

COME AND TAKE IT

In mid September 1835, Mexican General Cos landed in Matagorda Bay and proceeded overland to Bexar. This was the first step toward disarming the people of Texas, and to secure a four-pounder cannon which had been placed at Gonzales by the Mexican Government for the defense of the settlement against the Comanches. His demand for the cannon was refused by the colonists and a detachment of about one hundred Mexican Cavalry under the command of Lieutenant Francisco Castonando was sent to take it back. Upon arriving near Gonzales, on September 28, 1835 a small company of eighteen Men, (six of them Masons- Winslow Turner, William W Arrington, Valentine Bennet, Almeron Dickinson, G W Davis, and Charles Mason) "The Old Eighteen", held the Mexican force at bay until reinforcements could arrive. On October 2, 1835 a battle was fought, which has been called the Lexington of the Texas Revolution.



GONZALES MASONIC LODGE NEWSLETTER

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GONZALES MASONIC LODGE
No. 30 A.F. & A.M. WELCOMES



GRAND MASTER

ORVILLE L. O'NEILL



COME AND TAKE IT MASONIC EVENTS

Friday, October 1 2010

7:30 PM - GRAND MASTER'S DINNER

You're invited to a casual dinner with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas and other Grand Lodge Officers that will be held at the Gonzales Elk's Lodge on Friday, October 1, 2010 at 7:30 pm. A roast beef meal will be provided at a cost of \$8.00 per plate. There will also be a presentation of a "Key to the City" to the Grand Master by the Honorable Brother Bobby O'Neal, Mayor of Gonzales. If you plan to attend please RSVP to Juan Gaytan at jmgaytan1@wildblue.net or Blake Bowden at blakebowden@mac.com or call 830-857-0755 and leave a message by no later than Friday, September 25th.

Saturday, October 2 2010

7:30 AM - FUN RUN REGISTRATION BEGINS - FOOD TENT, DOWNTOWN GONZALES

Registration begins under the "Food Tent" in downtown Gonzales for the Motorcycle Fun Run. All registration proceeds will be forwarded to the Masonic Retirement Home.

8:30 AM - MARKET SQUARE - DOWNTOWN GONZALES

Gonzales Masonic Lodge No. 30 will host M.W. Grand Master Orville L. O'Neill's official visit at the annual "Come And Take It" Celebration. All are encouraged to attend and commemorate the Masonic Heroes in the Texas Revolution and The Republic of Texas.

10:30-12:00 PM - COME AND TAKE IT PARADE BEGINS

M.W. Grand Master Orville L. O'Neill and numerous Grand Lodge Officers will be participating in the Come and Take It Parade. We invite all current Worshipful Masters and District Deputies that are in attendance to ride on a float along with the Grand Lodge Officers.

1:00 PM - MOTORCYCLE FUN RUN BEGINS

The Fun Run will begin at the Gonzales Masonic Cemetery. Additional information will be provided at the time of registration.

The Come & Take It Festival celebrates the first shot of the Texas revolution on Oct. 2, 1835, which took place near Gonzales. This three day celebration includes many activities, food booths, carnival rides, concerts and more. There will be fun for the whole family! For additional information and schedule of events please visit:

<http://www.gonzalestexas.com/>

LODGING INFORMATION

Abiding Life B&B - 830-672-9946
Belle Oaks B&B - 830-672-8613
Cabana Guest House - 830-672-5169
Best Western - 800-733-5916
Care Free Inn - 830-672-9611
St. James B&B - 830-672-7066

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EVENT LOCATIONS

Gonzales Elks Lodge
1222 E Sarah Dewitt Drive
Gonzales, TX 78629

Market Square
100 Saint Louis Street
Gonzales, TX 78629

Gonzales Masonic Cemetery
1200 Holmes Street
Gonzales, TX 78629