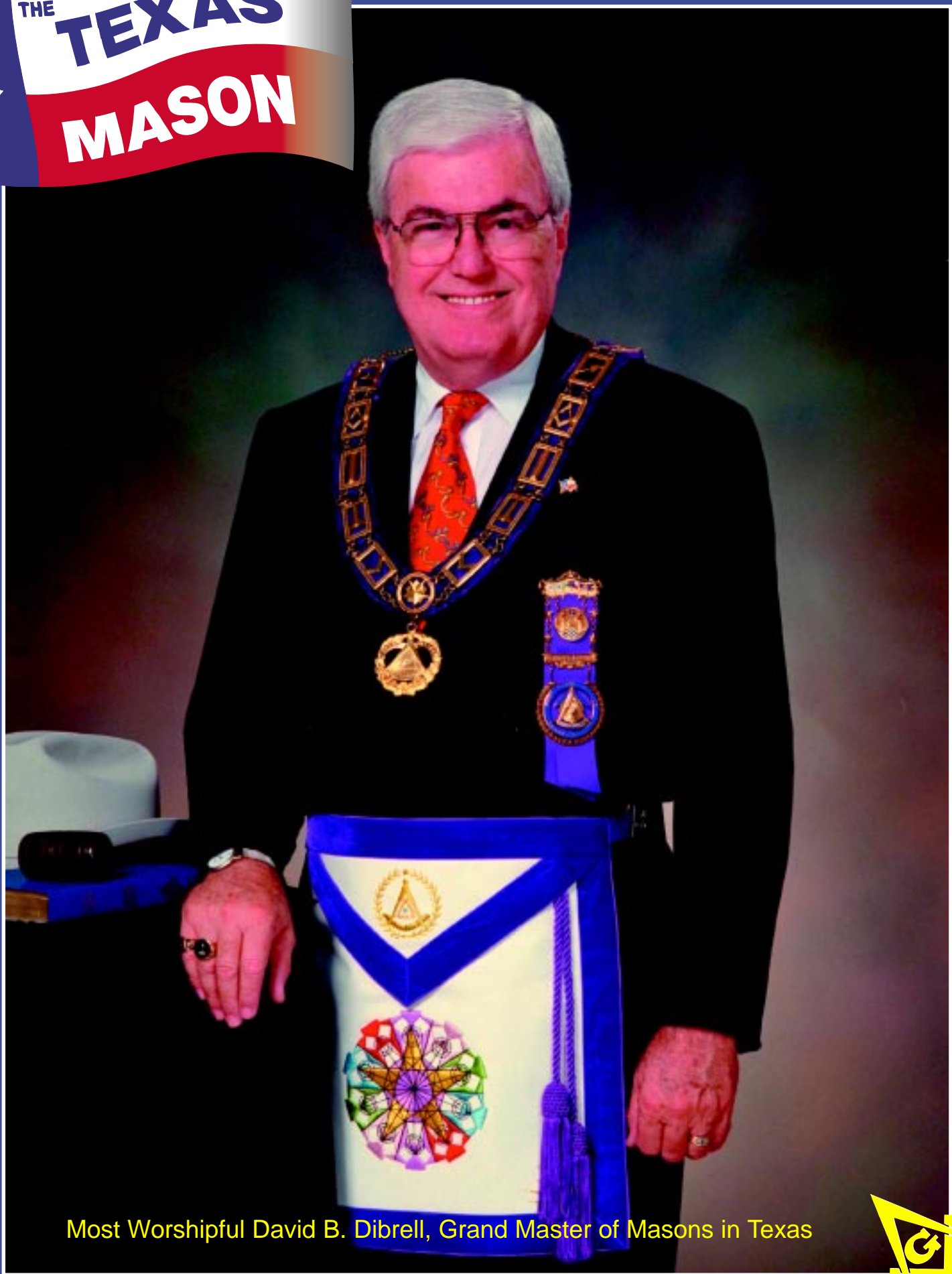


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Most Worshipful David B. Dibrell, Grand Master of Masons in Texas





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David B. Dibrell, Grand Master of Masons in Texas

We Begin ...

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, author of light and life, we ask your blessings on this journey about to begin. Grant us wisdom and strength. May peace and harmony prevail and may we all live by the Masonic teachings of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Bless our gentle fraternity with universal benevolence, fair-dealing and tolerance of one another. Give each Mason an expanding heart and a wish for peace and harmony.

Thank you, my Brothers for allowing me to serve in this high office. I never supposed that the purple of our fraternity would rest upon my shoulders. Today we usher in a new Masonic year, a "New Beginning," and for each of us, a renewal of purpose and commitment to Masonic principles. The year 2001 is the unfolding of a prosperous new millennium. We have new programs and goals worthy of our dedicated effort. We have faithful members ever ready to give of their time and talents for the betterment of our lodges, our churches and our communities.

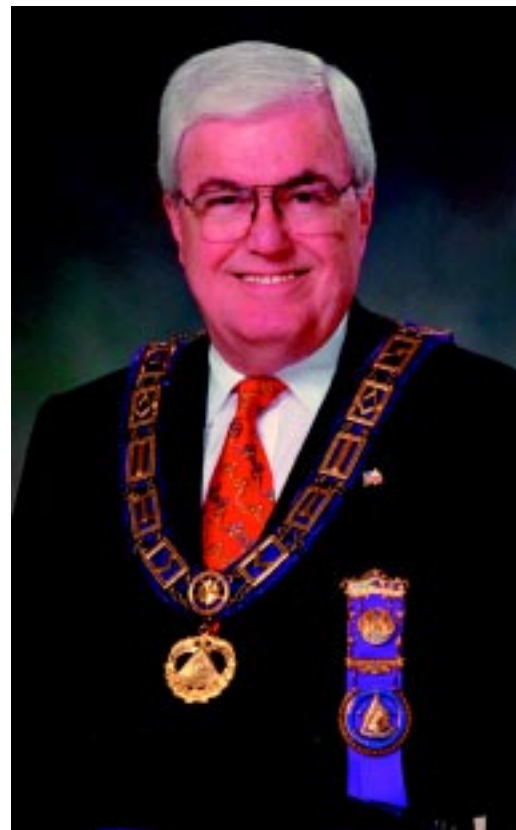
I'm excited about Masonry. I am excited about the possibilities that our fraternity has to offer. The possibilities of taking good men and making them better. The possibilities for making a difference in our neighborhoods, in our communities and in our world. Solomon told us in Ecclesiastes 9:10: "*Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.*" I'm excited about the possibilities of Masonry in action, of doing and of working together with all our "might."

It is my goal that we focus this year on the lofty principles of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. Let us think a moment in these three things.

First, **Liberty**. We acknowledge the history of our past, the sacrifices of those outstanding leaders who brought us to this place today. Masons were among those who fought to preserve our freedoms and our liberties as a nation. Masons were among those who fought at the battles at the Alamo, Goliad and San Jacinto to form the Republic of Texas, which became our great State of Texas. Masonic heroes helped ensure the heritage that we are privileged to honor today, the **liberty** we have to enjoy it and the obligation we have to preserve it.

Second, **Equality**. Equality is another of the cornerstones of Freemasonry. We, as Masons, meet to work together, to work on the level, to work as a **team** to build our personal lives and to make our homes, our schools, our communities and our nation a better place to live.

Finally, **Fraternity**. Fraternity is the ability to enjoy Freemasonry, to enjoy the possibilities of increased friendship, the absolute joys of working together toward common goals.



Most Worshipful David B. Dibrell
Grand Master of Masons in Texas

Portrait by Roger Bell, courtesy TSRCH

LIBERTY — Freedom and Obligation
EQUALITY — Teamwork and Commitment
FRATERNITY — Fellowship and Devotion

Masonry **is** Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

Join with me as we spread the light of knowledge to all corners of the earth; to live upon the square; to balance the demands of truth, honor and justice; and to contribute to the betterment, happiness and enlightenment of mankind. Join with me in working toward a better future. We are working for Progress with Dignity.

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

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David B. Dibrell". The signature is fluid and cursive.





Michael D. Nanny
Deputy Grand Master



M. Boyd Patterson Jr.
Grand Senior Warden

Harrison elected Grand Junior Warden

Reese L. Harrison Jr. of San Antonio was born Jan. 5, 1938. His father, **Reese L. Harrison**, was a 60-year member of Albert Pike Lodge No. 1169. The father of his mother, **Ruth L. Fisher Harrison**, was a member of Alamo Lodge No. 44.

Brother Harrison married **Judith Karen Scott** of San Antonio on Oct. 9, 1964. She has a bachelor's degree from Incarnate Word University and an associates degree in paralegal studies from San Antonio College. She was a home economist and is now a legal assistant. They have two daughters: **Judith Karen Scott Harrison Jr.** (now Mrs. Jared Brown) and **Tiffany Farrah Lynn Harrison**. His daughter Judith Jr. has bachelor's and masters degrees from Colorado State University and his daughter Tiffany has a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio. His wife and daughters are members of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, Eastern Star, Amaranth, White Shrine of Jerusalem, Daughters of the Nile, Ladies Oriental Shrine, and Daughters of Mokanna. Both daughters are Jobs Daughters and his wife is in the Beauceant. Tiffany is a Past Grand Worthy Advisor of Rainbow in Texas.

Lawyer, economist, military judge, Air Force colonel and cowboy describe the new Grand Junior Warden. He was graduated from Baylor University



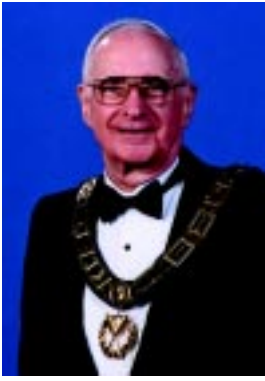
Reese L. Harrison Jr.
Grand Junior Warden

with B.B.A. and M.S. degrees in economics. He graduated from SMU with a Juris Doctorate. He was a Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force, served as a military judge, was State Judge Advocate of the Texas Air National Guard and retired in January 1998 in the grade of colonel with almost 35 years of service. He and his sister, **Janice Harrison Tipton**, own and operate cattle ranches in Bexar, Wilson and Caldwell counties.

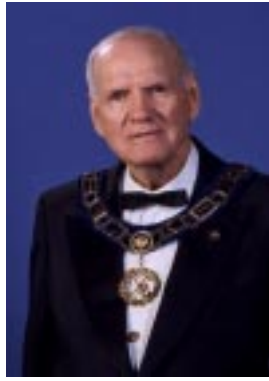
He is a practicing lawyer, serving eight years as assistant U.S. Attorney for the Department of Justice, and is a former chief executive officer and chairman of the litigation department of the law firm of Oppenheimer, Blend, Harrison, & Tate, Inc. in San Antonio. He is board certified in civil trial law by both the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and the National Board of Trial Advocacy, is a fellow of the San Antonio and Texas Bar Foundations and of the Roscoe Pound Institute of Justice, and is a master in the American Inn of Court in San Antonio.

He was Raised a Master Mason in Albert Pike Lodge No. 169 on May 12, 1959 and served as master in 1969-1970. He was awarded a life membership, has an endowed membership, and was the Lodge's first recipient of the Golden Trowel Award. He served as secretary for three years and has been the treasurer of the Lodge since 1993. He is a dual member of Holland Lodge No. 1 and a full member of Texas Lodge of Research. He served as DDGM in 1982, as Grand Orator in 1987 and on the Masonic Jurisprudence Committee since 1987 and was its chairman four times. He was president of the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association of the 39th Masonic Districts when he was

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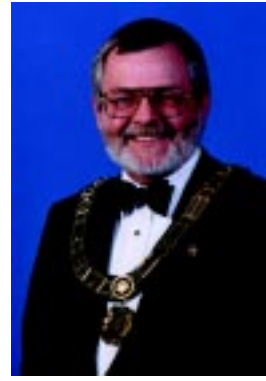
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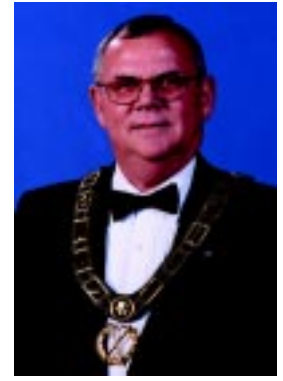
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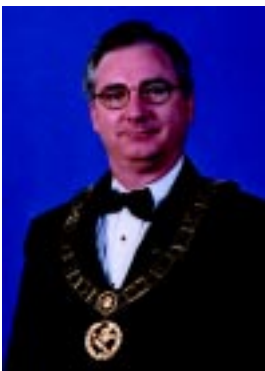


Larry T. Fairchild
Grand Orator



Allen Tuell
Grand Marshal

The Elected and Appointed Officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.



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Grand Senior Deacon



C.D. "Don" McCarver
Grand Junior Deacon



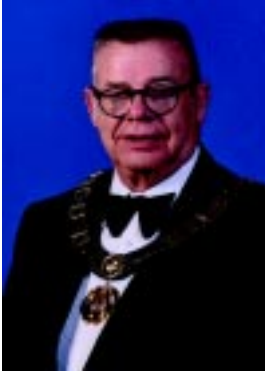
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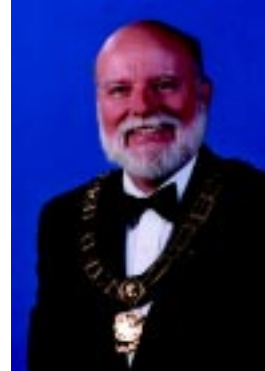
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Grand Junior Steward



Barry M. Riggs
Grand Pursuivant



Michie M. Brous
Grand Organist



James G. "Jim" Dougherty
Grand Photographer



Harry F. Powell II
Grand Tiler

Additional 2001 Appointments by the Grand Master

David Harris
Grand Historian

John Lawson
Assistant Grand Photographer

Loyd O. Addy Sr.
Grand Webmaster



Experts agree that reading aloud to children may be one of the most important steps adults can take to prepare children for success in school. In an effort to address the decline in the reading ability of children in Texas, the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas and Texas Scottish Rite Hospital established the “Take Time to Read” program — a successful partnership aimed at promoting the importance of adults reading aloud to children.

Focusing on the benefits of reading aloud, the program encourages adults to take an active role by participating in read-aloud activities proven to stimulate imagination, develop good listening and critical thinking skills, as well as to motivate children to learn to read independently. Through hands-on programs such as “Take Time to Read,” all adult Texans and members of the Masonic fraternity are given the opportunity to demonstrate their concern for and commitment to the future of children.



“Take Time to Read” ... *it's about time*



Since the program’s inception, **David Dibrell**, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas; his wife, **Marlene**, Supreme Deputy, Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls; and the Texas Masonic lodges have played a significant role in promoting the program statewide.

Texas Masons spend time reading to students in schools and public libraries, distributing promotional materials and hosting book drives throughout the state in an effort to encourage adults to read aloud to children. As the campaign carries on, “Take Time to Read” continues to make a positive difference in the lives of children across Texas.

Dean of Grand Masters, Robert L. Dillard Jr. dies

Early morning on Nov. 30, 2000, Right Worshipful **Robert L. Dillard Jr.** laid aside the working tools of life. His were the precision tools of a Master Craftsman, employed in many years of dedicated service to family, church, community and Freemasonry.

Born in 1913, the son of an independent oilman, he began his professional career in the oil fields of Texas. Starting from the ground up, he worked as a roustabout in the oil fields to finance his education. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist University and an LL.M from Harvard. He served as assistant city attorney for the City of Dallas from 1941 to 1945. In 1945, he joined Southland Life Insurance Company of Dallas. He retired in 1978 as executive vice president to devote more time to community affairs and to his beloved fraternity.

He met and married **Dundee Sheeks** in 1937. That union of 63 years produced a loving family consisting of a son, two daughters, 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He was a lay reader in the Highland Park United Methodist Church, where he taught an adult Sunday school class for more than 40 years.

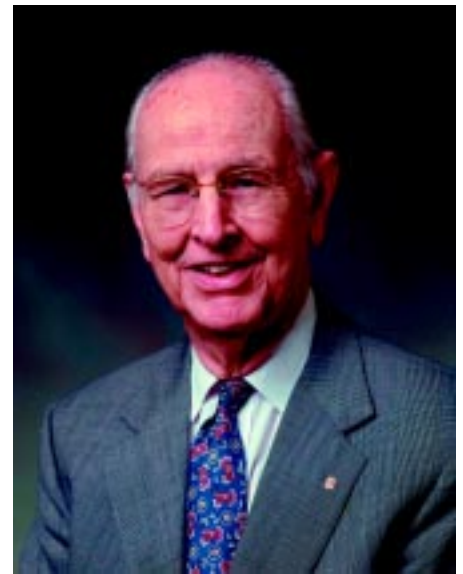
He served his community in many ways and was numbered among an exclusive group of city fathers responsible for one of the more important periods of growth in the history of the City of Dallas. He took pride in an outstanding record as president of the board of education in the Dallas Independent School District.

Bro. Dillard's Masonic career began with his initiation in Dallas Lodge No. 760 in 1938. He served as its Worshipful Master in 1947-48. He served with distinction in various Grand Lodge committees and was named emeritus member of the Jurisprudence Committee. He took pride in his years of service as president of the Masonic Home and School Board of Directors and vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Elected Grand Master in 1962, he was senior Past Grand Master at the time of his death.

Extremely active in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, he was coroneted 33rd Degree, Inspector General Honorary, in 1953. In 1995, he became only the eighth Texas Scottish Rite Mason to receive the Grand Cross of Honor.

Funeral services were held in his church officiated by several ministers including his son-in-law, the Rev. Bro. **John B. Cullen III**, and newly installed Grand Chaplain, the Rev. **Larry D. Ravert**. Following Rose Croix memorial services at the church, Masonic graveside services were conducted by Past Grand Master **Sam E. Hilburn**.

His labors ceased, a great man has left the scene. He has earned a rest. His voice is silent and he is out of sight. Even so, the wisdom of a man who touched so many lives is etched in the hearts of all who knew him. - Excerpted from *The Dallas Scottish Rite Herald*.



Robert L. Dillard Jr.

Photo courtesy: Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children

Grand Lodge Elections

PGMs Gower, Burke elected to H & S board of directors

Past Grand Master **W.M. "Mike" Gower**, of McAllen, was elected to a five-year term as Director of the Texas Masonic Home and School, succeeding retiring Past Grand Master **Sam E. Hilburn**. Outgoing Grand Master **W. Vernon Burke Jr.** was elected to finish the unexpired term left vacant by the death of Past Grand Master **R. L. Dillard Jr.**

Jackson elected to Committee on Work

A.D. Jackson, member of Fort Stockton Lodge No. 1022, was elected to a five-year term on the Grand Lodge Committee on Work.





Grand Master W. Vernon and Fay Burke.



Grand Master W. Vernon Burke Jr. with P.G.M. Sam Hilburn and newly elected Grand Junior Warden Reese L. Harrison Jr.



Grand Tiler Orville O'Neill gets a lesson in swordsmanship from James Barron, Deputy State Master Councilor of DeMolay in Texas.



Former State Senators Bob Glasscock and P.G.M. Jack Hightower talk over old times during a lull at Grand Lodge.



Law officer Masons have a panoramic photo taken with First Lady Fay Burke. She distributed more than 3,000 of her distinctive pins to present or past members of the law enforcement community during Masonic Year 2000.

Grand Lodge 2000 Snapshots

Texas Mason photographs by Grand Photographer James G. "Jim" Dougherty and Assistant Grand Photographer John Lawson



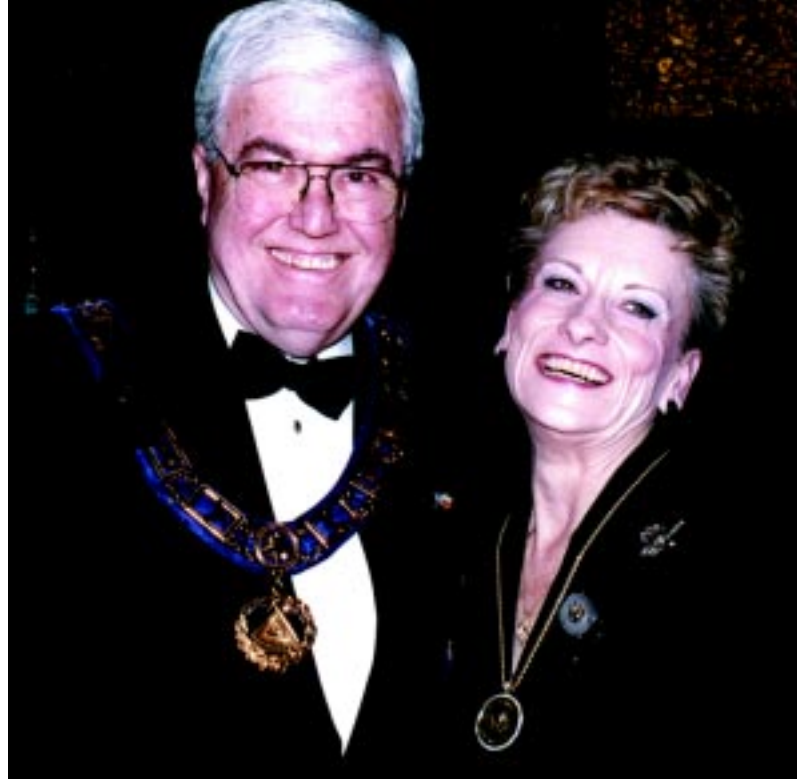
Our Masonic Home and School kids enjoyed a musical program planned especially for them, followed by a visit from Santa and his Masonic "helpers."



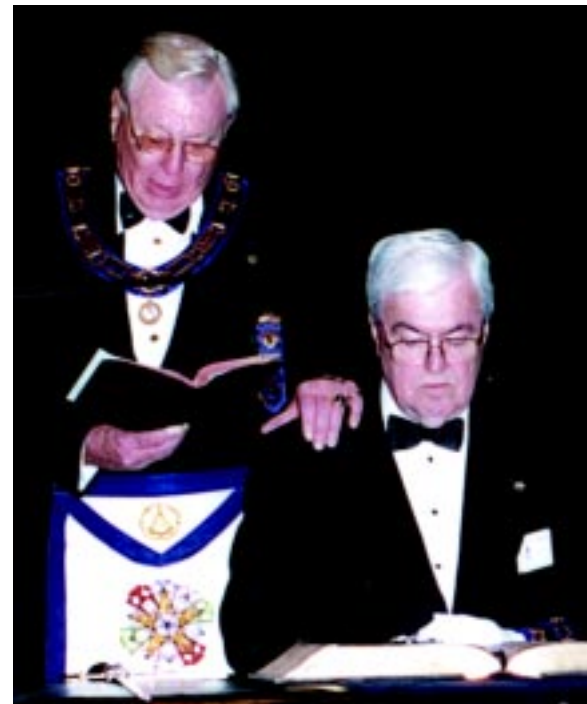
Grand Master Burke addresses a packed Grand Lodge audience.



DeMolays, led by State Master Councilor **R.J. Morlock**, provide Arch of Steel reception for the Grand Entry.



Grand Master David B. Dibrell and First Lady Marlene



An installation prayer by P.G.M. Bob Schnell.



Grand Master Dibrell receives a miniature lambskin apron from **Kristi Leos**, Grand Worthy Advisor of Texas Rainbow Girls. Above, (left photo) A large contingent of Rainbows, Job's Daughters, led by **Desirie Vargas**, Miss Texas Job's Daughters and Jurisdictional Bethel Honored Queen and DeMolays attended the installation.



(Above photo) **Carl T. Williams** of Richardson presents Grand Master Dibrell with a stained glass 2001 Grand Master's emblem.

(Left photo) Need jewelry? **Tommy McJunkins** and **Bill Hale** have it! They were also recipients of the William M. Beck Award for 2000.

(Right photo) No "chads" here! Despite presidential election jokes, these tellers had no problems counting paper ballots.



Grand Master's Proclamations, 2001

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, our Masonic Youth Groups, the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, the Order of DeMolay and the International Order of Job's Daughters, are the foundation of Masonic growth in the future; and

WHEREAS, Masonic youth have always been an effective and active part of the Masonic family; and

WHEREAS, I believe that having Lodges become more involved in their youth is of primary importance for our Fraternity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I PROCLAIM AND DIRECT:

1. That every Lodge of Masons working under the jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Texas give due consideration to becoming involved in or sponsoring either a Rainbow Assembly or a DeMolay Chapter or a Job's Daughters' Bethel.

2. That every Lodge of Masons working under the jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Texas that is not able to sponsor an Assembly or a Chapter or a Bethel give due consideration to becoming involved in or sponsoring either a Rainbow Club or a DeMolay Club or a Job's Daughters' Club.

3. That every Lodge of Masons working under the jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Texas not able to sponsor an Assembly or a Chapter or a Bethel or a Youth Club give due consideration to becoming involved in or sponsoring some organization for the youth of the community where the Lodge is located and that the Lodge also support the statewide activities of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Order of DeMolay and the International Order of Job's Daughters.

It is my wish that this proclamation NOT be read at any Stated Meeting of any Lodge in the State of Texas but that it be posted on the Lodge Bulletin Board and on the Grand Lodge Internet Site, and further, that every Lodge make reasonable efforts to inform every member by bulletin, mail or other expedient means necessary of the contents of this Proclamation.

This Dispensation shall expire and be of no further force or effect at midnight, December 7, 2001.

Given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of December, 2000

TEXAS HISTORY

WHEREAS, the Republic of Texas was formed in 1836 after a war of independence with Mexico, and

WHEREAS, Masons were active in the Texas Revolution and many of the leaders of the Revolution were Masons, and

WHEREAS, I believe that Masons and the public need to be more aware of the significant effect Masons had on the formation of the Republic of Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I PROCLAIM AND DIRECT:

That every Lodge of Masons working under the jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Texas give due consideration to becoming involved in or participate in one or more of the statewide celebrations of Texas Masonic History:

The Alamo Memorial on March 3, 2001
The Goliad Memorial on March 24, 2001
The San Jacinto Celebration on April 21, 2001
The Masonic Oak Celebration on May 20, 2001

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Grand Master of Masons in Texas



ATTEST:

James D. Ward
Grand Secretary
The Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.
December 2, 2000

Texas Masonic heritage events not to be missed

On a hot July day in 1821, a young man rode a chestnut mare through the murky waters of the Sabine River and scrambled up the muddy bank on the other side. This simple act, unnoticed by most in the world, set in motion a chain of events which would cause

empires to crumble, dictators to rise, martyrs to fall and heroes to emerge. The destinies of four nations were irrevocably changed and the world would witness an epic struggle for Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. Stephen Fuller Austin ... impresario and Freemason ... had arrived in Tejas.

Grand Lodge award winners

Each year, Texas Masons celebrate four monumental events in Texas past: The Battle of the Alamo, the Battle of Coleto Creek and massacre of Fannin's command at Goliad, the triumphant Battle of San Jacinto and the meeting of Masons in the shade of what we now know as the Masonic Oak.

This year Grand Master Dibrell will lead the Masons of Texas in marching to an observance at the Alamo on March 3, 2001. On March 24, a representation of the Grand Lodge of Texas will be opened in Goliad, followed by the laying of a wreath at the grave of Bro. Fannin and his men. On April 21, the Masons of Texas have been invited to join other patriotic groups at the San Jacinto Monument near Houston to mark Texas Independence from Mexico. Finally, on May 20, all Masons and their families are invited to Masonic Oak Park in downtown Brazoria for the 53rd Annual Masonic Oak Pilgrimage and Picnic.

Additional details are available on the Grand Lodge website, or from your District Deputy Grand Master.



A.W. "Archie" Scott is joined by his wife, Edith, as he was presented the Sam Houston Medal for his years of service to the fraternity and his community.



Lena Ruth Harvey received the W.B. and Brendon Carrell Humanitarian Award, much to the delight of husband, Past Grand Master Leonard Harvey.



Worshipful Master **Bill Sessums Jr.** of Holland Lodge No. 1 in Houston, presents the Golden Trowel Award to Sen. **Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr.** The former United States senator from Texas, secretary of the treasury, and vice presidential candidate was accompanied to the ceremony by his wife, **Beryl Ann Bentsen**. Also pictured are R.W. **Emile A. Bussemey**, D.D.G.M. of 30A, and Deputy Grand Master **Michael D. Nanny**. Holland Lodge presented the award as a courtesy to McAllen Lodge No. 1110, where the distinguished statesman is a 53-year member.

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Senior Warden in 1968. He was awarded the Henry Price Medal by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1982 and the Pierpont Edwards Medal by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in 1983.

He is a past presiding officer of all four San Antonio Scottish Rite Bodies and was coroneted with the 33° in 1979.

He is a past presiding Officer of the three San Antonio York Rite Bodies, served as District Deputy in both Grand Chapter and in Grand Council, was awarded both the KGC and KCT by the Knights Templar, and is a Past Prior of both Texas Priory No. 23 and Texian Priory No. 78 KYCH.

He is a Past Potentate of Alzar Shrine Temple and a Past Monarch of Omala Grotto. Brother Harrison is Past Governor

General of the York Rite Sovereign College, Past Sovereign Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the USA, Past Great Chief of Knight Masons in the USA, Past International President of the Cabiri International Past Potentate's Association, Past Grand Master of DeMolay International, and Past Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas.

He has served since 1986 as an Intendant General for the Red Cross of Constantine in Texas, and since 1992 as Chief Adept of Texas College SRICF and is currently Worthy Patron of Texas Chapter No. 35 Eastern Star, Royal Patron of Houston Court No. 2 Amaranth and Eminent Preceptor of Texas Chapter Order of Knights Preceptor.

Alamo Lodge Rededication



SAN ANTONIO — Members of Alamo Lodge No. 44 marked the anniversary of their charter in the Alamo, on Dec. 20, 2000. Honored guest, Grand Master **David Dibrell**, led nearly 100 Masons from throughout the state and nation in reciting the Master Mason's obligation in the Shrine of Texas Independence. Also present were Grand Junior Warden **Reese L. Harrison Jr.**, Past Grand Masters **John E. "Jack" Kelly** and **Harry Cunningham**, the Grand Photographer and Grand Historian **David Harris**.

Alamo Lodge was organized and met for years in the Long Barracks of the Alamo before moving to the nearby Scottish Rite Cathedral in the last century.

Around the State

Millennium Mason at Duck Creek



Grand Master **David B. Dibrell** presents Major General **Robert Halverson** with the Community Builder Award on behalf of Post Oak Island Lodge No. 18. The commanding officer of Texas' own 49th Armored Division recently returned with his men from Bosnia after a successful tour of duty where he was also in command of the multinational peace-keeping force. In remarks, he pointed with pride to the fact that only one soldier sustained injury during the tour and this only a minor injury.

GARLAND — **James David Michael Latham** became Texas' Millennium Master Mason at 1:01 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2001 in Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419.

Despite ice and snow, 20 Masons, including Grand Master **David B. Dibrell**, gathered for food and fellowship at 10:30 p.m. on the last day of the year. Following a toast to Masonry in the new millennium, the Master Mason's Degree was conferred on the Texas A&M student.

Bro. Latham's father, **William Latham**, and grandfather, **Lee H. Kirkwood**, were also present. Bro. Kirkwood presented his grandson with an Endowed



Millennium Master Mason James Latham (center) with his father, William, and grandfather, Lee H. Kirkwood.

Membership ... a very good investment for the young brother's Masonic future.

Baylor's Pat Neff Hall cornerstone re-leveled



Grand Master **David B. Dibrell** replaces the time capsule in the cornerstone of Pat Neff Hall on the campus of Baylor University. Past Grand Master **Joseph Regian** (left) assisted in the leveling ceremony.



BLANCO - Blanco Lodge # 216 hosted its first "Take Time to Read" recognition dinner on Dec. 19th, 2000. There were 53 qualifying students and their families in attendance. After the meal, the kindergarten and first graders were presented with a certificate for those who reached the 300 minute level and a certificate and T-shirt for those at the 500 minute level. The total minutes read was 30,500 which is an astounding 21 days of reading!

Kindergarten teacher **Sandy Tabor** was presented with a plaque for having the most kids at the 500 minute level. First grade teacher **Lisa Rogers**, wife of Junior Steward **Danny Rogers**, was presented with a certificate and bouquet of roses for helping to organize the program and for being the liaison between the school and lodge. The Masons of Blanco are looking forward to sponsoring the program next year! Photograph by Carissa Frishbeck.

WACO — A time capsule placed in the cornerstone of Pat Neff Hall, located on the campus of Baylor University, in Waco, Texas, on Dec. 8, 1938 was opened on Dec. 7, 2000, by Grand Secretary **James D. Ward** and **Stan Madden**, immediate Past Master of Baylor Lodge No. 1235. The cornerstone had been disturbed because of a project by the university to restore the building's stone trim. The building is named in honor of **Pat Neff**, former Texas governor, Baylor University president, and Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas. In his address, Madden, who served both as a representative of his Lodge and a university staff member, observed that an audience of 4,000 Masons and Baylor staff and students witnessed the original cornerstone ceremony, with then Grand Master **John Temple Rice** presiding.

When the capsule was opened, it was discovered that moisture had damaged the contents. Masonic items

surviving included a gavel made of wood from Anson Jones' home, first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas and the Republic's last president.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M., opened on Dec. 8, 2000, at noon in the Grand Lodge Temple with Grand Master **David B. Dibrell** presiding and continued onto the Baylor University campus for the purpose of re-leveling the cornerstone.

The intact artifacts were returned to the original capsule along with materials pertaining to Baylor University's history, the cornerstone leveling of 1938 and the re-leveling. Masonic memorabilia included a 50th anniversary medallion from Baylor Masonic Lodge No. 1235, the *Monitor of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.*, and a letter from the Grand Lodge of Texas. Contemporary technology was used to reseal the capsule to better preserve the contents for the future time when it may be reopened.

D.D.G.M.'s and Masonic Peace Officers

please note: Copies of the panoramic photos taken at Grand Lodge may be ordered by calling the Houston Scottish Rite business office at (713) 432-1980, or send a check for \$20 to Houston Scottish Rite, P.O. Box 20788, Houston, TX 77225-0788. Please contact the office as soon as possible to place your order.



From the Grand Secretary

The Grand Lodge Annual Communication of 2000 is now history, and a tremendous amount of business was conducted. It was a very harmonious session, and everyone seemed well pleased with all that was accomplished and the fact that peace and harmony prevailed, as expected.

Many changes were made in the Laws of the Grand Lodge, some of which were simple and straightforward, while others were complex and broad in scope. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, which is charged with the responsibility of assuring all changes are in legal and proper form, asked for, and the Grand Lodge granted them, time to properly codify all approved changes. That committee has indicated its report will be forthcoming in "early 2001." Upon receipt, the revisions will be assimilated, printed and distributed to the Lodges. In the interim, following is a thumbnail sketch of the disposition of each Resolution and Recommendation:



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Not Adopted:

Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16 and 17.
Recommendations 1, 2, 6, 8 and 11. Number 10 was withdrawn.

Adopted:

Resolutions 5, 6, 13 and 18.
Recommendations 7, 12, 13, 14 and Holdover No. 1.

Amended and Adopted:

Resolutions 4, 10, 14 and 1999 Holdover No. 13.
Recommendations 3, 4, 5 and 9.

It is hoped this information will be of benefit to you and your Lodge. As stated previously, when all changes are received, they will be printed and distributed.

We wish for you, your Lodge, its officers and members, a very happy, successful and prosperous New Year in Freemasonry and in your personal lives and affairs.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally,



James D. Ward
Grand Secretary

Grand Master's Conference Schedule

Feb. 24	Lubbock	9:00 a.m.
	Scottish Rite Temple, 602 Ave. Q	
Feb. 24	Amarillo	3:00 p.m.
	Khiva Shrine Temple, 305 E. 5th	
Mar. 3	San Antonio	10:00 a.m.
	Scottish Rite Temple, 308 Ave E.	
Mar. 10	Longview	10:00 a.m.
	Pine Tree High School, 2100 W. Loop 281	
Mar. 24	Corpus Christi	10:00 a.m.
	Al Amin Shrine Temple, 2001 Suntime Rd.	
Mar. 30	Abilene	6:30 p.m.
	Abilene Lodge No. 558, 1265-1/2 North 2nd	
Mar. 31	Wichita Falls	10:00 a.m.
	Mascot Shrine Temple, 5101 Henry Grace Fwy.	
Apr. 7	Waco	9:00 a.m.
	Lee Lockwood Library, 2601 W. Waco Dr.	
Apr. 7	Austin	3:00 p.m.
	Scottish Rite Temple, 207 W. 18th St.	
Apr. 21	Houston	10:00 a.m.
	Houston Scottish Rite, 7575 Brompton	
Apr. 28	Kurten	10:00 a.m.
	Kurten Community Center, 13055 E. Hwy. 21	
May 4	Midland	6:30 p.m.
	Midland Lodge No. 623, 1600 W. Wall	
May 5	El Paso	1:00 p.m.
	Scottish Rite Temple, 301 W. Missouri	
May 19	Mount Pleasant	10:00 a.m.
	Temple Lodge No. 70, 2800 N. Jefferson	
May 26	Fort Worth	10:00 a.m.
	Masonic Temple, 1100 Henderson	

2001 Wardens' Retreat and Leadership Training

Aug. 10 - 12	Dallas
Aug. 17 - 19	Austin
Aug. 24 - 26	Nacogdoches
Aug. 31 - Sept. 2	Houston
Sept. 14 - 16	El Paso

MH&S Board of Directors invite Masons to attend

The Board of Directors of the Masonic Home and School of Texas, at their Jan. 12, 2001 meeting, unanimously voted to invite interested Masons to attend the regularly scheduled board meetings. Meetings are held on the Home and School campus, except the December meeting in Waco. There may be, of course, matters that require an executive session, but almost all of the business conducted is in open session. The meeting dates for 2001 are:

- Friday, Mar. 16, at 9:30 a.m.
- Saturday, May 26, at 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 14, at 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, Nov. 16, at 9:30 a.m.
- Sat., Dec. 8, after Grand Lodge elections

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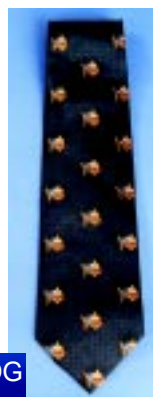
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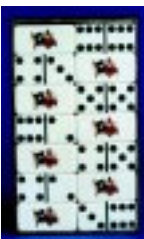
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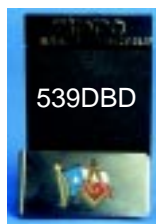


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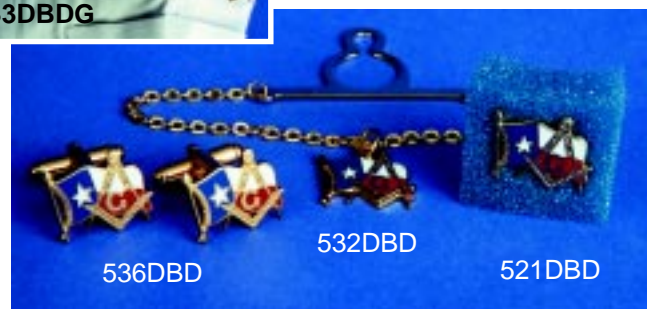


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