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THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



TRUST

What an interesting word! What does that word mean to you as an individual? We all want our associates to be trustworthy and honest. If we can't trust someone, we tend not to want to be around them. The primary reason for being selective about who you trust is the protection of your possessions and secondly, and probably more importantly, your reputation.

It is human nature to strive for the good things in life and to be associated with people and organizations that have a good reputation and maintain high standards. One of the reasons Masonry has been in existence for centuries is due to the fact that it has the reputation of being made up of men that can be trusted. Trust is one of the first lessons we teach to all who enter our fraternity. We teach many things in Masonry other than trust, but all our teachings must first start with that character trait. As we started our journey in becoming a Mason, we had to declare a trust in a Supreme Being, and as we progressed, we all became obligated to trust each other. That trust is deeper than just a trust in God and to each other; it includes the fraternity and its reputation. A new Masonic year is at hand and it is time for the Lodges to select the Brethren who will guide and direct their Lodge for the next year. Lodges have different ways of selecting their leaders, but all should have one thing in common and that is to select the best qualified Brothers for those critical positions of trust. The selection of those Brethren and their leadership will ensure that the Lodge will prosper and Masonry will thrive in your community.

To those Brethren who accept the challenge and responsibility to serve as a Lodge Officer, we owe an extra measure of respect and gratitude. There are many hours of planning, hard work, and dedication involved in being a trusted and successful Officer in a Lodge. However, the rewards you will receive from your Brethren in esteem and respect are the true wages of a Master Mason.

All the officers of a Lodge are important and every Officer has certain functions to perform if the Lodge and its members are to be happy and practice the principles of Masonry. The Brethren of your Lodge have selected you to provide the leadership for the Lodge for the next year and it is your responsibility to improve on the standards and keep them at the highest levels. Practicing and performing our Ritual, including the opening and closing of the Lodge with dignity and solemnity requires dedication and perseverance, but the pride and esteem it instills in the Lodge and its members is worth your time and effort.

The Grand Lodge Officers are available to provide encouragement and service to the Lodges and Masons of Texas and we wish you and your Lodge the highest level of success in the coming Masonic year.

With warm personal and fraternal regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "T. E. 'Gene' Carnes".

T. E. "Gene" Carnes
Grand Master



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With the help of more than 54 Masonic Lodges, to date, the Fantastic Teeth Fan Club has brought prevent tooth decay kits to nearly 12,000 children. To learn more about this and other programs of Masonic Children & Family Services, visit our website at www.mcfstx.org or call 1.877.203.9111.



DEPUTY GRAND MASTER



Brethren: I recently learned of a 'Friends Night' program held by San Gabriel Lodge No. 89 and invited Masons to bring a non-mason friend to dinner. There was no charge for the dinner if the Mason did bring a friend but they did charge if the Mason did not bring a friend. The dinner consisted of a great steak dinner with all trimmings. The lodge had great attendance and the Worshipful Master and Secretary both say the event will be held again

in the future. I certainly recommend such a program and am advised that the Brother Secretary of San Gabriel will help putting a similar program in any lodge. He is Brother Truitt L. Bradley and his phone numbers are: Home-512-567-4756 and office number-512-257-6279. Take advantage of Bro. Bradley in considering such an event.

Jim Brumit
Deputy Grand Master



Brethren Of The Grand West

Where has the year gone? As of April 1, 2011, 117 days have passed since the installation of the Grand Lodge Officers and that there are only 247 days remaining in this Grand Lodge Year. We have had several planning meetings since my election and installation as Grand Junior Warden and are VERY EXCITED about the 2013 Grand Lodge year.

I stated when you elected me to this high honor, "What You See Is What You Get"! The 2013 Team promises each of you the very best of our efforts to further Masonry in Texas and to always having your best interests at heart.

We are designing dynamic conference programs so that we can bring to the Masons of Texas many of the challenges we face and ask for your input in resolving these tasks.

We must, my Brethren, adapt to today's society. We must listen to and include our younger Masons in the activities of our Lodges. We must let them be a viable part of our fraternity. They are the future and without them we will not replace ourselves and certainly fail.

GRAND SENIOR WARDEN



The motto for 2013 is

"Pride, Respect and Communication."

Pride in how and what we do,
Respect in how and why we do it, and
Communication with each and every Mason in Texas.

Godspeed To Each Of You

Walter W. Rogers
Grand Senior Warden

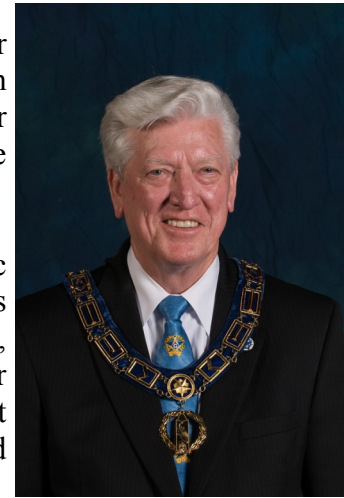
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GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN'S MESSAGE

Brethren, winter is gone, spring has arrived, and people are cultivating their flower beds, fertilizing the yard, and trimming trees and shrubs in preparation for the new growth to come. It seems we all want our neighbors and passers by to approve of the way our property looks because it says a lot about who lives there.

This is even more important about our Lodge property. When the public does not know who Masons are and what they do, they sometimes judge us by the way they see the outside of our buildings. If it is neat and clean, then we can hope that they assume that we are also. We should all do our best to ensure that the exterior of our Lodges are well cared for and kept neat, for after all, as Masons we are taught to be good neighbors and citizens of our communities.



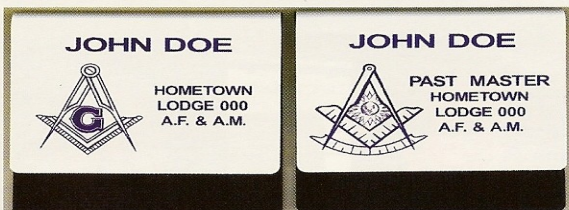
Likewise, spring is an excellent time for each of us to clean ourselves up, so-to-speak, and make sure we present the right image of Masonry to not only all that those that we come into contact with, but those who observe us from a distance and know us only by the emblems on our cars, belt buckles, rings, hats, etc. Think about that old saying that is posted over the door of so many Lodges, "Remember, you are someone's image of Masonry."

Just as spring is a time for preparing for new growth in nature, it is a great time to "bloom" new growth in Masonry by getting out into the community. Lamar Medal presentations and scholarships are part of this season and an excellent opportunity to either get the students, family, and school personnel into our Lodges or us into the school facilities to make these awards. A well planned presentation ceremony can bear much fruit for our gentle fraternity, and as we all know, that "fruit" can easily become membership. So let's all get out and promote the oldest and greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

Jerry L Martin
Grand Junior Warden

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.



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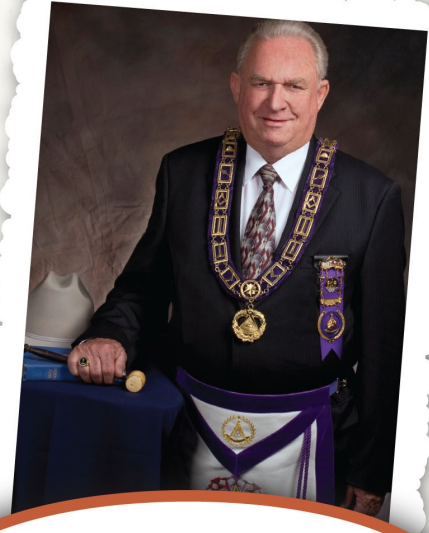
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SATURDAY, OCT. 8

CENTENNIAL BANQUET

FRIDAY, OCT. 7

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FAMILY DAY - SATURDAY, OCT. 8

10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Texas Masonic Retirement Center
1501 W. Division, Arlington - **Free Admission**

CENTENNIAL BANQUET - FRIDAY, OCT. 7

6:30 p.m. at Fort Worth Masonic Temple • 1100 Henderson St.

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Call 817.275.2893 or visit www.TexasMasonicFamilyDay.org for more info.



MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

DUTY, HONOR, FRATERNITY – THE KEYS TO GOOD MASONRY

Duty, Honor, and Fraternity. If you will keep these three concepts in the forefront of your mind, I believe that you will be a better person and an excellent Mason. To me, these are the three essential keys to good Masonry.

Duty – Our first lesson is to fulfill our duty of charity . . . then we learn others: Brotherly love and affection, supporting a falling Brother, good counsel, etc. Honor – refers to those core values we seek in a Brother Mason to include integrity; sense of righteousness; Golden Rule, “Do unto others as you,” etc. Fraternity – refers to that special world-wide fraternity of Freemasonry.

"Duty," "honor," "fraternity" – those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you want to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying points to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn.

The naysayers will say they are only words, a slogan, or a flamboyant phrase. But these are some of the things those three words build: they build your basic Masonic character and they mold you for your future roles as a custodian of the Craft. They teach you to be proud and unbending in honest failure, but humble and gentle in success; not to substitute words for action; not to seek the path of comfort, but to face the stress and spur of difficulty and challenge; to learn to stand up in the storm, but to have compassion on those who fall; to master yourself before you seek to master others; to have a heart that is clean, a goal that is high; to learn to laugh, yet never to forget how to weep; to reach into the future, yet never to neglect the past; to be serious, yet to never take yourself too seriously; to be modest so that you will remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom and the meekness of true strength.

Always strive for duty, honor, and fraternity. Always remember those obligations taken in the first three degrees, as you saw the way and the light. We take up the challenges of modern Masonry, reverently following those passwords of duty, honor, and fraternity.

You now face a new world, a world of change. The thrust into the ever-changing development of the human race, the financial and membership challenges, the splintering and decline of social organizations – there has never been a more abrupt or staggering evolution.

And through all this welter of change and development your mission remains fixed, determined, inviolable. It is to solidify Blue Lodge Masonry. Everything else is but a corollary to this vital dedication. All appendant Bodies are based on our organization. All other public purposes, all other public projects, all other public needs (great or small), will find others for their accomplishments; but you are the ones who must keep the Blue Lodge healthy and vital. Only you have the training and education to succeed.

Yours is the crusade of charity and brotherly love; the sure knowledge that there is no substitute for victory, that if you lose, our Society will be degraded; that the very obsession of your service must be duty, honor, fraternity.

Serene, calm, aloof – you stand as Society’s guardians, as its lifeguards from the raging tides of moral conflict, as its gladiators in the battle for good. For more than 175 years you have defended, guarded and protected this State’s hallowed traditions of liberty and freedom, of right and justice, of education. Your guidepost stands out like a tenfold beacon in the night: duty, honor, fraternity.

You are the leaven that binds together the entire fabric of our system of societal morals. Always throughout the Grand Lodge of Texas there echoes and reechoes: duty, honor, fraternity.

Tom Guest, Grand Secretary



1ST ANNUAL SCHUETZENFEST



Members of the Grand Lodge Texas History Committee and brother Masons met at the Cross K Ranch near Raisin, Texas, on Sunday afternoon, March 27, for a shooting match to determine who was to be Schuetzenkoenig" (Shooting King) for the year 2011.

In traditional "Schuetzen" style, Masons fired .22-caliber rifles at three sets of targets; offhand at targets 40 yards away, from a bench rest at targets 60 yards away, and then the "tie breaker" of shooting offhand at empty 20 gauge hulls on a board at 60 yards.

There was a three-way tie going into the final round between Glen Sachtelben of Gonzales Lodge #30, Chris Barbee of El Campo Lodge #918, and Dick Brown of Knox-Corinthian Lodge #851. The match was finally determined when Bro. Barbee hit 2 of the 5 empty 20 gauge shells during the third round of the elimination. He claimed the title Schuetzenkoenig 2011 and the trophy, which he will hold until next year's match.

For more information on the Masonic Schuetzenfest, or to place your email address on the mailing list for next year's event, contact Bro. Dick Brown at ke5r@tx.rr.com

STUDENT AND TEACHER OF THE YEAR

RICHARDS LODGE # 1116 RICHARDS, TX

On February 12, 2011, Richards Lodge # 1116 presented a Teacher and Student of the Year Awards.

Presented by Henry Salzmann Worshipful Master.

The Award for Teacher of the Year was presented to
Jolle Dulaney,
a Teacher in the Richards ISD.

The Student of the Year was presented to
Larra Derden,
a Student at Richards ISD

These awards were presented at Richards Lodge's annual Sweetheart Banquet, at which time we honored 13 Widows of members of Richards Lodge. We also presented a Perfect Ashler, Golden Trowel, and Mason of the Year to deserving Brothers of Richards Lodge.



Its about ...and Masons

The Photo Contest is ON!

Landscapes - Portraits - Snapshots

*See the contest rules information on the Grand Lodge Website.
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Send photo entries to: jdarrell@jdkcom.com

Texas History Committee of the Grand Lodge of Texas



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D I M E A D A Y P R O G R A M



In the near future you will be receiving 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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2011 WARDENS RETREATS

LODGE LEADERSHIP

The Warden’s Retreat Program of the Grand Lodge of Texas prepares Senior and Junior Wardens to accept the leadership role as Master of their Lodges. In addition, there is an educational program for the ladies to prepare them to assist their Masons in being successful as Master. There are separate programs for the Junior Wardens focusing on administration and Senior Wardens on leadership. The Retreat Program is presented by the Committee on Masonic Education and Service and the elected Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies.

Open to all interested Master Masons, participants engage in classroom type instruction, team building and group activities, and open question and answer periods. The program is structured, fast paced, intense and provides opportunities to exercise leadership and management skills. There are opportunities to visit one-on-one with the instructors and Grand Lodge Officers.

There will be four workshops throughout the state in 2011, all of which will be combined Senior and Junior Warden’s Groups. The Senior Warden’s Group will focus on Leadership and the Junior Warden’s Group will be on Administration. Registration begins Friday afternoon at 5:00 PM, with the program kicking off at 7:00 PM and ending by Noon Sunday. Participants receive all retreat supplies and materials, Saturday lunch and dinner. Hotel accommodations are not provided, and each participant must arrange for their own hotel rooms.

Designed for Texas Masons, the program is open to all Master Masons and their Ladies. Officers of Lodges and appendant Masonic bodies are especially encouraged to attend. Make your plans now to join us for the 2011 Retreat Program and prepare to lead your Masonic organization into the future.

[Download 2011 Warden's Retreat Application Form](#)

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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 half dollar, and the quarter. On the Great Seal of the United States and in many places which are emblems of our nation's authority we see 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 necklace.

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)