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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Preserving Our Heritage – Building For The Future

My Dear Brethren,

By the time you receive this publication, this Grand Lodge year will be about 11 months in being, and we will again soon meet in Waco for our annual Grand Lodge Session. The schedule of events of the annual session is listed elsewhere in this publication. Those of you who are Texas Past Masters and/or Lodge Representatives have a responsibility as members of Grand Lodge to attend your Grand Lodge and take part in the important decisions to be made on proposed new Legislation. The Law changes will affect all Lodges, and your opinion and vote is important. We will also be electing Grand Lodge Officers for the next year. These offices of leadership and responsibility are most important to the future of Masonry in Texas.

This will be my last message to you as your Grand Master, and I must say that the opportunity to serve the Masons of Texas has been the greatest event of my Masonic career, other than being raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. It is with a grateful and humble heart that I express my gratitude to the Masons of Texas for allowing me to serve as Grand Master. Being a Trustee of the Grand Lodge of Texas is a tremendous honor, but carries with it a monumental amount of responsibility. It has been an awesome experience and very gratifying. I can never thank you enough for the honor you have bestowed upon me.

Your Grand Lodge can not run smoothly and be a success without teamwork and support and I must say that your Grand Lodge Trustees, Jim Brumit, Walt Rogers, Jerry Martin, Archie Scott, and Tom Guest, are some of the most sincere, dedicated, and supportive men it has been my pleasure to be associated with and I look forward to their continuing leadership. Right Worshipful Sirs, you have my sincere thanks for your counsel, support and prayers throughout the years, and I pledge to you my continuing support in the future.

The emphasis this year has been to "Preserve our Heritage and Build for the Future," and we have embarked on the goal of being better stewards in guarding our West Gate and better teachers of the Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and to rededicate ourselves to maintaining peace and harmony in our Lodges and among each other. The reputation of Masonry and its prosperity depend on our individual actions and who we allow to become members of our fraternity. Masonry is and must remain an elite organization of men of high moral and spiritual character and of exemplary reputation in their community. Quality of membership is paramount if we are to attract men of high moral and spiritual character in the community.

As we approach the conclusion of this Grand Lodge year, I am reminded that there have been many wonderful and enjoyable meetings and events throughout this year. However, as usual, with responsibility in office, there is always some grief if the duties of office are fully carried out. It should remind us that those in places of authority must at times perform necessary acts for the good of the whole even if the outcome is not appreciated by all involved. Those acts which were performed this year were analyzed and prayed about before actions were taken, and I believe they were justified and necessary.

Gay and I are so appreciative of your kindness, your friendliness, and your assistance as we have traveled the great State of Texas in promoting Masonry this year. Many of you have been generous beyond all imagination. Thank you so much for your Brotherly Love and friendship.



Photo by John Lawson



With warm fraternal love and best wishes,

T. E. "Gene" Carnes

T. E. "Gene" Carnes
Grand Master, 2011

Message from the Deputy Grand Master...

To the Brethren of the great State of Texas:

First and foremost, I extend my congratulations to M.W. Grand Master Carnes for his inspired leadership during the past four years. I have witnessed him time and again striving for the Craft. I am proud of his strong dedication to our great fraternity. I urge all to thank him for a job very well done.

Secondly, I am confident that 2012 is going to be an exciting year. We will have sixteen conferences, four Wardens Retreats, workshop programs, and hopefully, a gain in membership. I encourage you all to participate and have a great experience in Masonry during 2012.

We are all familiar with the tenets of our profession: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; the theological virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity; and what we call the cardinal virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. These are the essential components of a program of Masonic Formation, a "work in progress", if you please; the ever striving for a quality which we may never quite attain. Nevertheless, the striving for perfection is an admirable goal in and of itself. The degrees and symbols of the craft are teaching aids. They are reminders and a vital part of the essential components of the program of Masonic formation.

Brethren, I ask that you support your lodge at all times and participate in Grand Lodge programs that may come your way.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
James F. "Jim" Brumit



A Message from the Grand West...

"Behold How Good and How Pleasant It Is For Brethren to Dwell Together In Unity"

– Psalm 133.

Brethren, How can it be possible that my journey through this Grand Lodge Line is half over? I wish to remind you that our 176th Grand Annual Communication is scheduled for December 1, through December 3, 2011. I look forward to seeing each of you in Waco. What a family reunion it is every year! It is a defining characteristic of Masonry. I see so many brethren whom I have met over the years and cherish the opportunity to renew our friendship.

We have included in this issue a Talent Bank search form for each of you who desire to be active in Grand Lodge. Please complete and return the form to the Special Committee appointed for the task. The Committee will create a spread sheet which will allow the Grand Lodge Officers, now and in the future, a Talent Bank on which they can rely for qualified and able assistance to our fraternity. We should always remember that there could emerge from this talent bank a person who could ultimately wear the Purple of our Fraternity.

I look forward to seeing you at your Grand Lodge session. We need you.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Walter W. Rogers
Grand Senior Warden



THREE GENERATIONS OF MASTER MASONS AND WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF THE SAME LODGE

Robert E Head Sr. (on left) Past Master Cedar Hill Lodge No. 1380 installed his grandson, Christopher A. Ailey (center) as Worshipful Master of Cedar Hill Lodge No. 1380 for the 2011-12 Masonic Year in July. Robert E Head Jr (right) Past Master of Cedar Hill Lodge No. 1380 was the Installing Marshall. Brother Head Sr., also installed his son as Worshipful Master of Cedar Hill Lodge in 2008. He also did all three degrees on his son and grandson.

Message from the Grand Junior Warden...

Grand Lodge Annual Communication

Before explaining to you the mystery of going to Grand Lodge, I will first tell you about the many things you will encounter while there. First, is the enormous amount of Brothers from all over the State of Texas as well as from other states and countries. The first thing attracting your attention is the loud noise you hear as you walk in the building. At first it sounds like a roaring hurricane; however, you quickly discover it is the thousands of Brothers expressing their friendship and brotherly love for each other. The foyers of the Grand Lodge and every space in between are overflowing with it. Some have never met before, but that does not stop them from engaging in good conversation. Some have been meeting here for years and it is the only time they see each other until the next year, but yet they are as close to each other as those Brothers they see at every Lodge meeting. They anxiously await the next Grand Lodge Annual Communication when they will meet and tell of the events of their life in the past year. These conversations will continue every time there is a break in Grand Lodge business until they leave to return home. Memories made here will be with you always.

The second thing you will encounter is the Grand Annual Communication itself, where the business of our fraternity is conducted. It might surprise some of the newer Masons to discover that the members of Grand Lodge from all over the State actually vote on what will be done in our fraternity, and their individual votes count just as much as any Grand Lodge Officer. Members of the Grand Lodge are Past Masters of a Texas Lodge. Also, each Lodge has three votes that are cast by the Worshipful Master and Wardens. However, even if you cannot vote, you can see and hear the workings of laws being made. You will be knowledgeable of the new laws, and of the process in how they came to be.

You can be a source of information to those Brothers back home that could not be there.

The third item is the many tables where the various appendant bodies and our youth organizations are available to meet and talk with you about what their organization does and how you can be part of it if you so desire. There is an inexhaustible supply of Masonry for those who desire it.

Number four: talk about excitement and a huge crowd of Brothers! Go downstairs to the table where the Merchandise Committee has all of the new Grand Master's items, and you can be the first to be seen with them at your home Lodge. In fact, buy some extra pins, decals, etc. and carry them back so your Brothers at home can have them right away. They also have merchandise of many Past Grand Masters that you might want to collect. The Grand Lodge supply room is also open and selling all the things your Lodge needs.

The fifth thing, if you can find enough time, is to drink in the rich history in the various displays throughout the building and in our Grand Lodge Library. There is more information here than you can read in a lifetime, and plenty of good people to assist you in finding what you need. You may find that you want to return sometime during the year and go through the Library and Museum when you can focus just on the materials available for your education and entertainment.

Finally my Brothers, I would now explain the mystery of the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, except I have already let the cat out of the bag and told almost all. I said almost, because the **real mystery** cannot fully be explained and absorbed unless you are there to receive it. Come to your Grand Lodge this year my Brothers and you will always want to be there every time in the future.



Jerry L. Martin
Grand Junior Warden



New Braunfels Lodge 1109 presented four scholarships and three honorariums at their annual Lamar Awards night. Each of the Students received a \$1,000 scholarship and each teacher received a \$750 honorarium. Dr. Jeff Nelson, Retired Lt. Col. USAF, and prior instructor at the Air Force Academy was the guest speaker. Pictured are the two teachers and four students along with R:W; Al Putnam, DDGM 35B, Worshipful Master Ken Davenport and Dr. Jeff Nelson.

TIMING OF EVENTS DURING GRAND LODGE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2011

- 7:30 a.m. DGM Make-up Instruction with 2011 DDGM (Lower Auditorium)
- 9:00 a.m. Asst. Grand Tilers' Briefing, Basement Practice Room (Jackie Smith, as directed by Joe Estlack with the 2012 Grand Tiler observing).
- 10:00 a.m. DGM: Train 2012 DDGMs & DI's in Lower Auditorium.
- 11:00 a.m. GM meeting with 2011 DDGM in Main Auditorium. Immediately following, Tellers' Briefing by GSD and G Mar with 2011 GSW and 2011 GJW observing.
- 1:15 p.m. Prelude of Organ Music
- 1:30 p.m. Pre-formal Opening Ceremonies
Entrance – GL Officers/Ladies; PGM/Ladies; Distinguished Guests.
Colors – National Sojourners, GSW, & GJW
Address – TBD
City Key – TBD
Vanguard Awards – GM
Masonic Service Awards – GM
Roll Call of Grand Lodge Officers
Roll Call of Past Grand Masters
Roll Call of DDGMs
Roll Call of Representatives of Other Grand Lodges
- 5:30 p.m. GM Hospitality Room, Hilton
- 7:00 p.m. GL Awards Presentations by GM
W.B. and Brandon Carrell Humanitarian Award
Sam Houston Medals
William M. Beck Medal
- 8:00 p.m. Entertainment by Michael Cote'

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. Opening of the 176th Grand Annual Communication
Required Resolutions
GM Report
GT Report
GS Report

Report of GL Trustees, Tom Guest
Grand Librarian Report, Tom Guest
Report of Board of Directors, Library & Museum, Tom Guest
Ladies Reception Honoring Gay Carnes, Lower Level, GL Building

- 10:00 a.m. Ladies tour departs for Salado & returns at 4:00 p.m. (Reservations); or Waco tours for Ladies (Reservations), also.
- 11:30 a.m. 2010 Ladies Luncheon, Holiday Inn Express, Bellmead, (Invited)
- Noon Sam Houston Hall of Fame Luncheon, Lee Lockwood
- 1:00 p.m. Organ music prelude
- 1:15 p.m. GL is called to Labor in open session.
- 1:30 p.m. Recognitions of Masons who have served in the Texas House of Representatives and Texas Senate and such Brothers that helped in the passage of the Grand Lodge legislation to eliminate the ad valorem taxes for Lodges
Grand Oration – James N. "Jim" Higdon (Open Session)
- 2:45 p.m. GL called to Tiled session and continue Resolutions, GM Recommendation, and Committee Reports
- 5:15 p.m. Call GL to Refreshment
- 5:30 p.m. District 30 Banquet (Lee Lockwood L&M on Waco Drive) (tickets)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011

- 6:00 a.m. 64th District's Breakfast, George's Too
- 8:00 a.m. Grand Lodge called to Labor
GM presents Family Picnic Day BBQ Cook-Off Plaque
GL Resolutions, GM Recommendations, and Committee Reports Continue
- 9:00 a.m. Reception honoring Vicki Quesada and the 2012 DDGM Ladies in Lower Auditorium.
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Program in Lower Auditorium.
- 10:00 a.m. Elections
Resolutions and Reports Continue
- 1:00 p.m. 2012 Group panoramic picture, Columbus Street
- 2:00 p.m. Open Installation of Grand Lodge Officers
- 4:30 p.m. Close Grand Lodge
- 4:30 p.m. 2012 Officer's & Ladies Pictures, Memorial Room, Main Floor.

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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Lodge Name & Number _____

Check One: Square & Compass Past Master

Ship to Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone Number _____

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STATEMENTS OF AVAILABILITY – GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN



JAMES ROY ELLIOTT

East Dallas Lodge No. 1200
Raised – March 11, 1975
Endowed Member—1992

PLURAL & ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS

Midlothian Lodge No. 584 –
Worshipful Master—1993-1994;
Endowed Member—1991;
Golden Trowel—1998
Sunshine Lodge No. 341 –
Charter Member—2003;
Worshipful Master—2004-2005
Tranquility Lodge No. 2000 –
Charter Member—1999;
Endowed Member

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

District Deputy Grand Master –
Masonic District 18 – 1995
Grand Master’s Planning Team – 2003
& 2010
Grand Senior Deacon – 2010
Gift of Life Committee –
Chairman, 2000; 2002-2005;
Vice-Chairman, 2006-2007
Grievance and Appeals –
Chairman, 2010 – 2011;
Member 2007 – 2009
Grand Masters Area Conference
Coordinator – 2010 – 2011



WENDELL PAUL MILLER

Brooklyn Lodge No. 386
Raised – May 16, 1970, (in James
Ladd Burgess No. 1305);
Worshipful Master – 1999-2000 –
Endowed Member;
Golden Trowel – 2002

PLURAL & ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS

Claud L. Austin Lodge No. 1450 –
Worshipful Master, 2005 – 2006;
Endowed Member;
Golden Trowel—2010
Artesia Lodge No. 406 – Endowed Member
Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419 –
Endowed Member
Scyene Lodge No. 295 – Charter Member;
Worshipful Master, 2004 – 2005

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

Esoteric A Certificate, 2002 – Current
Esoteric B Certificate, 1998 – 2001
District Deputy Grand Master –
Masonic District 13 – 2001
District Instructor – Masonic District 13
– 2003 – 2007; 2010 – Present
Grand Junior Steward – 2010
Area Workshop Coordinator – 2002-Current
Grand Master’s Conference Team – 2002;
Grand Master’s DDGM Training Team—2012;
Grand Master’s Planning Team – 2013
Together Against Drug Abuse
Committee – 2002 – 2008
Grievance and Appeals Committee –
2003 – 2009; Chairman, 2007 – 2009;
Member, 2011



MICHAEL L. WIGGINS

Liberty Lodge No. 48
Raised – June 8, 1978
Worshipful Master – 1984-1985;
Treasurer - 1981-1982
Endowed Member - 1985
Golden Trowel – 2007

PLURAL & ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS

St. Alban’s Lodge No. 1455
Texas Lodge of Research -
Worshipful Master, 1995-1996;
Full Member, 1989;
Endowed Member, 1996;
Fellow in Masonic Research, 2007

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

Esoteric A Certificate, 1984 – 1990
District Deputy Grand Master –

Masonic District 107 – 1987
Grand Pursuivant – 2005
Masonic Education and Service
Committee - 1999-2001;
Chairman, 2002-2005
Purposes and Policies Committee - 2007-
Present
M.W.S.A. - District No. 107 - Charter
Member - 1983; President, 1984-1985
Grand Master’s Planning Team - 2002,
2004, 2007
Grand Representative - Australia, New
South Wales - 2007 - Present
Sam Houston Hall of Fame Membership
- 2005
Masonic Grand Lodge Library and
Museum Patron - 2009

STATEMENTS OF AVAILABILITY



R. H. "BOB" WATERS Board of Directors, Grand Lodge Library & Museum

Honey Grove Lodge No. 164
Raised – September 7, 1951
Worshipful Master – 1997-1998
Endowed Member

PLURAL & ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS

Constantine Lodge No. 13 – Worshipful Master, 2005 – 2006;
2006 – 2007; Endowed Member, Secretary 2009 – Present
Garland Lodge No. 441 – Life Member; Life Esoteric
Certificate, Class A – 1996
Excelsior Lodge No. 505
Roxton Lodge No. 543 – Worshipful Master, 2000 – 2001; 2001
– 2002; Endowed Member
Royse City Lodge No. 663
Ashley Lodge No. 681
Venus Lodge No. 804 – Endowed Member
Chalk Mountain Lodge No. 894 – Endowed Member
Mesquite Lodge No. 928 – Endowed Member
R. C. Buckner Lodge No. 1176 – Endowed Member
Sunset Lodge No. 1388 – Worshipful Master, 1971 – 1972;
Life Member
Allen Lodge No. 1435 – Life Member
Aubrey E. Hope Lodge No. 1446 – Secretary, 1991 – 1993;
Endowed Member

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

District Deputy Grand Master – Masonic District 14-D – 1979
Grand Representative to Grand Lodge of Florida – 1981 - present
Fraternal Relations Committee – 1987 – 1989
Grand Officers Reports Committee – 1990 – 1991
Committee on Purposes and Policies – 1992 – 1998; Chairman,
1992, 1995 & 1998
Sam Houston Hall of Fame – Member
Grand Master's Planning Team – 1998, 1999 & 2000
Grand Master – 1983 – 1984
Masonic Home & School, Director – 1983 – 1984; 2007 to Present



CLIFF E. JONES

Hereford Lodge No. 849
Raised – May 17, 1979
Worshipful Master – 1984 - 1985; 2001 - 2002;
Secretary, 1994-1996;
Treasurer, 2009-Present
Endowed Member – 1988
Golden Trowel Award – 1993



ELMER MURPHEY, III Board of Directors, Masonic Home & School

Holland Lodge No. 1
Raised – August 17, 1966
Life Member

PLURAL & ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS

Hillcrest Lodge No. 1318 – Worshipful Master, 1983 – 1984;
1999 – 2000; Life Member – 1984; Endowed Member –
1992; Golden Trowel Award – 2003
C. F. Spencer Lodge No. 1384 – Endowed Member
Sam P. Cochran Lodge No. 1335 – Endowed Member
Grand Saline Lodge No. 1259 – Endowed Member
Planters Lodge No. 147 – Endowed Member
Tabernacle Lodge No. 1195 – Endowed Member
Smithfield Lodge No. 455 – Endowed Member
Tranquility Lodge No. 2000 – Charter Member: Endowed
Member – 2000; Worshipful Master: 2010-2011
Texas Lodge of Research

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

District Deputy Grand Master – Masonic District No. 14-C –
1986 – 1987
Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of Manitoba – 1987 – 2003
Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of New York – 2004 – Present
Committee on Titles, Deeds and Civil Law – Chairman, 1987 –
1988; Member, 1986 – 1988; 1995 – 1996
Committee on Civil Law – Vice-Chairman, 2007 – 2011
Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence – Member 1989 – 1995;
1996 to 2001; Chairman, 1999 – 2001
Special Committee – Proposed Revisions to Laws of Grand
Lodge, 1998 – 1999
Grand Master's Planning Team – 1998-1999; 1999-2000; 2000-2001
Grand Orator – 1998 – 1999
Grand Junior Steward – 2000 – 2001
Grand Master – 2005
Masonic Home and School of Texas, Board of Directors – 2003
to Present; President: 2010-Present
Texas Masonic Charities Foundation, Board of Directors –
2005-2009
Sam Houston Hall of Fame, Member

Committee on Work

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

Esoteric A Certificates, One-Year - 1982; 1982
Esoteric A Certificates, Three-Year - 1984 - Present
Esoteric Life Certificate, 25-Year - 2007
District Deputy Grand Master - Masonic
District No. 100 - 1987
District Instructor – Masonic District No. 30A –
1990 – Present

SUMMARY OF 2011 RESOLUTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

RESOLUTIONS

1. Amend Art. 331 & 332 to do business in the Master's Degree – R. H. "Bob" Waters
2. Delete Art. 163d to terminate the GL Insurance Reserve Fund and return the contributions to the Lodges – Richard "Rick" Townsend and Jack M. Harper, II.
3. Amend Art. 125 to permit the Grand Lodge Assistance Fund to Brethren in good standing and their families suffering from incapacitating disabilities or disease, as the Committee may determine to enable the Trustees to broaden the use of this fund – Richard "Rick" Townsend
4. Amend Art. 163, sections 7, 8, 10, 11, and 13 to account for no more than \$19 (vice \$25) in per capita fees for two years. – LeShon Laird
5. Amend Article 316 to exempt military members serving in a declared war zone from Lodge dues and GL per capita – Mina Lodge #1456, Jerry Woehl, Secretary
6. Amend Article 318s, Section 4, to provide for distribution of the MEF income (50% to the Lodges and 50% to be reinvested in the MEF) when the endowment unit is less than \$100 – Lonnie Irvin Daylight #1309
7. Amend the GL Laws to require a quarterly report be sent to Lodges summarizing the current value of the Endowed Memberships and the financial status of Charitable Funds (Income and Expense) – Robert W. Black & John Wilkerson
8. Amend GL Laws to require all petitioners for the Masonic Degrees or for Reinstatement to undergo a professional background check as directed by the Grand Lodge and at the expense of the petitioner – Robert J. Glasgow
9. Amend Masonic Form 26 to specify that the petitioner acknowledges and agrees to the requirement for a background check, the use of his SSN, and that his degree fees will include the cost of the investigation. – Oak Cliff Lodge #705.
10. Add Art. 404a and 307a to require a formal professional background investigation of the petitioner for the degrees and require him to pay the fee for the investigation – Robert W. Foster
11. Amend Art. 506 that no petition with a felony conviction is eligible to receive the degrees and that any undisclosed or concealed felony conviction of any Mason will result in automatic expulsion from Masonry by the Grand Lodge of Texas. – Mike Whitis & Tom Hancock
12. Amend Art. 506, *Automatic Suspension or Expulsion* to add "misdemeanor involving moral turpitude" as a reason for automatic suspension or expulsion, and defining "moral turpitude" as that used by the U.S. Department of State Affairs. – Floyd Trammell
13. Amend Article I, Section 2, Constitution to forbid the discussion of politics and religion in the Grand Lodge and in its Subordinate Lodges – Leonard P. Harvey
14. Delete Art. 505, paragraph 37 to repeal the Masonic disciplinary violation to "Make any negative reference or take any negative action in regard to a petitioner's or member's faith, creed, or race at anytime." – Jodie R. Harris, Jr.
15. Amend Articles 300, 301, 302, 232a, 303, & 332 to permit Lodge Officer Installations to be conducted under Article 232a, *Certain Open Meetings Permitted*, in lieu of opening a Master Masons Lodge – Kenneth H. Kennedy
16. Amend the Grand Lodge Laws to require all cell phones to be turned off before any meeting begins – Garlon E. Evans
17. Change the name of San Juan Lodge #1173 to Llano Grande Lodge #1173 – San Juan #1173
18. Revise the following Masonic Districts: 41, 83 (eliminating 59), 80, 81, 93-B, 94, 96 (eliminating 97) – James M. McCrae
19. Amend Art. 284b to require all WM of subordinate Lodges to ensure the filing of an IRS Form 990, 990 EZ, or 990N and provide a copy to the Grand Secretary's office on or before November 15, and directs the finance Committee to monitor the process. – "Rick" Townsend.
20. Revise Art. 271 for the Worshipful Master to remove or replace subordinate Lodge officers. – Richard H. McCowan, Jason C. Dworsky, Willis S. Howard III, & Charlie D. Riley.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Rescind the Three Blackball Rule by amending Art. 352, 389, 418, 420, 421, 425, 428, and 429. Purpose to enhance the selection of qualified candidates. The recommendation will effect reinstatements in a Lodge or the petition to affiliate with a Lodge. One blackball or protest will stop actions on joining the Lodge.
2. Clarify the requirements for a Worshipful Master and each Warden to be qualified for installation. All three must be able to open and close the four Lodges using the proper ritual approved by the Committee on Work, and each must have completed an approved Grand Lodge administrative course. The recommendation modifies Articles 276, 276a, and 297a.

GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES FOR MASONS & THEIR LADIES

Ladies, please join us during the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Waco, December 1 – 3, 2011, Memorial Grand Lodge Temple, 725 Columbus Avenue, Waco, TX. There is much to do and see in Waco. (Open sessions printed in red)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

1:30 p.m. – Pre-Opening Ceremonies

7:00 p.m. – Grand Lodge Awards and Entertainment by Brother Michael Cote

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 a.m. – Opening of Grand Lodge Annual Communication

9:00 a.m. – Reception Honoring First Lady Gay Carnes

10:00 a.m. – Ladies Trips

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00 a.m. – Grand Lodge Called to Labor

9:00 a.m. – Reception Honoring Vicki Quesada (Daughter of Jim Brumit, DGM)

10:00 a.m. – For Ladies Only Talent Show (Lower Auditorium)

2:00 p.m. – Installation of Officers

Ladies Activities

Ladies Trips (For detailed information, see the Flyer on the Grand Lodge website at <http://www.grandlodgeoftexas.org>:

FRIDAY, DEC 2 (10:00 A.M.)

- 1) Bus Tour to Salado - Shopping and Lunch - \$30
- 2) Bus Tour to Homestead Heritage, Elm Mott, TX, for tour, dinning & Shopping - \$30

Busses depart from the 7th Street entrance, lower level of the Grand Lodge building at 10 AM (load between 9:45 to 10:00 am). Busses will return to the Grand Lodge building by 4:00 p.m.

RESERVATIONS required by 11-21-2011.

Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Texas. Fill-in cutout below and mail to PO Box 446, Waco, TX 76703 (Attn: Doris).

Circle One of the Tours: 1) Salado - \$30 2) Homestead Heritage - \$30

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell: _____



ATTENTION LADIES ONLY!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR TALENT FOR OUR TALENT SHOW, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY MORNING AT 10:00 AM AT GRAND LODGE IN THE LOWER AUDITORIUM.

DO YOU SING, DANCE, DO COMEDY, ETC? THEN, WE WANT YOU TO COME AND SHARE YOUR TALENT WITH US. THIS IS YOUR TIME TO SHINE! TO SIGN UP, CALL OR EMAIL JUDY MURPHEY AT: nanajudy@flash.net or 972-733-4084.

ATTENTION!! Every Brother has a talent, and your Grand Lodge can find a place to use it!

Your Grand Lodge Trustees plan to create a "Talent Bank" from which to select future leaders of our Grand Lodge. No doubt, there are entirely too many of our capable and qualified brethren being overlooked for appointment to places of service and leadership. We feel it is time to find out who you are; what your talent might be and your willingness to serve Masonry and your Grand Lodge.

Not all areas of service to Grand Lodge requires that a brother be a Past Master, but Past Master status does qualify a brother for greater service to Masonry in certain areas.

Listed below is a form from which we might glean information for your future possible service to Masonry and your Grand Lodge. Please take the time to give us the information that we might be able to contact you and further discuss how you might assist Masonry in Texas.

Your 2011 Grand Lodge Trustees: Most Worshipful T.E. 'Gene' Carnes, Grand Master, Right Worshipful James F. 'Jim' Brumit, Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Walter W. Rogers, Grand Senior Warden, Right Worshipful Jerry L. Martin, Grand Junior Warden, Right Worshipful Archie Scott, Grand Treasurer and Right Worshipful Tom Guest, Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS A.F. & A.M. MEMBER AVAILABILITY DATA

Your Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____
Your Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Your Phone Numbers: Res: () _____ - _____ Bus: () _____ - _____ Ext: _____ Cell: () _____ - _____
Your Grand Lodge ID# _____ Your Parent Lodge (Name) _____ No. _____
Location of your Parent Lodge: Texas _____ (Other) _____
Masonic District in which your Parent Lodge is located: # _____
If you hold plural memberships in a lodge or lodges other than your Parent Membership, please list by Lodge Name(s) and Number(s):
Lodge: _____ No. _____ Lodge: _____ No. _____ Lodge: _____ No. _____
Are you a Past Master of a Texas Lodge? (Yes ___) (No ___)
If Yes - Name and Number of Lodge(s): Lodge Name _____ No. _____ Year served _____
Lodge Name _____ No. _____ Year Served _____ Lodge Name _____ No. _____ Year served _____
How would you describe your Lodge activity? (Circle) Regular Seldom When I Can

There are several opportunities of service to your Grand Lodge. Some require that a Brother be a Past Master of a Lodge, while some do not have such requirement. Please check any of the following committees which best apply to your expertise. Those committees listed are "Term" committees with terms of seven years.

- By Laws - Reviews lodge by-laws for compatibility with Grand Lodge Laws.
- Civil Law - Reviews and advises Grand Trustees and other committees concerning Civil Law.
- Communications - Formulates policies and programs regarding internal and external awareness.
- Credentials - Meets the day before Annual Grand Lodge meeting to assist in registration of brethren.
- Finance - Oversees financial matters of Grand Lodge, prepares budgets and advises Trustees on financials.
- Fraternal Relations- Reviews and reports on proceedings of other jurisdictions regarding fraternal recognition.
- Gift of Life - Formulates policies and programs to encourage lodges to sponsor blood drives to benefit Scottish Rite and Shrine Hospitals, and community hospitals throughout the state of Texas.
- Grievances and Appeals - Examines transcripts of appeals and reports on same to the Grand Lodge.
- Internet - Formulates and disseminates Masonic information under the supervision of the Grand Master.
- Investments - Requires members experienced in financial investments who has no less than five years experience in that arena. This committee oversees all investments and advises Trustees as to investment policies.
- Masonic Education - Formulates systems of instruction in fundamentals, symbolism and teachings of Masonry.
- Masonic Jurisprudence - Oversees all matters of Masonic Jurisprudence and advises the Grand Master on such matters.
- Mediation - Attempts to resolve charges of un Masonic conduct filed in lodges before going to trial.
- Membership - Implements and coordinates membership activities, maintenance, growth and assistance to lodges.
- Public Education - Coordinates and encourages activities in support of Public School Programs of the Grand Lodge.
- Purposes and Policies - Reports on all matters affecting or changing established customs and usages of Masonry and the Grand Lodge..
- Texas Masonic History - Promotes Texas Masonic Historical activities and promotes historic celebrations.
- Youth Activities - Encourages Master Masons to advance, promote and support youth organizations.

In addition to the above "Permanent" committees, there are several "Temporary" committees which also play important roles in the operation of the Grand Lodge and its functions. These committees are appointed for one year and include:

- Audit Committee
- Governmental Affairs
- Insurance Advisory
- Memorials
- Merchandise Sales
- Petitions and Returns of Lodges U.D.
- Photography
- Special Assignments
- Take Time to Read

Do you feel qualified and willing to serve as District Deputy Grand Master? ___Yes ___No ___Perhaps
Are you qualified and willing to serve as District Instructor in your District? ___Yes ___No ___Perhaps

Please mail completed form to:

Hon. Randal Smallwood,
Special Projects Committee Chmn.,
15049 Shadows End Drive -
Plantersville, Texas 77363

THANK YOU!



Texas Masonry and Charity



By Don Comedy, TCMF Executive Director

The date on the articles of incorporation of the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation (TMCF) is December 16, 2004. Masonry came to the territory now known as Texas in the early 1800's with the first scouts and settlers and with them came the fraternal obligation to charity.

Throughout the war for Independence, the birth of a new nation as the Republic of Texas, statehood, the Confederacy, and all the challenges since, the Masons of Texas have continued their commitment to those in need. From those meager beginnings and for the next 180 years, Masonry has thrived and been an integral part of the lives of a unique people who have become known throughout the world as 'Texans'.

Masonry and Masonic charities daily touch the lives of many Texans, and this contact often occurs without the slightest knowledge of the recipient. Unverified estimates put the dollar value of Masonic Charity in the US at \$2 million per DAY.

TMCF and Local Lodges

The Texas Masonic Charities Foundation is the vehicle that local lodges can use today to compound their efforts at the local level to continue the tradition of charity to the new society of the 21st Century.

Board members have been consistent in their commitment to compound the value of all TMCF grants by requiring dollar for dollar matches from local lodges. While the board is firm in their belief that the one-to-one matches are generally the best approach, they recognize that some very worthwhile charitable needs might very well be larger than the financial abilities of some of our smaller lodges and board members have expressed a possibility that at some point they might consider a two-to-one or other ratio type match. At the same time, current board members are unanimous in their commitment to require local lodges to participate with some type of cash match for any grants approved.

Scholarships

One of the largest charitable contributions of Texas Lodges every year is funding college scholarships and every lodge has their own unique system of what best works in their individual communities. TMCF is dedicated to the goal of working with as many of these lodges as possible and providing matching grants for their scholarship programs. TMCF is committed to being as flexible as possible in working with lodges and at the same time making certain that all IRS regulations affecting our 501(c)(3) status are followed.

Masonic support of education in Texas dates to the time of Texas as an independent Republic and has continued until today. No single charitable event touches more communities across our state or has a more direct impact than the Worshipful Master or his representative of a local lodge presenting scholarships and Lamar Medals at graduation and award ceremonies.

During 2010, TMCF conducted it's first matching scholarship program and received just over 100 applications of which 65 were actually funded. As with most new programs, we discovered numerous ways to improve the program and those improvements resulted in over 200 lodges receiving 2011 matching grants totaling just over \$250,00.00

Wildfire Relief

TMCF is also heavily involved assisting local lodges meet the needs of Texas Masons who have suffered losses in the recent wildfires.

Other Charities

In addition to these programs, TMCF also offers matching grants to local lodges for other charitable endeavors. These projects can vary and might be in support of a community project such as a local volunteer fire department trying to raise money for special equipment or some other worthwhile project that the local lodge members decide to support.

Cornerstone Leveling by James A. Smith Lodge #395 at Farmers Branch Fire Station #1

On Saturday, September 24, after the cornerstone ceremony conducted by R.W. Elmer Murphey III, Masons and members of the public returned to James A. Smith Lodge for a BBQ lunch and celebration of Brother James A. Smith's 207th birthday.



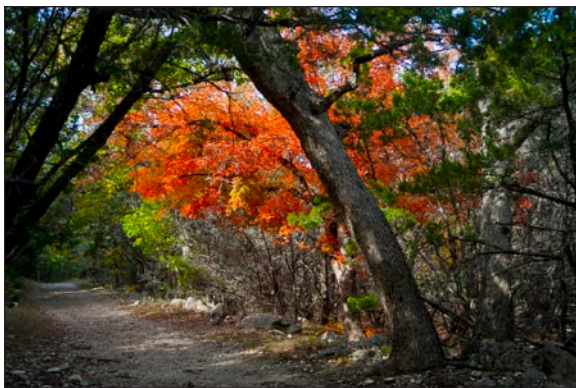
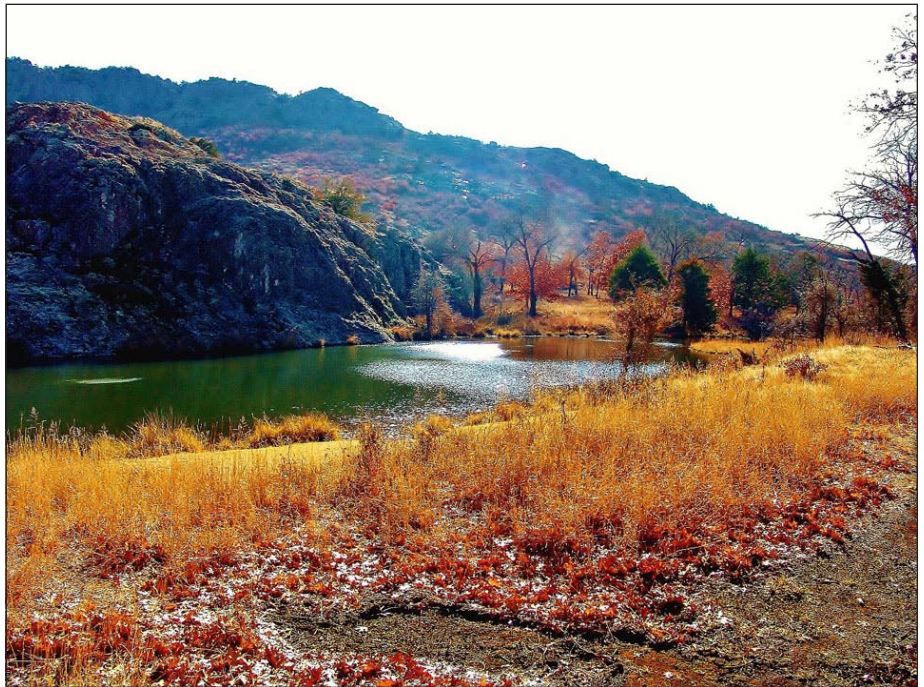
During the program, the lodge's certificate as Ranger Camp #10, part of the Major John B. Jones Masonic Rangering Company of the Former Texas Ranger's Foundation, was presented to the lodge by founding member of the Masonic Rangering Company, Dick Brown.

Grand Lodge 2011 Photo Contest Winners

The Texas History Committee conducts the Photography Contest each year; the contest is overseen by the committee's **Director of Photography, J. Darrell Kirkley, PM, Highland Park Lodge #1150 Dallas, Texas.**

BEST OF SHOW: Theron Runnels
Tarkington Prairie Lodge 498

"I was traveling through Texas and made a stop and took this photo. I enhanced the colors and increased the contrast. Taken almost 3 years ago in the northern part of Texas. Using a Canon SLR 15 mega pixel."



1st Place - Landscapes (above)

Michael Hojnacki

Mina Lodge #1456

"Autumn in Lost Maples State Park, Texas"



1st Place - Portrait (center)

James A. Talbot

Morton #72

Nikon D-50

Meet Howard Livingston...the unofficial mayor of Richards, Texas. Out photographing one Sunday in Richards, Howard sat on his porch and observed as I wrangled for just the right angle on the buildings I photographed just across the street. He mused as he witnessed the effort expended for something so

frivolous. Howard agreed to have his photograph taken, exclaiming, it will be my best one of the day. He was correct!

1st Place - Snapshot (right)

Edward Snider

This is a photo I took in our lodge room at Lake Victor No. 1011, just north of Burnet. I serve as chaplain at this lodge and at Burnet, Valley No. 175. This photo



was taken at a ceremony for our 100th year anniversary, held 5/1/2010, presided over by PM David Counts. It has been named "looking east from the ante room". To me, it depicts our classic old-time, "upstairs" lodge room, built with wooden floors and an old wood stove. The sprig of acacia sitting on top of the wood stove is meaningful and adds some class.



What An Honor: On June 25, 2011, R.W. Steve Shelton, D.D.G.M. of Masonic District #32 of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas had the honor of installing his son, Brother Wade Shelton as Master of Sugar Land #1141. Not only did he install him as Master, he had raised him to the degree of a Master Mason October 23, 2006.

Fraternally,
Robert J. "Big" Bird



Message from the Grand Secretary...

Grand Annual Communication – Return To Waco

The year 2011 has had some very significant historical events. One of these was the 10th memorial observance of 9/11 and the decade that followed this attack on America. For those Americans who matured during this decade, the 9/11 event will be considered their “Pearl Harbor.” Many Americans developed a spirit of national pride and a desire to serve based upon this event. “Service” is an attribute to describe this generation.

Many Lodges have raised new members who matured during this past decade. These twenty-year olds will become the backbone of our fraternity. Most are eager to serve, and we have to educate them about Masonry and how our fraternity works. We provided special tours of the Grand Lodge to the two Wardens Retreats held in Waco in 2011. About 225 Masons and spouses attended and it was the first time 80% had been in the facility. The ages of this group were from their twenties to mid-forties, and they were eager to learn and to serve. They promised to return to Waco.

The 176th Grand Annual Communication provides all Master Masons an opportunity to continue their traditions of meeting in Waco on the first Friday of December and to learn how the fraternity really works. The Communication in 2011 will be held Thursday, December 1 through Saturday, December 3. Each Lodge should continue their tradition of educating their younger members and future leaders of the Lodge about the Annual Grand Communication.

During this period many Masons meet old friends from different parts of the State and reminisce about Masonic events that they have attended or things that they are doing in their Lodge. We have again kept the Main Foyer open so members can sit with each other on the benches along the wall and swap tales. Ladies meet each other in the television area of the Museum on the ground floor of the Memorial Grand Lodge Temple. Everyone will visit the coffee area and catch up on details of Masonry in other area, drink coffee, buy Masonic items from the Merchandise Sales Committee, and pick up literature from the tables in the lower foyer. Please use this opportunity to create the tradition of Fellowship on a State-wide basis.

Registration will begin Wednesday, November 30, noon. The Pre-Formal Opening Ceremonies will start at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, December 1 during which time Vanguard Awards and Grand Lodge Masonic Service Awards will be presented. Please attend the evening session at which time the Grand Master will present Grand Lodge Awards and host the entertainment. The Masonic business will occur on Friday (8:00 AM.) and Saturday (9:00 AM.). Free coffee and doughnuts will be served in the Main Foyer Saturday morning at 8:00 AM. Ladies that come to Grand Lodge will have a special treat on Friday. The “traditional” Ladies reception honoring the Grand Master’s wife will be at 9:00 AM on Friday. The Saturday reception honoring the Deputy Grand Master’s daughter will be held at 9:00 AM, and a special “Talent Show” is scheduled in the lower auditorium for the ladies at 10:00 AM. Friday night is being left open to visit friends and attend the traditional events of various Masonic organizations.

In continuing the Masonic tradition of meeting friends in Waco each December, keep in mind that our future leaders have a strong sense of service and use this event as the cornerstone of their Masonic education. Return to Waco and provide them a good basis to succeed in their future duties.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,




Tom Guest
Grand Secretary

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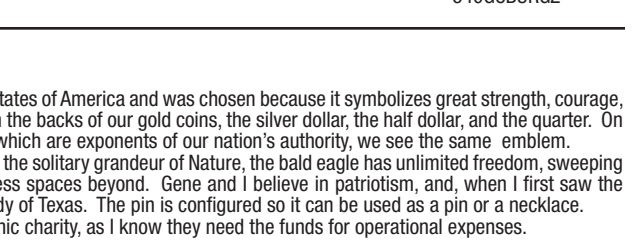


First Lady's Project - "The Eagle of Freedom"

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 exponents 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)



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- The Library and Museum coin is the official 175th Anniversary coin for the Grand Lodge of Texas.
- Profits from the Library and Museum coin are for programs and maintenance of the Library and Museum, and Grand Lodge building.
- This will be an annual coin depicting historic persons, places, and events that involve the Grand Lodge of Texas and Texas Masons. Each year the reverse of the coin will change.
- There will be limited quantities of this coin. 4000 will be available in an Antique Silver color. 750 in a Silver/Gold two-tone finish, and only 100, .999 Fine Silver numbered coins.
- These coins will be available during the 2011 Grand Lodge Communication on the lower level merchandise area of the Grand Lodge. Afterward, they will be available through the Grand Lodge Merchandise sales team, the Library and Museum and by mail.
- Prices are: Antique Silver- \$15., Silver/Gold finish- \$25., 1 oz. .999 Fine Silver- \$125.