

August 7, 2026 #162

Dear Brethren and Friends,

Special Announcements:

August 22 (Saturday) – Jobs Daughter’s Back to School Carnival – 5 pm to 7:30 pm. \$6 per person, kids under 5 free. Located at the Jenks Lodge, 113 W Beaver St., Jenks, OK.

Saying of the Week

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” – Brother Benjamin Franklin.

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Show Me the Structure

Conway’s Law is an adage that the structure of a product or outcome mirrors the communication structure of the organization that built it.

The classic example is if you assign four separate teams to build a compiler, the product will end up with a 4-pass compiler. If there are three teams working on an application, the product will have a 3-tiered architecture.

In freemasonry, we could visualize a 2-tiered structure, a business/administrative lodge and an esoteric/observant lodge. In my view, this is why sometimes prospective or new members are sometimes confused as to what we are about.

The business/administrative could be the officer structure and stations. These places and stations have very specific duties in opening and closing the lodge, but are not designed to teach esoteric or hidden knowledge. It is also the practical side of an organization as it relates to finances, planning fundraisers, and reporting to the Grand Lodge.

The esoteric teaching can take place within the lodge during a time set aside for teaching, but in many cases the real esoteric lodge functions outside of a tiled lodge. This could be during the time for fellowship, study sessions, academic papers, podcasts, and books.

A well-rounded lodge contains and promotes both. It provides structure for the business of the lodge, but also offers those interested, to expand into the esoteric.

As a member, you need to participate in both. Neither will stand on its own. But you have to get involved.

Lodge Calendar

Aug 11 (Tuesday) - Fellowship. Dinner at 6 pm. After dinner our speaker will be W:. Mike Dill is discussing the Blue 2.0 program from the Grand Lodge.

Aug 18 (Tuesday) – Stated communication. Dinner at 6 pm, lodge at 7 pm.

Aug 25 (Tuesday) – Fellowship. Dinner at 6 pm.

August 17 (Monday) - District 12 meeting at Red Fork Lodge #505.

Sept 29 (Tuesday) - 5th Tuesday Dinner.

October 15 (Thursday) - District 12 meeting at Tulsa Lodge #71.

Dec 1 (Tuesday) - Lodge election night and Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6 pm, Lodge at 7 pm.

Dec 6 (Sunday) - Officer Installation. 2 pm light refreshments to follow.

Dec 29 (Tuesday) - 5th Tuesday Dinner

See you at Lodge!

Sincerely,

W.: Scott A. MacDonald, Treasurer and Membership Calling Chairman

PS - I will be posting the weekly newsletter on our website at <https://basmason.org/newsletter>.