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Dear Brethren and Friends,

Special Announcements:

You are cordially invited to attend MW.: Don H. Stanton's Apron Presentation, to be held at the Tulsa Scottish Rite, Freemason Hall, 1630 S. 101st E. Ave in Tulsa, OK on Saturday, November 15, 2025, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

- **MW Grand Master Don Stanton**
- **Grand Marshall Michael Maxey**
- **Grand Tyler Scott MacDonald**
- **District Deputy Grand Master District 12 Echota West**
- **Child ID Committee Chairman Roger Sanford**
- **Strategic Planning Committee Member Aaron Walker**

The Grand Lodge website has undergone a significant re-branding. Please visit at

<https://gloklahoma.com/>.

Humor of the Day

Things you can say in response to literally anything, when you have nothing else to say:

- **As the prophesy foretold.**
- **But at what cost?**
- **So let it be written, so let it be done.**
- **So.... It has come to this.**
- **That's just what they would've said.**
- **Is this why fate brought us together?**
- **... just like in my dream.**
- **There is no escape from destiny.**
- **Wise words by wise men write wise deeds with at pen.**
- **In this economy?**
- **.... And then the wolves came.**
- **Make is so.**

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10,000 Problems

As we navigate this life, we have a choice on how we approach it. As we wake each morning we have a choice to make. We must decide how we will approach everything we encounter.

I learned early in my business life to not call issues “problems”. Instead, I have trained myself to view them as opportunities. This may seem like semantics to some, but using that term allowed me to look at opportunities to learn and adapt. Saying something is a problem tends to mark the issue as unsolvable.

A case in point, when Thomas Edison was attempting to invent a practical electric light. It is reported that he tried nearly 10,000 different filaments over a decade. His comment was “I have not failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.”

Edison’s mindset turned a grueling decades long search into one of history’s greatest symbols of persistence and optimism.

It would have been very interesting to hear Edison’s “self-talk”. The things he said to himself and others to keep himself and his staff motivated and moving forward. What words did he use?

Some quotes attributed to him include:

- “I am not discouraged, because every wrong attempt discarded is another step forward.”
- “We haven’t failed..... we’ve just produced results. Now we know what doesn’t work.”
- “Restlessness is discontent—and discontent is the first necessity of progress.”
- “Nearly every man who develops an idea works it up to the point where it looks impossible, and then he gets discouraged. That’s not the place to become discouraged.”
- “I never allow the word ‘impossible’ to be used in this laboratory.”

I hope you will take your opportunities and turn them into endless possibilities. You can do it.

- Matthew 24:13 (also Mark 13:13) “But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”
- 2 Timothy 4:7 “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”
- Psalm 27:14 “Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!”

I think the message is, God doesn’t reward starters, He crowns finishers.

Lord, give us the strength to keep moving forward, always looking for your guidance as we approach the goal line. In His name I pray. Amen.

Lodge Calendar

Nov 18 (Tuesday) - Stated business meeting. Dinner at 6 pm, lodge at 7 pm.

Nov 25 (Tuesday) – Fellowship night.

Dec 2 (Tuesday) – Stated business meeting and Officer Elections. Dinner at 6 pm, lodge at 7 pm.

Dec 7 (Sunday) – Officer installation. 2 pm.

Dec 9 (Tuesday) – Fellowship night.

Dec 16 (Tuesday) - Stated business meeting. Dinner at 6 pm, lodge at 7 pm.

Dec 23 (Tuesday) – Fellowship night.

Dec 30 (Tuesday) – No meeting due to the Holidays.

Dues statements will be coming out shortly. You can pay your \$200 dues by mailing or bringing a check to the lodge or online at <https://balodge243.square.site/> .

Hope you all have a great weekend. See you at the next meeting!

Sincerely,

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

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