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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CANEY MASONIC LODGE NO. 324, A.F. and A.M.

The Caney Masonic Lodge No. 324 A.F. and A.M. had their first meeting in 1889 with Joseph E. Stone as "Master of the lodge." However, The Grand Lodge of Kansas A.F. and A.M. did not provide a "charter" approval for the Caney lodge until February 19, 1890. It is anticipated that a special letter of dispensation was obtained to organize the Caney lodge in 1889.

The lodge agreed to meet the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. Such meetings were held in the Little White School House at the North East corner of 4th and Main Street

A State of Kansas "Charter" for, Caney Lodge No. 324, A. F. and A. M. Building America was so established and issued by the Kansas Secretary of State, W.C. Edwards, September 7th 1895.

The Caney lodge, then a corporation, established seven (7) directors and or trustees and those appointed for the first year were Daniel H. Plowman, Edward Cochrane, William H. Christian, Philander E. Wellman, Joseph E. Stone

and Ulysses S. Key all of Caney, Montgomery County, Kansas and Jonas C. Gilmore of Havana, Montgomery County, Kansas. The estimated value of goods, chattels, lands, rights and credits owned by this corporation was \$5,000.00.

The next order of business was to have a permanent lodge facility for both Masonic meetings and traditional lodge work. It was determined they would build a second story on an existing one story sandstone building at the North West corner of 4th and State Street, owned by Daniel H. Plowman. A contract of agreement was prepared and signed requiring the Caney Masonic Lodge to pay one-half of the total building county tax and to install appropriate conveyance (stairs) from the street level to a second story doorway on the South outside of the building. Also, lodge associates would have the right to go and come at their convenience. The building would be completed on or before the first day of July 1896. The total cost of the building was never stated and or if they actually finished on time but we do know the Caney Lodge No. 324, A.F. and A.M. Building Association was signed A.D. 1896 by J.E. Stone, President, D.H. Plowman, Secretary And W.W. White. The Coffeyville Journal reported the

new Caney Masonic Lodge building was being occupied in 1897.

In the year 1907 the lodge meeting date was changed to the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month and remains so to this date.

January 1, 1908 the Home National Bank sold a part of their building's third floor for \$8,000.00 to the Masonic Lodge #324 A.F. & A.M. The lodge paid a \$1,000.00 down payment. The Caney Masonic Lodge membership and furnishings were then moved from their old second story sandstone building to the new 3rd story location of the Home National Bank on the South East corner of 4th and State Street. No information is available as to why they moved and or who purchased the old lodge property. It has been reported that the American Legion used the facility for some time and later a church held services there and eventually closed.

Dr. Robert Moore and Mrs. Betty Moore Provided land at 302 N. McGee for the purpose of building a new Caney Masonic Lodge building and parking area. The building was completed and dedicated in 1974 and remains active at this current location.

The Caney Masonic Lodge #324 A.F. & A.M. is the oldest remaining active Lodge (1889) and or local organization in Caney.

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March 4, 2009*

Reference Information;

*State of Kansas Charter of the Caney Lodge No. 324,
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Harold Barnett

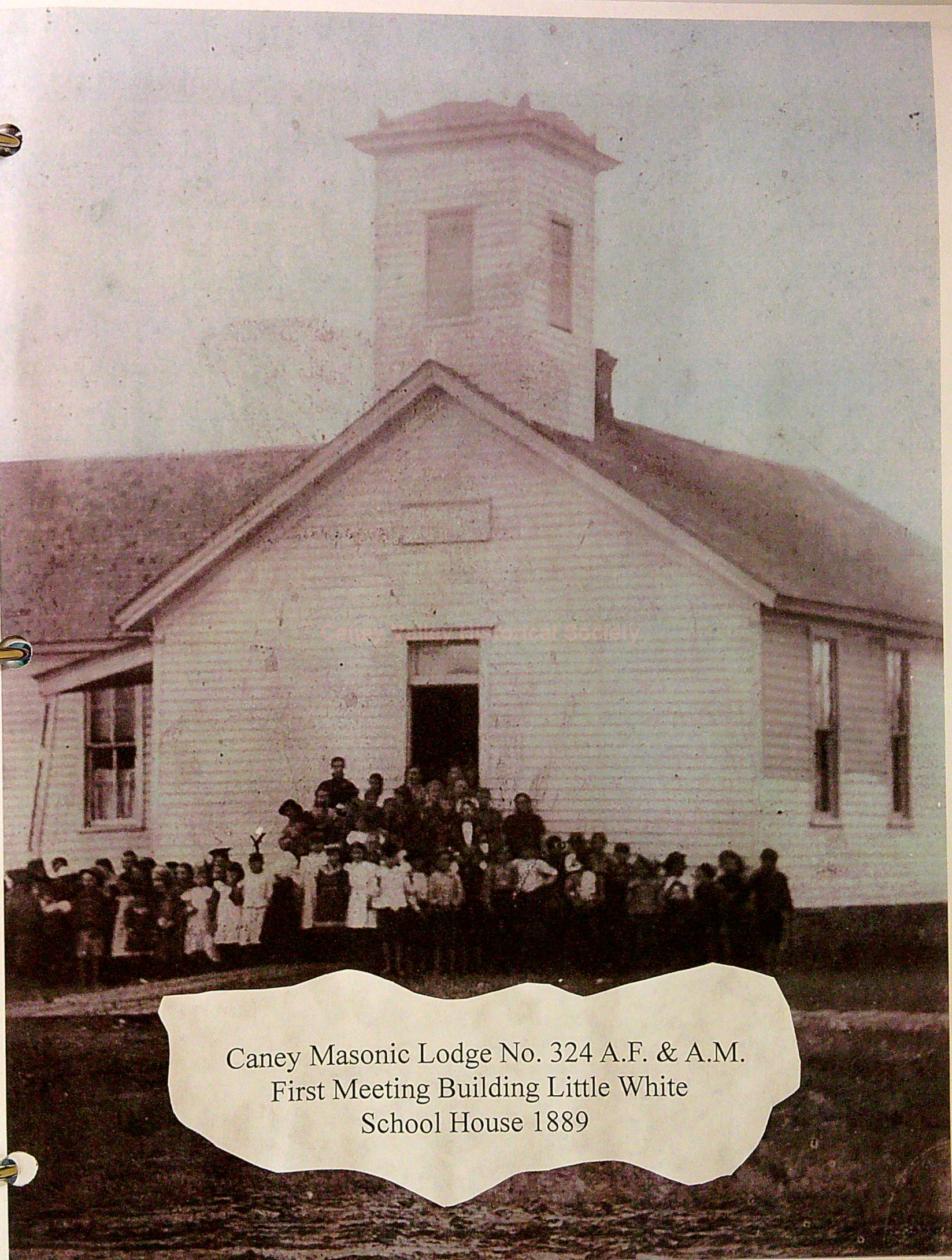
Roy McDaniel

Dr. Robert Moore

Caney Lodge secretary minutes (1907-1908)

Bill Ritter

*Grand Lodge of Kansas A.F. & A.M.
Robert B. Pfuetze, Grand Secretary*



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Caney Masonic Lodge No. 324 A.F. & A.M.
First Meeting Building Little White
School House 1889



Caney Masonic Lodge No. 324 A.F. & A.M. 1897 2nd Floor

Caney Masonic Lodge No. 324 A.F. & A.M.
3rd Floor 1908, Home National Bank Bldg.





Caney Masonic Lodge No. 324 A.F. & A.M.
New Home 1974

Caney Lodge No. 324, A. F. & A. M.

PAST MASTERS

1889 Joseph E. Stone

1890 Edward Cochrane

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1892 Joseph E. Stone

1893 Charles W. Cross

1894 Joseph A. Moore

1895 Mark A. Horner

1896 Dr. V. P. Williamson

1897 D. H. Plowman

1898 M. C. Jones

1899 Joseph E. Stone

1900 John L. Carinder

1901 C. J. Start

1902 Joseph E. Stone

1903 Arthur F. Stone

1904 Sidney M. Brown

1905 O. B. Hinkle

1906 B. S. Ayers

1907 Herbert G. Stone

1908 O. B. Hinkle

1909 John L. Carinder

1910 Sheron P. Malone

1911 Otho H. Woods

1912 Thomas C. Hanson

1913 Willard H. Edgett

- 1914 O. B. Hinkle
- 1915 O. B. Hinkle
- 1916 Elmer Brown
- 1917 Harrison Noble
- 1918 A. H. Lucas
- 1919 Hebert G. Stone
- 1920 L. V. Montgomery
- 1921 Frank G. Keiser
- 1922 Wiley Johnson
- 1923 Frank Olson
- 1924 Charles S. Lingle
- 1925 Delbert Brooks
- 1926 Charles C. Bowen
- 1927 L. G. Parsons

1928 Wiley Johnson

1929 James R. Harris

1930 John W. Titus

1931 Forest A. Martin

1932 Wm. W. Thomasson

1933 Volney H. Hilford

1934 F. H. Crosby

1935 Irvin S. Wemmer

1936 Charles DeVore

1937 Lloyd W. Graves

1938 George F. Whitney

1939 Marvin E. Sawyer

1940 Wayne Sanborn

1941 Granville Carinder

1942 Hubert Van Atta

1943 Lloyd W. Graves

1944 Samuel B. Woods

1945 Verle Judson

1946 Hubert Van Atta

1947 B. E. Mahon

1948 John W. Jarvis

1949 Charles St. John

1950 Howard B. Shannon

1951 Clair Sircouloumb

1952 Oliver O. Covell

1953 Leford Gaskill

1954 Marvin A. Freidline

1955 Lee Wyman

1956 Donal Cushman

1957 Paul Bowersock

1958 James S. Dancer

1959 Leigh S. Mathers

1960 Claude Station

1961 Gerald Melton

1962 Marvin Jolly

1963 Clarence O. Gillham

1964 Gordon R. Hoad

1965 R. E. Simpson

1966 Floyd E. Drum

1967 Clarence O. Gillham

1968 Harold Barnett

1969 Roy Barnhart

1970 Larry Crowe, Sr.

1971 Robert Vaughn

1972 Marvin E. Taylor

1973 W. Lloyd Sprague

1974 Larry Crowe, Sr.

1975 Tom Vaughan

1976 Jerry Vaughan

1977 Marvin E. Taylor

1978 Forrest A. Martin

1979 Sam Morrow

1980 Thomas Harmon

1981 W. A. Boles

1982 Charles Defenbaugh

1983 Edward Hanlon

1984 Marvin E. Taylor

1985 Marvin A. Freidline

1986 Terry L. Gibson

1987 Thomas V. Shaw

1988 Howard H. Henderson

1989 Charles Defenbaugh

1990 Ron Harvey

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1992 Larry Crowe, Sr.

1993 Larry Crowe, Sr.

1994 Chris Wittner

1995 Charles Wilmoth

1996 Rex Mills

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1998 Harold Barnett

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2002 Stanley Browning

2003 Harold Barnett

2004 Wayne Gaut

2005 Lynn Carson

2006 Billy King

2007 Duane Slander

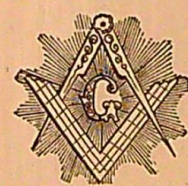
2008 Wayne Blakemore

2009 Bill Ritter

2010 Shawn Ritter

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REPLY CARD
THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



CANEY LODGE, NO. 324
A. F. & A. M.

Caney, Kansas, 19

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There will be a communication of Caney Lodge on
..... as indicated in the margin.

Please attend.

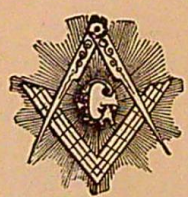
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By order of the W. M.

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..... Secretary.

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1899
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At a stated Communion July 13 1907
Pans were discussed Bldg

Comm of J.E. Stone G.R. Frauds & O.B. Hilder

at some Communion regular meeting night was
changed from 2-4th Saturday to 2-4th Tues of
Each Month

Stayed at the first meeting place for
18 years Moved to present site
March 1st 1908

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