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Washington, by
Brother Richard
Fox, Parson Lodge
No. 222, Austin
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THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Congratulations are in order to the members of each Lodge for choosing their new officers and to the newly installed Officers for accepting the leadership rolls in their Lodge. Your Lodge now has a great opportunity and a choice that will indeed affect the Lodge in the future. Certainly, planning for the future is a key ingredient to success. The new Master and Wardens if they are to be successfully in leading their Lodge into the future must plan together and work together along with the other officers for the good of the whole. The members also have a great responsibility to support and help with the work to be done. After all, you did not elect these Brethren to do all the work. You elected them to lead, teach Masonry to the Craft, and set standards that will improve your Lodge and Masonry for years to come.

Masonry has always been a teaching society, and if we let that concept of our fraternity lose its importance, the Lodge will gradually lose its integrity and prestige not only to its members but to the general public. Many of our Lodges in Texas have fallen into this situation, and now is the time for those Lodges to revive the true concept of Masonry and rekindle the fire of Masonry that once existed in their individual Lodge. There are many Lodges that are teaching Masonry, and they are the ones that are well attended and there is brotherly competition between the Brethren to be elected or appointed to roles of leadership in their Lodge.

Maintaining high Standards is vital to being a long term energetic and vibrant Lodge. When a Lodge receives its Charter, one of the basic qualifications for a Charter requires that the three principle officers must be able to confer the Three Degrees of Craft Masonry. After the Charter is issued it is presumed the qualification will be maintained, but we have no provision to make sure that the standard is carried on to the succeeding officers. Judging from the District Deputy Grand Master reports form official visits to Lodges, it is a fact that many Lodges in Texas today can not even confer the Degrees. It stands to reason that a Lodge that can not confer degrees will soon run short of members and either demise or have to merge with another Lodge.

The concept of Masonry is to improve ourselves and that includes improving our Lodge. Lodge integrity, self esteem, and dignity are dependent on the leadership we as members elect and appoint to offices in our Lodge, and we must ensure that our standards be met and in some cases raised back to reasonable levels in order to improve ourselves and our Lodges. The Masonic Education and Service Committee publishes several papers and booklets to help improve Lodge operation, and your Grand Lodge Trustees stand ready to assist in every way possible to help you and your Lodge in efforts to set higher standards of improvement.

With sincere fraternal regards,

T. E. "Gene" Carnes

Grand Master

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DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Brethren;

"As a citizen, you are to be a quiet and peaceable subject, true to your government, and just to your country. You are not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority, and conform with cheerfulness, to the government of the country in which you live."

This quotation is so familiar to you that it is not even necessary to give its source.

I repeated it only to draw your attention to the fact that, from his first introduction into our



Order, every Mason is committed to the support of Law and Order and to a respect for Duly Constituted Authority. Freemasons know, better than anyone else, that without Law and Order, and a deep respect for Duly Constituted Authority, the society in which we live would become a jungle in which our gentle Fraternity would cease to exist. Give this a little thought.

> James F. "Jim" Brumit Deputy Grand Master



Brethren Of The Grand West;

"HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY".

Here we are in the proverbial "Dog Days Of Summer" but believe me Brethren, these are exciting times.

Masonry in Texas is experiencing Degree Work in our Lodge reminiscent of days gone by and the quality of the petitioners is unbelievable, young, vibrant, knowledgeable men, who because of the internet and studious research know more about Masonry the day they turn their petition in than I did after many years of membership and dedicated research.

Most of our Lodges will have completed their installations by the time you read this publication. Allow me to congratulate each of you on your progression in your Lodge line. However with rewards comes responsibility, We ask each Lodge to encourage their Wardens and even Senior Deacons to attend a Wardens Retreat, your Lodge will certainly

I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.

Groucho Marx

GRAND SENIOR WARDEN



benefit from their attendance.

Once again "My Brethren "I am still in awe of Your allowing me the privilege of serving as Your Grand Senior Warden this year and "I PROMISE FAITHFUL OBEBIENCE TO YOUR TRUST"

Sincerely And Fraternally

Walter W. Rogers Grand Senior Warden Masonic Grand Lodge Of Texas

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GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN'S MESSAGE

Brethren, Many times after the third degree in Masonry is conferred and I am visiting with the new Master Mason, I frequently am asked "what do I do now?" When replying I often think of these words from a publication written for new Master Masons by Past Grand Master Leonard Harvey. "And now, the future of your Masonic life is your choice. While we earnestly solicit your regular attendance and participation, we acknowledge that Masonry is to the Mason as he alone determines. With regard to Masonry and the Mason, we leave you with this thought: Proof of Masonic membership can be a current dues card carried in a man's pocket to be displayed upon request. Proof that a man is a Mason is carried in his heart, and is displayed by the life he lives. The life you live will reflect the lessons that have been taught you. You are admonished to practice out of the Lodge, those duties which you have been taught in it. Thus you rightfully



deserve "the honor that has been conferred and merit the confidence of your Brethren."

Perhaps those of us who are not new Master Masons should treat our Masonic life like we treat our automobiles when we have a checkup at certain mileages. Stop now and then, think about the above quote, and give ourselves a Masonic mileage checkup. Then determine if our Masonic life is going in the direction that rightly deserves the honor that has been conferred upon us as a Master Mason and merit the confidence of our Brethren.

Masonic life does not come automatically when we are raised. It must be fed and nurtured daily if it is to flourish and bloom. When random acts of kindness and charity become natural everyday occurrences, when we treat our Masonic Brothers as we really should, when we treat all people with the respect they deserve, and look for direction from the Supreme Architect of the Universe, then we are beginning to live a Masonic life.

Jerry L Martin Grand Junior Warden

Lodge of Texas."

Name Badges Now Available Name badges are now being offered by the Grand Lodge of Texas for all Texas Masons, especially those who might not have access to a badge maker in their area. The badges, designed to easily slip onto the breast pocket of a suit or shirt, are available in two different styles - one for members and one for Past Master. The price for each badge is only \$15.00, including tax and shipping. JOHN DOE HOMETOWN LODGE 0000 A.F. & A.M. JOHN DOE LODGE 0000 A.F. & A.M. If ordering multiple badges, please include all information

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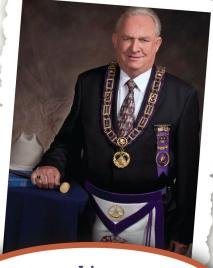
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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

LODGE OFFICERS INSTALLATION

Brethren

'Tis the season for Lodge Officers Installations and all Lodges will have installed their officers by July 31. This solemn act provides each Lodge the opportunity to refresh its actions to provide Masonic light and influence to its members and to the community in which they operate. It provides a starting point in the new Masonic year to please each other and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness. Furthermore, it is a public pronouncement from each officer to rededicate his services to the Lodge and to his brother officers.



The Grand Lodge laws states that all officers, both elective and appointive, must be installed in person. The Grand Lodge law also provides for officers, both elective and appointive, that were failed to be elected (selected), to be held over for another year without further installation. The Masonic Jurisprudence Committee urged that the <u>installation of reelected and re-appointed Officers be emphasized as being both appropriate and desirable in a Grand Master's decision to Article 293.</u> You are urged to follow the Committee's advice.

Some Lodges have established a Lodge tradition of not installing re-elected or reappointed officers. While this tradition of not acting and doing nothing may be efficient, it evades the intent of the Grand Lodge law and creates a missed opportunity of renewing commitments and acknowledging responsibilities in an open setting. Public installation ceremonies are impressive and provide a means of showcasing Freemasonry, particularly if every officer is installed and his installation details are presented. If your Lodge has this tradition, you are urged to change it.

Officer installations actively start the local Lodge's Masonic year and provide a suitable occasion to cleanse hard feelings between individual members. Create an atmosphere void of private piques and quarrels. Promote the teamwork essential to having a successful Masonic year. Produce an aura in which kindness and Brotherly affection distinguish your conduct as men and as Masons. If your Lodge installation is to be an annual recurrence of an auspicious solemnity, start now in planning for the event and for the Masonic year that it initiates.

Tom Guest, Grand Secretary

Houston Lodge Starts Food Pantry

Garden Oaks Food Pantry

Back a couple of years ago, Garden Oaks Masonic Lodge # 1306 AF&AM from Houston, Texas started a food pantry. This was done in an effort to help a few individuals that had fallen on hard times. Part of this effort was to deliver food baskets to the widows of our Lodge members on holidays. After a while our members started a Love Fund and a Benevolence Fund for the purpose of having emergency funds available when the need arises.

With our experience of collecting and donating hundreds of pounds of food, we found an organization to team up with. At present we are donating to a church pantry known as Saint Vincent de Paul Society in the small town of Tomball, Texas. Garden Oaks Lodge has

maintained a steady flow of food to this pantry. We have a simple system of having the Benevolence



Committee stand outside the door at the end of regular meetings. Our members at Garden Oaks continue to show their generosity by donating their spare change each time they are asked. At first, the donations do not seem like much, but every bit adds up and we get about 800 to 1500 pounds of food per quarter.

Donations are growing and we are able to purchase food item in bulk at a considerably savings. The Pantry has volunteer school children with Community Service Projects that come in to help. These fine young people help divide the food into family size portions. Another help comes from our very own Brisket Brigade. The brisket fundraisers donate a portion of their proceeds for food purchases. We also take donations of bulk food items such as rice, beans, sugar, pasta, frozen meats and any-

thing that will help feed the many in our community.

We recognize that the food supply must not dwindle, for the children must eat. We encourage everyone to look into their hearts and pantries, look into their pockets for spare change and help Garden Oaks in this noble endeavor. In our economic hard times, there is a cry upon the land and we as Master Masons need to hear that cry. It is our brother, mother, child, or family that is in need. All the people that live in this blessed land of milk and honey need help at one time or another. We need to help those that cannot help themselves. Please consider the benevolent act of kindness in the hearts of your Masons, see how you can help. Your donation will go a long way to feed the hungry and your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

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web site and an email notice
will be sent out to those
brothers with email.
If you know a Brother who
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print out a copy for him or
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DIME A DAY PROGRAM



You have already received a letter from the Grand Master asking for your support of the Dime a Day Program. This program will help the Grand Lodge meet its budget gap until the new per capita rate kicks in next year. Many Lodges have ask if they can contribute as well, the answer is yes, both individuals and Lodges can contribute. Just fill in your Lodge name in the box marked "Full Name to engrave" and send it to the address below.

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LADIES MAKE DONATION TO LODGE



The ladies of Bells Lodge # 798 presented Master Nick Keitz with a check for \$6,500.60 following a successful fundraiser. The Bells Masonic Lodge cookbook, Blessed Shall Be Your Basket, a collection of recipes from Members, Wives, and Widows of Bells Masonic Lodge was paid for by the advertizing. Proceeds from the sales of the cookbook went to the lodge.

COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD PRESENTED TO WESTBROOK NJROTC BY BEAUMONT LODGE No. 286

On Wednesday May 18, 2011 Beaumont Lodge No. 286 had the privilege of presenting a Community Builder Award to the Westbrook High School NJROTC in Beaumont, Texas. This was done at their annual awards ceremony, and many people from our community were present. The NJROTC is composed of many outstanding young people who represent our community well.

Two Community Builder Certificates were presented to their Adult Leaders - CW04 Phillip Boone and SgtMaj. Kenneth Akins. The awards were presented by Brother Greg Sonnier of Beaumont Lodge No. 286. Brother Sonnier (Junior Deacon at the Lodge) also has a son (Dakota Sonnier) who is a member of the NJROTC.





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ARTIST DONATES PAINTING TO LODGE



Parsons Lodge Room

On December 12, 2010, Parsons Masonic Lodge 222 celebrated its 100th year of Masonry in Central Texas. In planning our centennial year, we focused on charity and special projects. Early in the 2010-2011 Masonic year, Brother Richard Everett Fox, told the Worshipful Master that he was interested in painting a portrait of George Washington and donating this work as his contribution to Parsons during our Centennial year. The painting of George Washington was presented to Parsons this past June at our stated meeting and it is an ex-

traordinary painting—it would have made Gilbert Stuart smile.

Every great painting has a subject and our Masonic histories, allegories and symbolism have given a clear purpose of vision to Brother Fox. His first painting to express our

traditions is of our beloved Brother George Washington. Measuring 61" x 38", oil on canvas, his painting depicts George Washington as our first Masonic father. He stands upon the checkered floor, between the two great columns. To his right, the sun rises, to his left the moon, and above his head, in the celestial sky, the ever-present eye of Deity. On the plinth to his lower left is inscribed, "Parsons 222 Centennial 2010-2011". This is the first of many works planned by the artist.

Brother Fox has been working for more than 20 years in Texas and his art adorns many of its finest homes and building. This important work was gifted by the artist to Parsons, to hang in its lodge in Austin, Texas.

In an effort to raise funds for Parsons' charities, a first run of limited prints on canvas is being offered exclusively to Texas Masons, accompanied by a certificate of authenticity. The size of each

print is 36" x 22", signed and numbered by the artist. Upon the plinth depicted in the lower right of the painting, the artist will individually inscribe the name of your lodge or any other wordage you desire. Thirty percent of the proceeds will be donated to Parsons' charities.



For information on obtaining prints of the George Washington painting, please contact:

Brother Richard Everett Fox 431-0361 richardfox art@msn.com



Brother Richard Everett Fox





This limited edition firing glass or cannon bears the laser etched symbol of the 2011 Grand Master, T.E. "Gene" Carnes, of the Grand Lodge of Texas. This 5oz glass stands 5 3/8" inches tall on a heavy glass base is numbered and comes in a black velvet bag and gift boxed.

Firing glasses, or cannons as they are sometimes called, come from the French, in their Table Lodges, called the drinking of a toast, *fue, or fire.* The word is also applied to the action immediately following the drinking of a toast in British Lodges when a quaint little ceremonial is observed by all the Brethren.

\$30.00



2011 Grand Lodge of Texas limited edition collector's item is a Trapper style knife with Bone (Cancun Blue Smoothbone) Handle. It is numbered and comes in a laser etched Display Box that is personally signed by the 2011 Grand Master, T.E. "Gene" Carnes. It has Etched Blades, Etched Bolsters, Nickel-Silver Bolsters and Thumbnail Pull.

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CHARLES W. ANDERSON LODGE#1413 PRESENTS COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD TO JANET FLORY

At the June Family Night 2011, Worshipful Master John Hunter presented the Community Builder Award to Janet Flory, Director of the Scottish Rite Learning Center of South Texas. Pictured are from left to right; John Hunter, WM; Mr. Henry Flory, Janet Flory (recipient), and their Daughter Michelle.



TEXAS LODGE DESIGNS CHILD ID KIT



Serving the needs of kids and their parents is important in Allen Texas. For the past two years, we have been completing our own version of the "Child Id" Kit, which several other Grand Lodges have been supporting and running for several years. I believe this program is something that may be of general interest to Texas Masons and Grand Lodge as well. Should an emergency arise, these kits can save the police depart-

ment four to six hours of time by having the information they need available immediately.

The equipment that other jurisdictions use (such as MOCHIP – Missouri Grand Lodge) is something that our Lodge could simply not afford to purchase (\$5,000 - \$ 7,000per machine). We liked the idea, so we made up our own version of the "Child Id" Kit (see attachment), and have man-

aged to keep the cost of each kit to less than \$ 3.00 by using our own software, computers and printers.

On May 14, 2011,we held a "Free" Child Id Kit Session in our new Lodge Building. During this event, we completed 20 Child Id Kits. Pictures of the event can be seen on our website located at (http://allenlodge1435.org/photogallery.htm).

Robert (Bob) Black

ALLEN LODGE#1435 PRESENTS COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD TO WILLIAM "BILL" S. RUSHING

Allen Lodge presented Allen Police Chief William (Bill) S. Rushing with our 2011 Community Builder Award on April 30th 2011. Pictured are the Lodge Officers with Chief Rushing and his wife Sue. Chief Rushing is a thirty-two year law enforcement veteran who has served as Chief of Police in Allen since December 1, 1997.



TEXAS MASONIC PLATES NOW AVAILABLE



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BOTTOMS FAMILY DONATES PICTURE TO L&M



Dale Bottoms, Tom Guest, Derwood Bottoms shown holding the family photo of the youngest brother being raised a Master Mason that was presented to the Library.



The wood stand is from a tree on the old home place where the boys grew up (see the photo of the picture on the stand in the library.

A FAMILY AFFAIR!! J.J.Bottoms of Jewett, Texas, (In Hat) is shown congratulating Paul Bottoms, a son on his initation as a Master Mason by a team consisting of the Father and six other sons, all in the picture. The ceremony occured at a meeting of Port Arthur Lodge No.1264 A.F. & A. M. Friday night, November 28th,1957. From left to right are shown, Joe J.Bottoms, Member of Jewett Lodge, (Gave the Lecture), Durwood F. Bottoms, Member of the Jewett Lodge, (Junior Warden), James E. Bottoms, Member of Port Arthur (Senior Deacon), J.J. Bottoms SECT, Jewett. Past Master, Past D.D.G.M.; Dale Bottoms, Member of Jewett Lodge, (Senior Warden), Paul Bottoms, Member of Jewett Lodge, (Canidate); Odell Bottoms, Member of Park Place, Houston, (Junior Deacon), Jack Bottoms, Member of Jewett Lodge, (Master of Ceremonies),

The Lessons of Freemasonry

By Grand Master T.E. "Gene" Carnes

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First Lady's Project - "The Eagle of Freedom"

The bald eagle is the National emblem of the United States of America and was chosen because it symbolizes great strength, courage, and freedom. We see the eagle with outspread wings on the backs of our gold coins, the silver dollar, the halfdollar, and the quarter. On the Great Seal of the United States and in many places which are exponents of our nation's above the same emblem. Living as he does on the tops of lofty mountains, amid the solitary grandeur of Nature, the bald eagle has unlimited freedom, sweeping down into the valleys below or upward into the boundless spaces beyond. Gene and I believe in patriotism, and, when I first saw the eagle pin, I just knew it had to be my pin as the First Lady of Texas. The pin is configured so it can be used as a pin or a necklade. I have chosen the Grand Lodge of Texas as my Masonic charity, as I know they need the funds for operational expenses.

Gay Carnes, First Lady (2010-2011)