <i>Sunflower Lodge No. 86, Wichita</i>
Grand Orator .....	C. David Williams, III <i>Anthony Lodge No. 200, Anthony</i>
Grand Senior Deacon .....	Robert D. McClarty <i>McPherson Lodge No. 172, McPherson</i>
Grand Junior Deacon .....	Steven E. Crane <i>Topeka Lodge No. 17, Topeka</i>
Grand Marshal .....	Craig P. Thompson <i>Winfield Lodge No. 110, Winfield</i>
Grand Sword Bearer .....	Charles L. "Chuck" Ables <i>Belle Plaine Lodge No. 173, Belle Plaine</i>
Grand Senior Steward .....	Craig A. Olson <i>Fidelity Lodge No. 106, Eureka</i>
Grand Junior Steward .....	Douglas L. Wilkinson <i>Belleville Lodge No. 129, Belleville</i>
Grand Pursuivant .....	Lowell G. Brown <i>Haysville Lodge No. 112, Haysville</i>
Grand Flag Bearer .....	William N. "Neal" Gamble <i>Anthem Lodge No. 284, Scott City</i>
Grand Standard Bearer .....	Kurtis G. Neis <i>Gardner Lodge No. 65, Gardner</i>
Grand Musician .....	Dennis L. Reed <i>Topeka Lodge No. 17, Topeka</i>
Grand Tyler .....	Samuel L. Oakleaf <i>Hope Lodge No. 155, Howard</i>
Assistant Grand Tyler .....	Ronald W. Detwiler <i>Kilwinning Lodge No. 265, Pratt</i>
Custodian of the Work .....	Vernon J. Clark <i>Wyandotte Lodge No. 3, Kansas City</i>
Lodge of Research Director .....	Alex G. Powers <i>Gardner Lodge No. 65, Gardner</i>

# 2019-2020 Grand Lodge Officers

## Area Deputy Grand Masters

1	Lincoln L. Wilson	6	Warren L. Hughes
2	Derik L. Hockett	7	Craig P. Thompson
3	Michael N. Terry	8	Michael A. Kupsch
4	Robert D. Beardsley	9	Randy H. Cornelius
5	Wayne D. Drake	10	Rodney H. Middleton

## District Deputy Grand Masters

1A	Daniel N. Smith	6A	Raymond Gottstein
1B	Gary G. Shipley	6B	Brian W. McCracken
1C	Christopher D. Neeley	6C	Curtis A. Utley
2A	Garrett D. Shamburg	6D	Michael G. Davison
2B	W. Neal Gamble	7A	Shawn M. Cardin
2D	George E. Read	7B	Randy K. Buckmaster
3A	Douglas L. Wilkinson	7C	James L. Stevens
3B	Jeffrey L. Black	7D	Timothy A. Russell
3C	Mark W. Slubowski	8A	Michael J. Tavares
3D	Joseph A. Hoffman	8B	Thomas E. Brandtonies
4A	Nathaniel G. Nelzen	8C	Richard D. Carver
4B	Brian L. Chestnut	8D	Jose M. Marrero, Sr.
4C	John A. Gracy	9A	Alex G. Powers
4D	Freddie G. Townsend	9B	Thomas J. Wiese
4E	Kenneth G. Lackey	9C	Russell L. Reese
5A	Bradley D. Eichelberger	9D	Roy L. Louk
5B	Jayson D. Huff	10A	William J. Reeder
5C	Mark C. Reeder	10B	Michael S. Bicknell
		10C	Michael A. Brooks
		10D	Travis D. Woolridge

## Grand Lecturers & Assistant Grand Lecturers

Charles L. Ables	Dale R. Morrow
Andrew P. Cassity	David R. Neal
Vernon J. Clark	Donald D. Newman, PGM
Ronald W. Detwiler**	H. Wayne Rector
Michael D. Johnson, II*	John D. Spangler*
Ronald L. Main	Robert C. Talbott, PGM
Bernard E. Moore*	C. David Williams, III*

\*Assistant Grand Lecturer

\*\*Active Emeritus Grand Lecturer

# 164th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION TYLED SESSION

Friday, March 20, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.



- Formal Opening on Master Mason Degree
- Flag Salute
- Welcome by the Grand Master
- Preliminary Announcements
- Roll Call of Grand Lodge Officers
- Determination of Quorum
- Credentials Report
- Test of Voting Fobs
- Grand Master's Report
- Council of Administration Report
- Consent Agenda
  - Grand Secretary Report, KMH Report,
  - Grand Lodge Committee Reports: Foreign Relations, Masonic Education, PPLM, Ritualistic, Finance, Trials & Punishments, Lodges & Buildings
- Recognition of Grand Masters & Visiting Grand Masters
- Awards
- L-R (*Family Luncheon in Redbud - upstairs*)
- R-L 1:00 p.m.
- Jurisprudence Committee Reports
  - Constitution & By-law Proposals
- Election of 2020-2021 Grand Lodge Officers
- Strategic Planning Committee Report
- Report of Tellers
- Grand Secretary's Announcements
  - Instructions to outgoing/incoming officers
- Grand Master's Closing Remarks
- Closing on Master Mason Degree



## **Report Card on Proposed Constitutional & By-Law Revisions** (mark results and report to your Lodge)

- **Proposal 1 - PASSED / FAILED**

*Officially add the ability to vote electronically during the Grand Lodge Annual Communication (by a “secure automated voting system).*

- **Proposal 2 - PASSED / FAILED**

*Amendments to the Grand Lodge Constitution or Bylaws that are approved/passed by a simple majority would be carried over to the next Annual Communication for a second reading and final vote which would require (the already in place) two-thirds majority to become law.*

- **Proposal 3 - PASSED / FAILED**

*Add the Test Oath to the Ritualist (“B-card/certificate) requirements.*

- **Proposal 4 - PASSED / FAILED**

*Require affinity lodges to have at least three Stated Communications a year (in addition to the already mandatory Annual Communication).*

- **Proposal 5 - PASSED / FAILED**

*Prepaid Perpetual Membership (PPLM) cost increases to twenty-five times annual Lodge dues but can never be less than \$1000. (This is a “house-keeping” change as PPLM bylaws already require this.)*

**Proposals 6, 7, & 8 must pass collectively. If any fail, the collective group does not pass as it would create conflicts in our law(s).**

- **Proposal 6 - PASSED / FAILED**

*Plural/Dual members who fail to pay dues in their secondary lodge(s) shall be issued a certificate of withdrawal from that lodge and not suspended from all lodges he is a member in.*

- **Proposal 7 - PASSED / FAILED**

*Regarding dual membership, the language regarding suspension for non-payment of dues is deleted.*

- **Proposal 8 - PASSED / FAILED**

*Regarding dual/plural memberships, changes the language to automatically issue a membership withdrawal regarding members who would otherwise have been suspended for non-payment of dues.*

- **Proposal 9 - PASSED / FAILED**

*Require Occasional Lodges to meet at least quarterly and otherwise follow the same requirements as all other lodges.*

The election of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers is governed by the provisions of the Constitution, Article VI § 3, which states:

*(1) The Grand Master shall be chosen by ballot by majority of all votes cast therefor at each Annual Communication, and serve one year as Deputy Grand Master and the following year shall be installed as Grand Master and shall hold office until his successor is installed.*

*(2) The Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall be chosen by ballot by a majority of all votes cast therefor at each communication and shall hold their offices until their successors are installed. The subordinate officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master elect (Deputy Grand Master) and shall serve at his will and pleasure during his tenure.*

All voting delegates will receive a ballot for the election of officers. You may vote to advance the entire line, individually, or write in a Kansas Past Master's name.



**BALLOT**

2020 Advance the Entire Line

If you choose to advance the Grand Senior Warden to Grand Master (after serving a year as Deputy Grand Master), the Grand Junior Warden to Grand Senior Warden, the Grand Senior Deacon to Grand Junior Warden, to retain the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary please "X" the box at the top of this ballot.

Or Vote Separately for each office below.

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**For Grand Master:**  
(To serve as Deputy Grand Master for one year.)

Mikel J. Stoops

\_\_\_\_\_  
Or write in name

**For Grand Senior Warden:**

Michael D. Johnson II

\_\_\_\_\_  
Or write in name

**For Grand Junior Warden:**

Robert D. McClarty

\_\_\_\_\_  
Or write in name

**For Grand Treasurer:**

B. Cole Presley, PGM

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Or write in name

**For Grand Secretary:**

Tracy L. Bloom, PGM

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Or write in name



<u>LODGE</u>		<u>CONSECUTIVE YEARS</u>	<u>TOTAL YEARS</u>
17	Topeka	70	70
56	Spring Hill	69	69
393	Mayetta	41	46
168	North Star	37	53
40	De Soto	19	29
35	Hiawatha	3	38
3	Wyandotte	1	19
106	Fidelity	1	11
153	Old Mission	1	22
284	Anthem	1	19
365	Derby	1	22
451	Pyramid	1	1

**2019**

A regular attendance of lodge officers and members at our District Schools of Instruction insures that all have a clear and unified understanding of our rituals, rules, and floor work. Doing such improves our ritualistic knowledge and projects a quality Masonic experience for our candidates and Brothers. Perfect attendance and full participation is an important tool for all Kansas Lodges.

To achieve "perfect" attendance, the seven principal officers must attend a School of Instruction and answer a morning and afternoon roll call.

# Proficiency Certificates

## RITUALIST (B)

Jacob Dee ..... Lawrence Lodge No. 6  
Kenneth Kramer ..... De Soto Lodge No. 40  
Michael Maurais ..... Hancock Lodge No. 311  
William McDaniel ..... De Soto Lodge No. 40  
Tom Shorock ..... Lawrence Lodge No. 6  
Chad Thomas ..... Albert Pike Lodge No. 303  
Thomas Wiese ..... Ottawa Lodge No. 18

## RITUALIST FIRST CLASS (A)

Charles Beck ..... Albert Pike Lodge No. 303  
Garth Bloom ..... Albert Pike Lodge No. 303  
Doug Chartier ..... Albert Pike Lodge No. 303  
Chris Collins ..... Albert Pike Lodge No. 303

## TRICE-ROBISON AWARD

**“for excellence in the Secret Arts, Parts, and Points of our Mystic Art”**



De Soto Lodge No. 40  
Pyramid Lodge No. 451



## MASTER'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Thomas Brandtonies ..... Inner Quest Lodge No. 456  
Jack Hiner ..... Parker Lodge No. 341  
Samuel Little ..... John H. Atwood Lodge No. 461  
Kurt Neis ..... Gardner Lodge No. 65  
Jeffrey St. Peter ..... Newton Lodge No. 142  
Cody Stone ..... Peace Lodge No. 243  
Joe Sutton ..... Marmaton Lodge No. 245  
Ken Wheeler ..... Vulcan Lodge No. 229

# OUTSTANDING MASONS

(local Mason of the year award)

Alex Bolinder .....	Alta Vista Lodge No. 357
Gregg Clarkson .....	Anchor Lodge No. 224
Russell Clemons.....	Albert Pike Lodge No. 303
Eric Cook.....	John H. Atwood Lodge No. 461
Christopher Detwiler.....	Kilwinning Lodge No. 265
John French.....	Derby Lodge No. 365
Erick Friel.....	Overland Park Lodge No. 436
Peter Herring .....	Derby Lodge No. 365
Kenneth Holliday .....	John H. Atwood Lodge No. 461
Harry Kennedy.....	Vulcan Lodge No. 229
John Kramer.....	De Soto Lodge No. 40
Michel-Paul Maurais .....	Hancock Lodge No. 311
Steven Milliken .....	Anchor Lodge No. 224
Ronald Pfenninger.....	Walnut City Lodge No. 215
Nolan Sump.....	Marysville Lodge No. 91
Joe Sutton .....	Marmaton Lodge No. 245
Steve Towns .....	Derby Lodge No. 365
Vern Trenkle .....	Derby Lodge No. 365
Daniel Ware.....	Iola Lodge No. 38



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**THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED**

**ON**

**MAY 2, 2020 AT 5:00 P.M.**

**AT**

**THE OLD CENTERVILLE PUMPHOUSE**

**4311 W 1325 RD**

**CENTERVILLE, KANSAS**



**FOR THE**

**GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION**

**SOCIAL W/ CASH BAR, 5:00 P.M.**

**BBQ DINNER SERVED AT 6:00 P.M.**

**CASUAL ATTIRE PLEASE**

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## **Mission Statement**

**The Mission of the Grand Lodge of Kansas is to encourage and support Freemasonry by assisting its Brothers and constituent lodges to achieve success and prosperity as assets to their communities.**