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OMLA Past Presidents

We would like to thank our past presidents for their term of service and dedication.

1970-1971	Joe White	2000-2001	Jerry Case
1971-1972	Amos Hill	2001-2009	Mike McGrew
1973-1974	Romie Holder	2010-2013	Charles Hudecek
1975-1976	Alan Palmer	2014-2016	Kara Stephens
1977-1891	Jerry McNickle	2016-2017	Frank Bellizzi
1982-1985	Kenny Lee	2017-Present	Lowell Roberts
1986-1991	David Offenbacher		
1992-1993	A. B. Parker		
1993-1994	Jerry Rice		
1996-1999	Lowell Roberts		

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Q1- Friday, February 5 - ZOOM

Officer meeting

We certainly want membership participation but only offices can vote

ZOOM.US—Meeting ID 4423495419 Passcode—OMLA

(See page 9 for more details)

Q1 - Saturday, February 6, 2021 - ZOOM

Membership Meeting

We certainly want all membership participation

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(See page 9 for more details)

The Kenny Lee Award

For outstanding support of the Oklahoma Master Locksmith Association

2020	Jackie Roberts	Lifetime Advocate for the Association through Outreach to all Members
2019	Ron Bada	Served as Educator and Vice President
2018	Clarence Weber	Served as Secretary and assisted in all events
2017	Gary Frame	Served as Director and assisted in all events
2016	Jim Loomis	Served as Director, swap meets, and assisted in all events
2015	Dusty Brummitt	Served as Vice President, Legislative Liaison, Educator, dedicated service
2014	John Rupert	Served as Education Director, Educator, lifetime advocate for Association
2012	Deb Hudecek	Dedicated servant to Association through catering, organizing events, etc.
2011	Loretta Loomis	Lifetime serving Association, Treasurer, providing assistance at events
2010	Wilma Lee	Dedicated service to Kenny and his education programs. Scholarship
2009	Mike McGrew	Served as Vice President, President, current Editor, Locksmith Licensing
2007	Charles Hudecek	Served as President, Legislative Liaison, Advisory Committee, Advocate
2006	Laurie Simmons	Educator, Lifetime Advocate for the Association
2005	A.B. (Pete) Parker	Past President, Educator, Guided restoration of Association, Advocate
2004	Tommy Minick	Lifetime Educator, Advocate for Association, Outreach to all Locksmiths
2003	Gloria Holzschue	Lifetime Advocate, served as Secretary
2002	Jerry McNickle	Lifetime member and Educator, President, helped form OMLA, ALOA
2001	Lowell Roberts	Lifetime service, Past President, Legislative Liaison, helped restore OMLA
2000	Kenny Lee	Lifetime Educator for Locksmith Industry, Past President, Advocate

John Ruperd OMLA Memorial page for friends & members

In honor of John Ruperd, April 18, 2014

Kenneth Lee - President of OMLA from 1982-1985. Died October 25, 2014

Charles Hudecek - President of OMLA from 2010-2013. Died April 27, 2017

Jerry McNickle - President of OMLA from 1977 to 1981. Died June 15, 2018

“At the end of the day
all you need is hope
and strength.

Hope that it will get
better, and strength to
hold on until it does.”

-Unknown

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*Our industry is impacted so much by
the current pandemic. Some businesses
may be struggling. Some people may
be hurting, and all of us are impacted.
Here is to an end to the pandemic and
a return to some version of normal soon!*



*With Deepest
Sympathy*

January 17, 2021—Steven Brekel’s longest and best friend passed away at just 50 years old.

Jake was born in Omaha, Nebraska to Patrick Francis and Patti Render. He was baptized at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Omaha. He graduated from Mount Michael Benedictine High School in Elkhorn, Nebraska in 1988.

Jake was married to Janeen Marie Coate on June 11, 1994, at St. John's Catholic Church on the Creighton Campus in Omaha, Nebraska.

Jake was preceded in death by his father, Patrick Render. He is survived by his wife Janeen, children Lisa and Patrick, and his brother Josh (Rayanne) and their children, as well as countless Omaha friends.

Jake was a devote Catholic and truly giving person who will be missed by so many.

Upcoming Events / Training

Friday, February 5, 7PM—OMLA board meeting—Zoom call—see page 9 for instructions

Saturday, February 6, 5PM-OMLA membership meeting—Zoom—see page 9 for instructions

Wed. February 10, 9AM—ODOL Advisory Committee meeting— Location TBD

Saturday, March 20 and Sunday March 21—OMLA Licensing Class— See below for details

Wednesday, March 3 —ODOL Advisory Committee Meeting—details TBD

Saturday, March 13, 8am- Licensing Managers Class-OKBFAA-See Facebook page for registration instructions.

Wednesday, April 7—ODOL Advisory Committee Meeting—Details TBD



OMLA is planning a Technician Licensing class on Saturday, March 20 and Sunday, March 21. Saturday will begin at 8AM and end around 5PM. Sunday will begin at Noon and end around 3PM depending on questions. Donuts and pizza will be provided on Saturday. If you are interested, you must fill out the registration form and submit it with payment by March 10, so we can begin planning for the class. Form is on the next page here in the newsletter. You may either email it or mail it to
Clarence at the addresses on the form!!!

We must have at least 5 before we can conduct the class.

OMLA Class Registration Form

Date of Application:	/	/
Company and Manager Information		
Company / Business Name:	Company / Business Address:	
Manager's Name: (please print)	Phone #: () -	-
Manager's Signature	Fax #: () -	-
	Manager License #:	Company License#
Class Attendee Information		
Name:	Mailing Address: City, State, Zip code, E-mail Address	
Phone #: () -	O.D.L. Individual License #:	License Expiration Date: / /
Complete All Appropriate Blocks		
Class registering for: Locksmith ___ EAC ___ CCTV___	\$ _____	Amount of money order / check:
Association Member? Yes ___ No ___	(if yes) Association Name	Expiration date of current membership: / /
Trainee Signature:	Date: / /	
Official Use Only		
Class Location:	Class dates & times: / / to / / : AM to : PM	
Education Chairperson signature:	Date: / /	
Terms and Conditions:		
<p>1) Prospective attendees must have class application to OMLA Secretary not later than 30 calendar days prior to date of scheduled class. All moneys for lab and class fees must accompany the Class Application in the form of money order or Company check made payable to OMLA. A minimum of 10 class attendees must be registered prior to 30 calendar days or scheduled class will be canceled and all money sent will be returned to sender. All moneys paid for classes will be returned by OMLA under the following conditions:</p> <p>A) Any part of class request form is not filled in completely, or not received prior to class registration cut-off date.</p> <p>B) If written notice of attendee cancellation for class attendance prior to the 30 calendar day cut-off date via registered US postal mail System or email.</p> <p>C) On a case by case basis of the Board for emergency or special conditions if other than stated above.</p> <p>D) If through verification, applicant is determined not qualified to take class requested, notification will accompany fee.</p> <p>2) The Education Chairperson and OMLA Board of Officers / Directors shall have sole authority to make the decisions on class attendees and justifications for return of fees and all decisions are final.</p>		
OMLA Secretary: Clarence Weber, 1232 NW Cache road, Lawton, OK. 73507 – 580-353-8176, 580-585-1270 jeffkeys@sbcglobal.net		

Thanks to our vendors for the OMLA 2020 Trade Show

IDN-Acme

Hans-Johnson

Southwest Architectural Sales, LLC

ALOA

Allegion

Thanks to IDN-Acme for sponsoring our lunch.

PLAN AHEAD—2022 OMLA TRADE SHOW
Saturday, February 5, 2022 at the Best Western
Saddleback Inn in Oklahoma City.

Vendor expos, booths, classes by vendors with Q&A

ODOL Licensing Class

In November we had another licensing class. This class has been difficult to fill so please be sure to reach out to OMLA_Newsletter@aol.com if you have anyone interested so we can begin to fill the next class in March.



Pictures from the November 2020 class

Legislative Information

There is a ton of things going on related to our industry this year. Here are just a few highlights:

- **HB1035 (Mize)** - Fire Alarm Modification Act of 2020—There is no text on this shell bill and may or may not be an impact to OMLA. I will be watching this.
- **HB1156 (Osburn)** - Alarm and Locksmith License Elimination Act—This is a shell bill but after much discussion with Rep. Osburn, the intent of this bill is to eliminate the fees associated with Training Licenses so young people can enter the workforce without fees. He is willing to pull this bill if we address training licenses and fees as an industry, and we have already requested information from ODOL on the fiscal impact of those fees (how many people have a training license, for example).
- **HB2252 (Hilbert)** - Authorizing Powers to the Commissioner of Labor—This bill is designed to allow the commissioner to approve applicants generally reserved for the Advisory Committee only during statewide State of Emergency situations. Currently, Zoom is not an option under the Open Meetings Laws. As an industry we have a good relationship with Commissioner Osborn, but this bill is problematic seeing as it gives this power to all commissioners behind her. In reality, this is the first statewide state of emergency since the term was coined.
- **HB2468 (Wallace)** - Universal Licensing—This bill was originally put together as a settlement replacement to the Sen Pugh bill that pushed all universal licensing, but since then it has grown support and will be presented regardless of any other similar bill, which is different from the original plan for this “replacement”. It does put the onus on the candidate and ODOL to determine what license in another state is equivalent to which level in ours, but may still be problematic if another states test is substantially inferior to ours, but still must be recognized under this universal licensing bill.
- **HB2864 (Wallace)** - Low Voltage Definition—This bill is being put forth by the electricians to disqualify all lighting from low voltage definitions. Currently all low voltage is exempt from an electrical license. OMLA and OKBFAA will be watching this language unfold, but the current law already exempts low voltage, so an overreach here will not be difficult to fight in this deregulation climate.

Please watch the Facebook page for more information or action items if needed. This is a BIG legislative year for our industry. Anyone who is opposed to the universal licensing (**HB2468**) is encouraged to call you state representative. Our licensing protects the citizens of Oklahoma, and relying on the steps of other states to protect Oklahomans should be the main point of discussion here.

OMLA Meeting Details

ALL OMLA meetings will be presented on ZOOM even if there is an in person meeting as well.

All OMLA Zoom meetings will have the same login from now on. Once you know the time, go to zoom.us and click JOIN A MEETING in the upper right corner. Then enter:

Meeting ID—4423495419

Passcode—OMLA

February Meeting Schedule

Officer meeting

(all may attend, but only officers can motion & vote).

Friday, Feb 5 at 7:00PM (Instructions above)

Membership meeting

(all may attend, but only members can motion & vote).

Saturday, Feb 6 at 5PM

(Instructions above)

No in person meeting for February

OKLAHOMA MASTER LOCKSMITH ASSOCIATION

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Nov. 7th, 2020

ZOOM Meeting

Called to order by Lowell @ 5:32 pm.

Invocation by Frank

Roll call by Clarence with Patrick, Christy, Dusty, Anthony, & Daniel absent.

Lowell commented on last meeting minutes and Frank made a motion to accept as wrote. Voted on and passed.

Steven commented on the universal licensing bill still going around and should be a signed bill number soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Lowell commented that the existing Chairpersons Frank, Daniel, & Gary would run for another term. Lowell asked for nominations from the floor. With no response Lowell asked for a motion to except them for another term. Steven made the motion. Voted and passed. February meeting at Saddle Back INN, in OKC. OK. With the trade show also.

Lowell asked for a motion to allow Christy to pay the bills. Clarence made the motion. Voted and passed.

Steven – Education We have 9 signed in for the class and test. And will invite them to join OMLA if like too. Newsletter due to go out in January, get any info to Steven that you want published.

Legislation – they are looking at licenses again.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Frank commented that you do not approach someone with a crowbar (dangerous weapon) when trying to have a conversation with someone.

Motion to adjourn by Frank, Passed @ 6:10pm. **Next meeting February @5:00 pm. OKC. OK**

Your Photo goes here	<p align="center">Membership Application</p> <p align="center">Oklahoma Master Locksmith Association</p> <p align="center">Application Fee \$10.00</p> <p align="center">Print and Mail to Secretary: Clarence Weber 1232 NW Cache Road Lawton, OK. 73507 safeman9@gmail.com</p>	Oklahoma Master Locksmith Association

Part II

Applicant Name	Business Name
Spouse's Name	Social Security Number / FEI Number
Home Address	Business Address
City, State, Zip	City, State, Zip
Home Phone (with Area Code)	Business Phone (with Area Code)
Business Cell Phone Number (with Area Code)	Business FAX Number (with Area Code)
E-Mail Address / Website Address	Are you a US Citizen? ___ Yes ___ No ___
Do you own the above Business ___ Yes ___ No ___	If no, Name of your Employer?
Oklahoma Locksmith License Number _____ Status _____	
Categories: LS ___ AC ___ CCTV ___ NC ___ Other ___ (will be verified)	
Are you licensed in any other State ___ Yes ___ No ___ if yes, Current license number	
How long have you been engaged in the Locksmith Business?	
Where and how were you trained?	
By whom were you trained?	
Have you ever been convicted of a Felony? Yes ___ No ___	If yes, when?
Where?	What were the charges?
What was the outcome of the case?	
Are you a member of any other locksmith associations? Yes ___ No ___	If so, list association names and numbers here
List the names of any other clubs or fraternal organizations to which you belong	
What hobbies or other interests do you enjoy?	

Character reference	How long known?
Address	Phone with Area Code
Sponsor	OMLA Member? Yes _____ No _____ Other Yes _____ No _____
Address	Phone with Area Code
List the names of two Jobbers, Manufacturers or Locksmiths for your reference.	
Name	Name
Address	Address
City, State, Zip	City, State, Zip
Phone with Area Code	Phone with Area Code

Part II

This Application must be accompanied by: (1) Application Fee (make checks payable to : Oklahoma Master Locksmith Association) (2) two passport photos of the applicant (3) Complete set of finger prints on booking card (see note below) (4) Business card, letter head, bill head, or telephone book ad.

NOTE: Locksmiths currently licensed by the State of Oklahoma are not required to provide finger print cards as their prints are on file with the State of Oklahoma

It is desirable the name of each applicant for OMLA Membership appear on the OMLA website or in the OMLA newsletter prior to the OMLA business meeting the application is considered for membership. **The applicant must be present at the OMLA business meeting for his application for membership to be considered.**

I certify that all statements made on this application are true and if I am accepted as a member of the Oklahoma Master Locksmith Association, I agree to abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the Oklahoma Master Locksmith Association.

I do hereby apply for membership in the Oklahoma Master Locksmith Association, and if I am accepted as a member, I pledge that I shall be governed by the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations of said Association.

Signature of Applicant: