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On the cover: *The Masonic Charter Oak*, the beautiful art glass window above the entrance to the Memorial Grand Lodge in Waco, has been completely restored and protected against the elements. Above photo: Flags fly at half staff following the disaster in New York and Washington, DC. *Texas Mason* photos by Jim Dougherty and John Lawson.

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# WE CONCLUDE

*Supreme Grand Master, author of light and life, we thank you for the many blessings you have given to each of us. Thank you for the safety and assurance you provide us each day. Give us strength as we prepare for the future and the strong belief that we may be shielded from acts of terrorism and surrounded by love. Guide and direct the paths of our national leaders and help them lead us through this time of trial. Give travelling grace to those who do your work and continue to bless our Lodge Officers with wisdom and understanding. Help our country heal and resume its leadership role in the world. Amen*

May God's richest blessings be upon each of you and your families and may God Bless America.

Even with pall cast over us by the terrorist attacks, our country remains united and revived by the ever living sprig of evergreen that offers us hope for the future. Remember the proverb that says "He who has health, has hope; and he who has hope, has everything." We must have hope as we prepare to conclude this Grand Lodge year. We began this Grand Lodge year with the hope that Masonry could, once again, be the beacon of hope for a trouble world. Today, more than ever, we are called to be better citizens, stronger leaders and an inspiration to our youth. The young people of Texas and the United States, are looking to us to set the example and to offer them hope and a steadfastness of purpose for their lives. There is a cool breeze blowing. There is a cool breeze of hope, of faith and of charity.

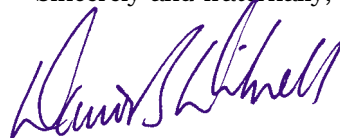
DeMolay is alive and well in Texas. The new adult leader has collected a strong leadership team of dedicated Masons. Chapters are growing and new Chapters are being formed. The same is true of Job's Daughters Bethels and Rainbow Assemblies. It is very exciting to see young men and women involved and dedicated to Masonic principles. The hope for our future is bright, indeed, with the outstanding leaders that have come to the forefront. Thank you to each Lodge that has opened its doors to a Rainbow Assembly or a DeMolay Chapter. You have made the commitment to support our youth and you have assured our future.

Lodge leadership is improving. The record attendance at this year's Wardens' Retreats is testimony that Masons do care and have a fervent desire to improve themselves. As Lodge leadership improves, we will overcome the doomsayers and negative forces that threaten our very being. We must consider that what worked well for our grandfathers may not work well today. Our challenge is to look ahead, retain the best of the past and not be afraid to change. Change for the sake of change is not good. Refusal to change because we have never done it that way, is even worse. Listen to your heart and do what is right.

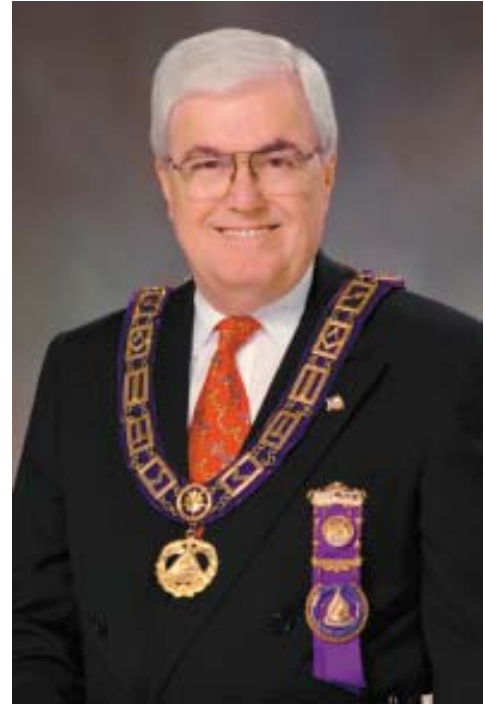
As we approach our 166<sup>th</sup> Grand Annual Communication, I invite each of you to join with me in celebrating Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. The legislation to be considered will set the direction of Masonry in the next generation. Each one of you hold the destiny and the future of Masonry in your hands. I now challenge you to SHARE THE ENERGY that we feel in Masonry today and to help us RELEASE THE POTENTIAL for Masonry in the future. And as we work together toward a better future, I am confident, and I know, that we will make progress and that we will make **Progress with Dignity.**

Thank you for all that you do and will do for Masonry and for our Grand Lodge.

Sincerely and fraternally,



David B. Dibrell  
Grand Master







Panoramic photo courtesy Houston Scottish Rite Bodies



# 166th Annual

## Highlight Events

### Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001

(Red type denotes events open to non-Masons.)

1:30 p.m. Official Grand Opening and introduction of dignitaries. Memorial Service. Address by the Grand Orator. William M. Beck, Masonic Service and Vanguard Lodge awards. Roll calls of Grand Officers. Conferral of DeMolay Degree. (Please note that wives, sisters, mothers and all other adults over 21 years of age who are related to Masons or DeMolays may attend. Everyone who watches the degree must take an oath not to reveal the ceremony.)

### Friday, Dec. 7, 2001

8 a.m. Grand Lodge Called to Labor. General business and committee reports.

9:45 a.m. Coffee honoring Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, ground floor, Grand Lodge building.  
 2:30 p.m. Special ladies program, lower auditorium.  
 7:30 p.m. Presentation of Sam Houston Medal and W.B. and Brendon Carrell Humanitarian Award. Butterflies are Beautiful Scholarship presentations. Masonic Home & School program.

### Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001

7:45 a.m. Grand Lodge Called to Labor.  
 9:45 a.m. Coffee honoring Mrs. Sheri Nanny, ground floor, Grand Lodge building.  
 10 a.m. Election of Grand Junior Warden and other elected officers. Completion of business as necessary. Grand Lodge Called from Labor.  
 2 p.m. Installation of Grand Officers.





# Annual Grand Communication December 6-8, 2001 in Waco

*and don't forget the trimmings ...*

◆ Waco Chapter No. 7, McClennan Chapter No. 639 and Walter Baldwin Chapter No. 929, Order of Eastern Star will again be serving two meals during the Grand Lodge. Thursday supper will be served from 5-7 p.m. and Friday lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the OES. Temple at 1612 Columbus Ave. The entree on Thursday will be roast beef and on Friday, barbecue. Tickets will be available at the door for a donation of \$6.00 and transportation to and from the OES. Temple will be available both days.

◆ Put on your dancin' shoes and shuffle over to the Sul Ross Activity Center at 1414 Robinson St. (near Grand Lodge) on Thursday night for the **Schulenburg Shuffle**. Hosted by the Masons of Central Texas, proceeds from the barbecue supper will go to The Masonic Home and School. A country-western band will entertain. Members will be selling admission buttons on Thursday at \$10.00 per person; but at the door, admission will be \$15.00.



Members of Houston Chapter, Order of DeMolay's state championship DeMolay Degree team will exemplify the degree following the Thursday adjournment. The team poses with their trophies from the recently concluded State Conclave in Amarillo and are (standing, from left) William Peebles, Justin Schmick, James Barron, Past Deputy State Master Councilor; Graham Cull III, Deputy State Illustrious Knight Commander; Christopher Foster, Clay Lewis, Eric Nordheim, Jeffrey Holder, State Junior Councilor; Grant Lewis, Kristopher Rice, State Senior Councilor; (seated, from left) R.J. Morlock, Past State Master Councilor; Steven Rice, Kenneth Tomplait, Chris Rogers and Randall Seymour. Photo courtesy Michael Phillipus.



# Statements of Availability

## for Grand Junior Warden



**DONNY W. BROUGHTON**

**Caddo Lodge No. 581**  
 Raised - June 21, 1990  
 Worshipful Master - 1994-1995  
 Golden Trowel Award - 1997  
 Endowed Member - 1999

**PLURAL AND ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS**

Henry Thomas Lodge No. 278  
 - Endowed Member  
 Texas Lodge of Research - 2001  
 Tranquility Lodge No. 2000  
 - Charter Member

**GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS**

Credentials No. 1 Committee  
 - 1995 - 1996  
 District Education Officer  
 -Masonic District No. 8-1995-1996  
 District Deputy Grand Master -  
 Masonic District No. 8-1996-1997  
 Masters, Wardens and Secretaries  
 Association - Masonic District  
 No. 8 - 1998 - Present  
 Grand Representative of Grand  
 Lodge of Delaware - 1998 - Present  
 Grand Tiler - 1997 - 1998  
 Member of Sam Houston Hall  
 of Fame - 2001  
 Committee on Masonic  
 Education and Service -  
 1998 - Present



**ELMER MURPHEY III**

**Holland Lodge No. 1**  
 Raised - August 17, 1966

**PLURAL AND ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS**

Hillcrest Lodge No. 1318  
 Worshipful Master 1983 - 84,  
 1999 - 2000  
 Life Member - 1984  
 Endowed Member - 1992  
 Tranquility Lodge No. 2000  
 - Charter Member  
 Endowed Member - 2000  
 Texas Lodge of Research

**GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS**

District Deputy Grand Master  
 - Masonic District No. 14C - 1987  
 Grand Representative of Grand  
 Lodge of Manitoba - 1987 - Present  
 Committee on Titles, Deeds and  
 Civil Law - Chairman, 1988  
 Committee on Masonic Juris-  
 prudence - 1989 - 1995; June,  
 1996 - Present,  
 Chairman, 1999-2001  
 Special Committee on  
 Proposed Revisions of the  
 Laws of the Grand Lodge of  
 Texas - 1998 - 1999  
 Grand Orator - 1999  
 Grand Junior Steward - 2001



**LEONARD O. PIERCE**

**Reagan Lodge No. 1037**  
 Raised - October 8, 1960  
 Worshipful Master - 1994-1995  
 Endowed Member - 1985  
 L.I.F.E. Instructor - 1993 -  
 1995

**PLURAL AND ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS**

S. P. Waltrip Lodge No. 1328  
 - Endowed Member  
 Memorial Lodge No. 1298  
 - Endowed Member - 1998  
 Worshipful Master - 1990-1991  
 L.I.F.E. Instructor - 1988 - 1991  
 J. W. Chandler Daylight  
 Lodge No. 1452 - Charter Member  
 Tranquility Lodge No. 2000  
 - Charter Member  
 - Endowed Member

**GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS**

Masters, Wardens and Secretaries  
 Association - Masonic District 30-  
 Instructor  
 District Masonic Relations Officer-  
 District 30A - 1992 - 1993  
 Public Education Committee  
 - Member, 1994 - Chairman,  
 1995 - Member, 2000  
 District Deputy Grand Master  
 -Masonic District No. 30A-1996



**MICHAEL H. SHIVELY**

**Melrose Lodge No. 1294**  
 Raised - November 22, 1980  
 Worshipful Master - 1988  
 Life Member  
 Endowed Member

**PLURAL AND ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS**

Texas Lodge of Research -  
 Member

**GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS**

Memorials Committee - 1993  
 District Deputy Grand Master  
 - Masonic District No. 30C -  
 1996  
 Grand Representative of the  
 Grand Lodge of Minnesota -  
 1996 - Present  
 Curator, Masonic Oak -  
 1998 - Present







## Unknown Mason reburied in Fort Worth ceremonies

An El Paso road construction crew came across more than they bargained for when they unearthed human skeletal remains on June 12, 1998. The wooden coffin containing the remains was almost completely decomposed.

Texas Department of Transportation archaeologists and the El Paso Medical Examiner's Office determined that the remains were at least 100 years old. After further research, it was suggested that the grave was part of a Masonic cemetery located next to a lodge. The cemetery that had been located on the site in 1868 was later relocated to the existing Concordia Cemetery. Apparently this grave was missed in the move.

Dr. **H. Gill-King**, Director, Laboratory of Forensic Anthropology and Human Identification at the University of North Texas in Denton, and member of Washington Lodge No. 1117, was requested to examine the remains. Dr. King determined that they are the remains were of a Caucasian man approximately 40 years old, 5' 9" tall and of slender build. Data indicates he was buried



*Pallbearers prepare to deposit the remains of an unknown man, believed to have been a Mason, in a Fort Worth cemetery. The wooden outer casket was decorated with Masonic implements. A white apron was also deposited in the grave.*

around 1858. This would make his birth somewhere around 1818. He would have been described as a "wiry" individual with a strong handgrip. He had done considerable

walking but was also a horseman. He was buried with a smoking pipe and a tin of pistol firing caps. His teeth were stained from smoking and the pipe had caused two of his teeth to be grooved. The size of the ulna bone in his right arm suggested he was right handed. This is further supported by the position the pipe had to be held to cause the grooves. He had suffered from a cranial infection and malnutrition. This is normal for that period of time, but neither had caused his death.

At the conclusion of his examination it became Dr. King's responsibility to reinter the remains. Since the remains were presumed to be a Mason, Dr. King contacted The Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas, which assumed responsibility for his reinterment. The Masonic Service Bureau in Fort Worth was contacted to arrange for a burial site and assist in the preparation.

**Melvin Ford** of Gus Garrison Lodge No. 1273 prepared a wooden container for the remains. This container was placed inside an outer wooden coffin built by **R.E. McGowan**, Past Master of Keller Lodge No. 1084. Ironically, Bro. McGowan died only a few days after the ceremony.

**Monte Brown**, president of an area funeral home and member of Arlington Height Lodge No. 1184, assisted the Masonic Service Bureau by providing preparation service and transportation to the cemetery.

Masonic burial services were held on August 29, 2001, at the Mount Olivet Cemetery. **Dan Gilbert** of Haltom City-Riverside Lodge No. 1331 conducted the service with assistance from **Clair Billington** and **Max Billington** of Keller Lodge No. 1084, **Paul Mason** of Richland Hills Lodge No. 1348, **Bob Franklin** of Cooke-Peavy Lodge No. 1162, and **Johnny Cozart** of Southside Lodge No. 1114.

The pallbearers were **Richard Davies** of Richardson Lodge No. 1214, **Brian Bass** of Handley Lodge No. 1140, **D. Randall Lockhart** of Hurst Lodge No. 1387, and **Phillip Moore** of Arlington Lodge No. 438.



# Reflections on the New York and Washington

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The following communication was forwarded to Past Grand Master Sam E. Hilburn and read by him to the assembled Masons at the Sovereign Grand Inspector General's Scottish Rite Reunion in Waco on Sept. 14, 2001.

In the name of our Delegation of the Supreme Council of Romania in Paris, in the name of all regular Romanian Freemasons living in France and their respective lodges, I wish to express our deep felt solidarity with our American brothers together with our sentiment of affection of the American nation – the warrant and guardian of world freedom.

We send our most sincere condolences and sympathy to all those who lost loved ones in the infamous attack against America on September 11, 2001.

An attack on America is an attack on civilization. An attack on America is an attack on democracy. It is an attack on our heartfelt concepts of brotherly love, relief and truth. It is an attack on Freemasonry and its quest for light in the service of the whole humankind.

When our most beloved values of liberty, equality and fraternity are under attack on American land, we too are all Americans.

**Marcel Schapira, Past Grand Master  
Grand Master Honorary of the National Grand Lodge of Romania  
Sovereign Grand Commander, Emeritus Honorary Ad Vitam**

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# gton disasters

Some readers will remember where they were when Bro. Franklin D. Roosevelt declared: "Dec. 7, 1941 ... a day that will live in infamy."

As a DeMolay touring the wards of the Shrine Crippled Childrens Hospital in Shreveport, Sunday, Nov. 24, 1963, I remember watching on live TV as President Kennedy's alleged assassin was gunned down in Dallas.

Tuesday morning, Sept. 11, 2001, was another of those days literally burned into the minds of all Americans.

How could it be that there is such hate in the world? How will America deal with those responsible for the tragedy?

As Masons, we believe in the universality of God and the brotherhood of humankind.

America isn't going to "forgive and forget." As events unfold in the weeks and months to come, we will follow where our President and fate take us as a nation.

But one thing is for sure: Those who drape themselves in the cloth of religion and do unspeakable evil will not sleep gently in this world and will have a day of atonement far worse than anything their innocent victims faced.

- Editor

As each of us struggles to find a way to deal with our emotions relating to the horrific tragedy that has befallen our nation, I am reminded of the old joke concerning the economy. It states that the difference between a recession and a depression is: When your neighbor is out of work, it is a recession. When you are out of work, it is a depression.

I do not mean to make light of this tragedy, only to illustrate how our lives were irrevocably changed on Sept. 11, 2001. When sociopathic, idolatrous thugs like these bring this type of senseless violence and destruction to our peaceful shores, we are shocked and dismayed! For years, we have seen this type of violence in the media, yet when it is our sons and daughters who are put in harm's way, it takes on a much more real and significant meaning for each of us.

We must remember these people do not hate us for who we are, but for who we are not. This race of people we call Americans are not ruled by religious zealots. We treasure the foundation stone of separation of church and state. We value for all our children a free public education. We believe in the rights of all people to move freely, to live peacefully, to prosper by the sweat of their brow or the depth of their intellect. We are innovative and inventive; we question everything and tolerate all ideologies and theologies. We are a *Free* people!

As time passes and wounds heal, we can measure this life-altering event against the tapestry of history. Ironically, the Hudson River, on whose banks the World Trade center rests, has historically been considered one of the principal invasion routes into America.

That is precisely the reason the treason of General Benedict Arnold was so treacherous. When this most trusted and capable of Bro. Washington's generals betrayed him, and us, it was in an effort to open this route to an invading army. General Washington immediately chose though - and set the standard for each of us, as he did in so many things - not to cower in fear, but to boldly rush into the breach! He showed all those who would attempt, to invade and subjugate our country that we would not stand for such action.

These events also bring to mind the horrible morning of Dec. 7, 1941, when America was "suddenly and dastardly attacked," and made painfully aware that our oceans no longer furnished us security from the vicissitudes of the world. Many who read this have personal memories of this event, as well as the hopeless helplessness of hearing of our armed forces trapped in the Philippines, who we were unable to rescue.

Psychology teaches us there are stages each of us must go through in the grieving process. First, comes shock and dismay, and then comes denial, our minds rejecting that which our eyes see. Then comes anger, a slow, seething anger that motivates us to change.

Finally comes acceptance, and the realization we must move on and continue with the business of living. Acceptance does not mean apathy, though. For we must ever be more vigilant! Regrettably, the worst is probably yet to come. Perhaps by the time you read this, the men and women of our armed forces will be in harm's way. Military experts agree we probably cannot get these people with high-tech weaponry. At some point, soldiers will have to go dig them out. It will then be up to them to show these people and all those who would oppose our Freedoms, the lesson that General Washington taught us so long ago - that this Dream - become a reality, which we know as America, is worth defending! That we will pay any cost, oppose any foe, and defend our freedoms with our very lives, if necessary!

Recently I have enjoyed hearing, and been comforted by, the patriotic, inspiring music of our nation. None is more beautiful than the classic by Bro. Irving Berlin. However, in the past few decades we have felt comfortable enough not to include the first verse. Perhaps it is time we include it once again. If you do not recall, it goes like this:

*As the storm clouds gather.  
Far across the sea.  
Let us all be grateful.  
For a land, that's Free.*

*Let us all be grateful.  
For a land so fair.  
As we raise our voices.  
In a solemn Prayer.*

*GOD BLESS AMERICA...!*

- David Harris,  
Grand Historian

World Trade Center Towers from the Empire State Building. Photo © Jim Dougherty.



# OES continues service tradition to the fraternity

By Marilyn McDonald  
Arrangements - Public Relations, Co-chair

The Order of the Eastern Star is a fraternal organization with religious teachings and a belief in a Supreme Being.

A prerequisite for membership in the Order of Eastern Star is Masonic relationship. While many members meet this requirement by marriage to a Mason, or by having a father or grandfather who was a Mason, General Grand Chapter has widened the number of relationships that can be used to gain membership. As an example, great-grandfather, uncle and majority Rainbow Girls (with three years active service) among others have been added. The age limit is still 18 and older. For more information about membership eligibility, simply ask a current OES member.

The Order of the Eastern Star is very proud of its Eastern Star Home in Arlington. The ladies living there are well taken care of as they enjoy their "golden years."

Another ongoing project is the collection of used eyeglasses for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Scholarships are given at Grand Chapter to deserving students of the ministry. This program is called ESTARL, which is the acronym for Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership. There are also regular scholarships given to deserving students graduating from high school. Texas Eastern Stars are also proud of the OES handicraft program at M.D. Anderson Hospital. Handicraft kits with materials and instructions are given to both patients and caregivers to help pass the time spent in the hospital.

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Above photo: Brian Dodson leads a workshop session during the Austin Wardens Retreat. Below: Grand Master Dibrell presents a certificate of accomplishment to one of the wives who attended the retreat. Dwight Stevens (left) is coordinator of the retreat program.

## Retreats prepare wardens, wives for lodge leadership

The year 2001 was a good year for the Grand Lodge Wardens Retreat program. A total of 358 wardens and 127 of their ladies attended the intense two-day program presented at various locations across the state.

Wardens and wives who attended not only received a wealth of new ideas, but also had the opportunity to spend time getting to know the Grand Trustees and their spouses.



## Grand Lodge adopt-a-seat program

**Looking for a way to honor your favorite Mason and help preserve the Memorial Grand Lodge Temple in Waco?**

How about participating, like hundreds of others have, in the Grand Lodge Auditorium adopt-a-seat program! For only \$100, an engraved name plate will be attached to an available seat of the donor's choice. And while the name doesn't guarantee the honoree "his" seat at Grand Annual Communication, it helps as-

sure that the building's maintenance endowment will stay healthy.

Beginning soon, names of those participating in the program (beginning with #1) will be listed periodically in *The Texas Mason* magazine.

To adopt a seat, simply send the name desired on the name plate and Lodge number, if desired, along with a check for \$100 to: Adopt-a-Seat Program, Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas, P.O. Box 446, Waco, TX 78703.





## Past Grand Master Sam Hilburn recognized during statewide Scottish Rite reunion



Candidates, dignitaries and Scottish Rite members take time for a panoramic photo outside the Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite Library and Museum in Waco. Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas Sam E. Hilburn is seated in center, with some of his Personal Representatives and PGMs R. Furman Vinson (Valley of El Paso), J.M. "Jimmy" Wilson (Valley of Lubbock), J.D. "Buddy" Baccus (Valley of Houston), Robert P. Walker (Valley of Galveston), Fred E. Allen (Valley of Dallas), Claude O. Ervin (Valley of Waco) and Grand Secretary James D. Ward (Valley of Fort Worth). Not pictured, but attending, was John E. "Jack" Kelly (Valley of San Antonio).

**WACO** — In what is believed to be a first for Texas Scottish Rite Masonry, a statewide "Sovereign Grand Inspector General's Reunion" was held Sept. 14-15, in Waco.

At a Friday night banquet, Past Grand Master of Masons in Texas and Sovereign Grand Inspector General **Sam E. Hilburn** and wife **Millie** were guests of honor. Illustrious Hilburn, who is retiring later this year as S.G.I.G. in Texas, was presented with a William Wallace Claymore sword, the gift of the General Secretaries of the nine Scottish Rite Valleys in Texas.

The Valleys of Austin, Fort Worth, Dallas, Fort Worth, Galveston, Houston, San Antonio and Waco provided a total of 81 Master Masons as candidates for the one-day reunion. While the degrees were being presented, 45 ladies and two children boarded a charter bus for a luncheon and informative tour of the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Dallas and the Masonic Home and School in Fort Worth.



Gordon W. Kelso, General Secretary of the Valley of Austin, presents an engraved William Wallace Claymore sword to PGM Sam E. Hilburn, on behalf of the General Secretaries of the Scottish Rite Valleys of Texas. Texas Mason photos by Jim Dougherty.





Roy Stanley Lodge No. 1367 held its annual anniversary breakfast and Master Mason degree on Sept. 8, 2001. Five charter members were present. Pictured above are (front row, from right) J. Gordon Parham, Chaplain; Tony Trammell, Senior Warden; Grand Marshal Allen Tuell; Richard Bernhard, new Master Mason; Ronald Cantrell, Worshipful Master; Jimmy Trammell, Past Master; Timothy Trammell, Junior Warden; T. Jerry Marr, DDGM and Secretary. Back row from right: James Pelfrey, Past Master; Billy Cryer, Marshal; Ted Lyman, Treasurer; H. Don Moore, Junior Deacon; and James Murphy, Senior Deacon. Wardens Tony and Timothy Trammell are twin brothers and their father, Jimmy Trammell, is a Past Master of the Lodge.



**GRAFORD** — Graford Lodge No. 1026 presented the Community Builder Award to “Charlie’s Angels.” Rose and Charlie Selt (center) are dispatchers for emergency medical and fire department calls. Seeing the need for a Meals on Wheels program at the local senior center, they contacted area restaurants asking them to sell meals at a discount for those in need in the Graford/Possum Kingdom area. Lodge Secretary Harold Gilmore (left) and Worshipful Master James T. Dudley (right) congratulated the couple for making a real difference in their community.







**PARIS** — Grand Master Dibrell (foreground, right) presided at the presentation of 50 and 60-Year membership to father and son, Ollie and Vernon Simms, members of Paris Lodge No. 27. Ollie is congratulated by Doug Lord and his wife, Opal. Vernon Simms is at far right.



**FORT WORTH** — This just doesn't happen too often. Stanley Bass (center), former DDGM for Masonic District 64A has received his 50-year membership award. What made this event unusual was that his son Brian (right) the current District Deputy Grand Master presented the honor on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Handley Lodge No. 1140 Worshipful Master, Rollie Hjorth, is at left.

## Development director named at MH&S

**FORT WORTH** — **Kathy Walker**

has been named first-ever development director at the Masonic Home and School in Texas, where she will be spearheading the home's comprehensive \$10 million campaign and all other strategic fund-raising initiatives for the century-old institution.



Before joining the MH&S staff she worked as a free-lance writer, communications consultant and interim director of communications for the Fort Worth Independent School District. She also served as grants officer for her alma mater, Texas Wesleyan University.



**WACO** — Grand Lodge employee Mary Grote has retired after 20 years of service in the Grand Secretary's office. Mary is pictured with Grand Master Dibrell and Grand Secretary Ward during a reception held in her honor on July 31, 2001. After thanking everyone who attended, she spoke of the good friends she has made over the years, saying she would miss them all. Mary and her husband, Darrel, plan to relax, travel and spend time with their family.



## From the Grand Secretary

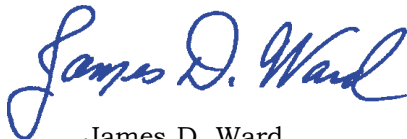
As I began writing this on Sept. 11, 2001, events started to unfold in New York City, and Washington DC, that shocked the entire civilized world. Surely this date will become etched in our memory as were Pearl Harbor and the Alamo.

The Freemasons of Texas join with people of good will everywhere in offering our expressions of sympathy and extending our prayers for those unfortunate and innocent victims and their families. The magnitude of destruction and human suffering exceeds our ability to comprehend, and we find within us feelings of anger, frustration and bewilderment, which cause us to doubt our ability to cope with such problems. Regardless of these real and gripping feelings, we as Freemasons, and people of faith, should always remember one of the greatest teachings of our Fraternity. That marvelous lesson is that, when the strength and wisdom of man fails, there is always an unlimited source from above, which is given to us through prayer. We know that even in our darkest hours, and regardless of the outcome, we can rely on the limitless wisdom and strength of Almighty God, to sustain, support and comfort us, our nation, and all people of good will throughout the world.

We have extended through normal channels our offer of assistance to the Grand Lodge of New York and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. When the first call for blood donations was issued, many of our members responded by immediately lining up at their local blood bank. I am confident that, as time unfolds, the Freemasons of Texas will respond to any call, as our forefathers have done before us.

The 166<sup>th</sup> Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas is just around the corner, and I hope to see you there.

Sincerely and Fraternally,



James D. Ward



James D. Ward  
Grand Secretary

## *Masonic relief fund established for NY, DC disaster*

The Masonic Service Association has established a relief fund for assistance to the Grand Lodges of New York and Virginia. Assistance to these two Grand Lodges will be divided 75% to New York and 25% to Virginia for undesignated gifts. Designated gifts will be sent in their entirety to the Grand Lodge named.

The Grand Lodge of New York has already established a fund for the families of fallen city and port authority employees.

Masons across the world have been invited to send such funds as they feel appropriate to help our devastated brethren in New York and Virginia. Checks should be made payable to:

***MSA Disaster Relief Fund  
8120 Fenton St., Suite 203  
Silver Springs, MD 20910-4785***

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Due to coverage of the tragic events in New York and Washington, DC, some articles and photos planned for this issue were preempted. They will be considered for a future issue.

— Editor

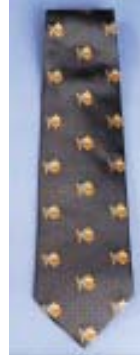




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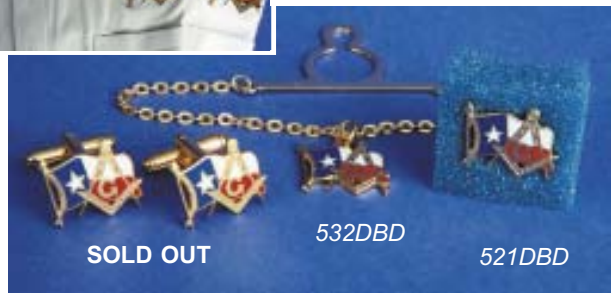
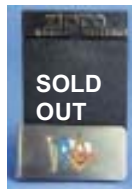
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