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Remember the Commitment
Remember the Alamo!



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“All Resolutions proposing any change in the Laws of this Grand Lodge, shall be filed with the Grand Secretary not later than **May 15** of each year.” (GL Laws - Art. 172)



Above: The Alzar Shrine Highlanders Bagpipe Corps leads the procession of Masons through downtown San Antonio to The Alamo.

On the Cover: Grand Master M. Boyd Patterson, Jr. addresses the crowd at the annual Alamo observance.

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Grand Master's Message - The Challenge of Leadership

During the next few weeks every Mason in Texas will be called upon to demonstrate not only his dedication to the Fraternity, but also his skill in directing the future of the Grand Lodge of Texas. In preparation for the upcoming term of office, each of us must begin now to decide what he can do to **provide quality leadership**.

The majority of us will be faced with the most demanding task: to elect the best qualified men to fill the offices of our Lodges - the place where Masonry is practiced and where we translate our philosophy into lives of action. Texas Masons have preserved this system in which the will of the majority is expressed each year. Our right to vote is inalienable and we have a duty to exercise that power for the benefit of the Craft.

A few Masons, elected by their Brethren to be the chief servant of their Lodge, will face the added challenge of appointing those best qualified to fulfill roles of service in other offices. Their power is derived from us and they must exercise it for the common good. Those chosen for these places must realize that the responsibility of service supersedes the privilege of position.

In all instances **our sense of duty must rise above our personal feelings**. When you are called upon to participate in this process remember that you are deciding the future of Texas Masonry. Your vote does make a difference. Your selection of those who will follow you in positions of authority is essential to our future. Your opportunity to serve your Lodge is the greatest honor which can be bestowed.



We are again this year faced with the challenge to make the right decisions for Texas Masonry. When the time comes we must be prepared to **take up the challenge** in all stations and places to answer the call to service through leadership.

Fraternally Yours,



M. Boyd Patterson, Jr.
Grand Master



2003 Alamo Observance

On the cool, misty morning of March 1, 2003, Grand Master M. Boyd Patterson, Jr. led a procession of Masons through the streets of San Antonio to the Shrine of Texas history - The Alamo.

Surrounded by a crowd of over 300, the Grand Master told those gathered that it was our duty to God to preserve the honor and heritage of those who fought at the Alamo. Those brave men continued to fight knowing that the end was near. They believed with all their being that the ideal of freedom was worth everything that they could give, and they were willing to give all.

The Grand Master asked the crowd to never forget the bravery exhibited during those 13 days of March in 1836. We should ever remember, and always live as to be worthy of, the sacrifice and commitment of those who died to allow us to enjoy the freedoms of which they could only dream.

A ceremonial wreath was placed by the Grand Master and **Virginia Van Cleave**, President General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, assisted by **Kathleen M. Carter**, Alamo Comm. Chairman.



Ms. Carter, GM Patterson & Ms. Van Cleave

Mrs. Van Cleave presented a flag that had flown over the Alamo to the Grand Master, who asked that he be allowed to take the flag to the upcoming Goliad and San Jacinto observances, as well as the Masonic Oak. Grand Master Patterson then presented Mrs. Van Cleave with a donation to be used in preserving The Alamo. The ceremony was closed with the playing of Taps.

Texas Masonic Philanthropies

A 2003 SIGNATURE PROGRAM



TMP Brochure

If you were to ask the general public, "What do Masons do?" you would probably come away believing that our many Masonic Charities might be some of the best kept Masonic secrets of them all. Unfortunately, we Masons have not done a very good job of letting the light of publicity fall upon our good works, but that may all soon change.

The "Texas Masonic Philanthropies" Program is a resource booklet containing basic information on all our charities, listing help available, describing services offered and, most importantly, giving contact information for the many services we offer to the public. The goal of the program is to see to it that every person eligible for assistance is made aware of the services we offer and to educate the Masons in Texas as well.

If you have not already received your copy, you will soon be receiving one in the mail. Review the information inside and become an informed advocate of these philanthropies. Keep it with you and let everyone with whom you come in contact know that Texas Masons are ready to help. You are also encouraged to make a donation to the charities to further aid them in their efforts to help those in need.

It is a terrible waste that any of our charitable services go unused, that scholarships go unclaimed and that children do not get healed. It would be a shame that a handicapped child needing dental work was never told that free services were available. Can we let someone continue with an ailment "when it is in our power to relieve them, without inconvenience to ourselves?"

Why shouldn't you be the one to expand the influence of Freemasonry in your community? Each of us has an obligation to see to it that everything that we can do, is done.

Upcoming Historical Events in April & May 2003

On **Saturday, April 19th, at 2:00 PM**, following the Grand Master's Conference in Houston, the **San Jacinto Observance** will be held to commemorate the victory that gave birth to the Republic of Texas. Afterwards, a **Master Mason's Degree** will be conferred by the Republic of Texas Degree Team on the actual San Jacinto Battlefield site inside an "air conditioned" tent.

On the following **Friday, April 25, 2003**, the Annual **Battle of San Jacinto Symposium** will be held. This educational forum, presented by the **San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board**, includes historians from Texas and Mexico, as well as the great-granddaughter of Sam Houston. You can download a registration form at www.earlytexashistory.com.

On **Sunday, May 18th, at 10:00 AM**, Masons and their families will gather at the **Masonic Oak** in Brazoria to celebrate the beginning of Masonry in Texas.

For more information, contact **Gordon Kelso**, Chairman, Public Relations Committee, at 1-800-754-3079 or email him at aussrite@swbell.net.

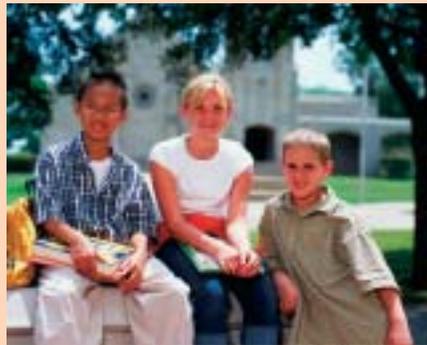
Masonic Home & School of Texas Transfer Student Program



The Masonic Home and School of Texas is proud to “Take up the Challenge!” and, in keeping with the Grand Master’s “Focus on Education,” has introduced, and is implementing, a new **Transfer Student Program** at the school.

The idea, first proposed at the Special Communication of Grand Lodge in September 2002, means that upon acceptance, and the payment of a \$1000 fee per academic semester, local students in grades 1 through 12, are welcome and invited to attend classes at Masonic Home and School. Transfer Students will require their own transportation to the school in the morning and back to their own homes at the end of the class day. The Transfer Student Program, which waives the fee for children of full time employees of the Home & School, and is capped at 120 students, further enriches the Masonic Home & School and continues our Fraternity’s long standing commitment to public education.

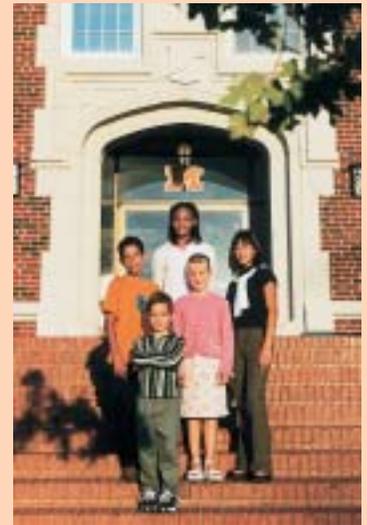
For both the children who live at the Home, and Transfer Students alike, the benefits include a diverse educational environment and interaction with a variety of peers, while maintaining the tradition of excellence. However, in order to continue to maintain the healthy environment in which the children are raised, rules have been established which forbid Transfer Students from being allowed in the residential cottages at any time.



Additionally, students that apply for transfer status are subject to academic and behavior acceptance criteria, and, only if they are accepted, they must then follow all existing rules of the Home and School.

By providing a private school environment in a public school setting, this program will challenge and encourage all students to excel and further develop their skills in an atmosphere conducive to academic achievement. With small class sizes and personal instruction, overall quality will remain high and may even be enhanced. The competitive curriculum continues to meet and often exceed, the standard found in any area public school system, including honors and AP (Advanced Placement) classes.

In addition, a variety of athletic and extracurricular programs are available, such as UIL (University Interscholastic League) competitions, FFA, (Future Farmers of America) and other vocational programs soon to follow. Also, after the completion of two consecutive years of high school at the School, Transfer Program Seniors will become eligible for scholarships that are made available to all graduating MHS students.



Since the program’s inception in January 2003, the Masonic Home and School has already received 48 inquiries, primarily for the 2003-2004 academic year, and has accepted and enrolled one full-time high school student.

The Masons of Texas will benefit from the Transfer Student Program by gaining another opportunity to educate and inform the public about our Masonic Home and School and the Masonic Fraternity. This creates incalculable benefits for local lodges! The Plan also receives state and federal funding for each new Transfer Student, based on average daily attendance, for the MHISD. (*Masonic Home & School Independent School District*) This much needed additional funding will be allocated between endowment, operating expenses and academic scholarships, while adding no additional costs or expenses!

1st Annual Masonic Home and School Sporting Shoot

Listed below is information regarding the Sporting Shoot. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Date.....June 21, 2003
Location.....Alpine Range, Ft. Worth
Fee.....\$90/shooter
Mulligans.....\$10 each
Earlybird Deadline.....May 10, 2003

Contact the following for additional information:

Development Office
 3600 Wichita Street
 P.O. Box 15040
 Fort Worth, TX 76119
 817-531-9300



Grand Master Patterson Presides at Conference of Grand Masters

History was made in Minneapolis, MN, in February 2003 when the **Conference of Grand Masters of North America** was gaveled open by a Texas Grand Master for the first time ever since its inception in 1780.

M:W: M. Boyd Patterson, Jr. chaired this prestigious body, which meets annually to discuss the state of the fraternity, coordinate inter-Grand Lodge issues, and reports on the Organizations and Associations it oversees. While not a governing body with any authority over individual Grand Lodges, it does give Grand Masters a venue whereby they can meet and educate themselves on the successes and programs of other Grand Lodges.

Regarding the 2003 session, Grand Master Patterson said, "The Conference of Grand Masters of North America was an extraordinary success. Brethren were represented from the three main North American countries, as well as international visitors from as far away as Russia. The emphasis on Masonic education, the focus of the Grand Lodge of Texas, was carried to Minneapolis and was universally received."



Photo by David Dibrell

Over the years the Conference has been responsible for the founding of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, The Masonic Service Association, and the issuance of many Masonic papers dealing with problems faced by Grand Lodges and local Lodges. Some of the issues discussed in 2003 included recognition of Prince Hall Grand Lodges, Committee terms and membership, the Grand Lodge of France and many other topics.

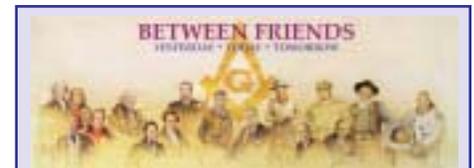
Notable Texas news from the Conference was the selection of R:W: David B. Dibrell, Grand Master in 2001, to serve on the Masonic Renewal Committee.

Discount Computers for Masons

The Grand Lodge of Texas Internet Committee has recently negotiated an agreement with **Dell Computer Corporation** to allow Masons to receive a **5 - 10% discount** off the purchase of ANY Dell computer.

In order to obtain this discount, you can either go to our special web page located at www.grandlodgeoftexas.org/dell, or you may also contact them directly by phone at 1-800-695-8133. Mention ID# PS29360411 to get your discount.

Each Mason will be responsible for the purchase of his own computer, but will be able to receive the discount by using the special ID number.



The Between Friends kit is one of the best means of explaining Freemasonry to friends - who we are, what we believe in, and how they can become members. If you're not using this valuable tool, you need to get one and give it to each of your friends. They are available from the Grand Secretary's office.

Grand Lodge Introduces JobWizard© Service

In a continuing effort to serve the Masons of Texas, the Grand Lodge of Texas is proud to offer a new member benefit for those currently looking for a job, or need a better way to manage their career. Texas Masons are invited to take a look at the web based **JobWizard©**, which can be accessed from the Grand Lodge of Texas home page.

This powerful career search and management tool is available at a specially negotiated reduced cost through Future Solutions, the provider of the JobWizard©. You will not be required pay any of the normal sign up fees (up to \$500), and will also receive a 13% discount on the monthly maintenance fees.

In addition, Future Solutions will review your resume and send it out to a minimum of 50 potential employers and/or recruiters.

Quick, free and insightful career advice tailored to an individual's professional situation and concerns is available. JobWizard© allows an individual to manage their complete career campaign through an individualized personal account in one central on-line location. You can create and manage multiple types of resumes designed for specific job opportunities; utilize your own personal email account within the system; easily manage and track job advertisements you respond to; search over 100 of the most popular job-posting sites on

the web; search over 100 of the most popular job-posting sites on the web.

On a semi-monthly basis you will receive proprietary Opportunity Listings on your personal JobWizard© website. These listings are categorized by industry and discipline for easy searching. In addition, you will receive weekly current market intelligence documenting events which impact potential employment opportunities.

Masons of Texas are encouraged to log on directly to the JobWizard© website at www.jobwizard.net/tmwelcome or at www.grandlodgeoftexas.org.

Masonic Home & School News



Current Statistics: (as of Feb. 28, 2003)

No. of Children enrolled -126

Staff - 132 (147 approved positions)

Widows - 31

Lunch funds received (fiscal year) - \$51,529.

Tier 1 State Funds receive (fiscal year) - \$445,957.

The original 2002-03 budget was reduced by \$713,594 from \$9,754,619 to \$9,041,025.

Current fiscal year expenditures are \$5,757,049.

The current income to date (fiscal year) - \$4,737,119.

The use of any of the Endowment funds approved at the 2002 Special Session has not been necessary as of this date.

3 R's of the Masonic Home and School:
Respect for self
Respect for others
Responsibility for your actions



Photo by Gary Logan

2003 MHS Senior Class

(L to R) Front Row - Bonnie Thompson, Rachel Orte, Melissa Marshall, William Bozarth. Back Row - Gladys Edenfield, Jessica Reese, Kristina Nichols, Robyn Lake, Brenda Enriquez.

The 2003 Graduation Ceremonies will June 1, 2003, at 9:00 AM.

NOTE! If you are interested in receiving a e-newsletter from the Home and School, submit your contact information and e-mail address to Sharon Fulcher-Tatom at sf@mhstx.org.

Texas Mason Bob Gacke Crosses America on Horseback for Shriners Hospitals

As the pace of our lives seem to be increasing and new technologies have resulted in information overload, one Texas Mason, **Bob Gacke of Weimar, TX**, is using a method straight out of the Old West to bring an awareness of Freemasonry to the public.

On March 1, 2003, Brother Gacke began a 2300-mile trip across America on horseback from Port Lavaca, TX and is scheduled to complete the journey after 23 weeks on the road when he arrives at the U.S.-Canadian border near Sweetgrass, Montana.

Impressed by the free medical services provided by the Shriner's Hospitals system, Brother Gacke is riding to help raise \$500,000 for the hospitals. With a strong faith in God, he set out with only his horse and a team of mules - Rooster, Maddie and Ole' Bud - as companions. He has with him a Bible, and a laptop computer, digital camera, and cell phone to record the trip and is providing daily updates to his website www.wherisbob.com so everyone can track his progress.

Not being independently wealthy, he is relying on the generosity of others to make the trip possible. If you can assist him as he comes through your town with supplies or transportation across bridges and obstacles, please contact him at bob@wherisbob.com.



Bob Gacke and "The Team"

Donations to Shriner's hospitals on behalf of the trip can be made by credit card through his website or sent directly to Arabia Shrine Hospital Benefit, c/o Colorado Valley Shrine, PO Box 161, Schulenburg, TX, 78956. Pledges can also be made on the website.

A Master Mason since 1978, Brother Gacke is a member of LaFayette Lodge #34 and Weimar Lodge #423.

Mirroring the efforts of the Grand Master of Texas to educate Texas Masons and the public through the Texas Masonic Philanthropies program, Brother Gacke also hopes to raise public awareness of the Fraternity, especially the Shriner's hospitals.

Bob Gacke is one Texas Mason who has definitely "Taken up the Challenge."



MWSA Development **A 2003 SIGNATURE** **PROGRAM**

Have you ever felt your Lodge was too small to do certain programs alone, but that help from nearby Lodges might be just what is needed to get the job done?

If so, maybe your district needs a **Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association**. A special manual has been prepared for 2003 to help districts establish an MWSA. It's contents include the following topics:

- Purposes
- Getting Started
- Routine Operations
- MWSA Awards Program
- Resource Guide

This valuable tool is available on the Grand Lodge website or from **John Clements, Asst. State Coordinator**. He can be contacted at (B) 972-548-5087 or johnc783@attbi.com.

Masonic Cornerstone Ceremonies Has Your Lodge Been Involved In One Lately?

Throughout Texas history, Masons have leveled cornerstones and it is a great honor for the Fraternity to perform this service for a community. But before a request to level a cornerstone is considered, there are certain guidelines governing such ceremonies, and are contained in Grand Lodge Law Art. 178.

For example, the building must be a public building such as a police station or school, or of sacred character such as a church. The building must also be constructed of brick, stone or concrete, although a similar veneer on a steel or concrete supporting frame will qualify. The cornerstone should be an actual stone, cubical in form, upon the face of which should be carved the words "Leveled (or Laid) by the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.," with the Masonic emblem and the year carved thereon. The other face of the stone may bear such inscription as may be necessary to describe the name of the institution erecting the building, its board of trustees, or other offices, but NOT the

name of the architect, engineer, contractors, or builder. It is the Grand Master who has final determination whether a cornerstone shall be laid with Masonic ceremonies.

Proper coordination between the Grand Lodge and local Lodges is the key to a successful ceremony and the following items are important to consider:

- Approval by the Grand Master
- Purchase of the stone
- Scheduling the ceremony
- Weather contingencies
- Opening a Representation of Grand Lodge prior to the ceremony

Lodges should call upon the District Deputy Grand Master to assist in planing the event as he is invaluable in coordinating with Grand Lodge. If you know of a building that qualifies as a cornerstone candidate, get involved early and participate in one of the oldest of Masonic traditions. You can also check the Grand Lodge website for a list of upcoming cornerstone ceremonies.

Country Singer Neal McCoy **Receives Community Builder Award**



Photo - Senor Maguire

During an awards ceremony full of laughter and applause, singer **Neal McCoy** was offered a coveted position in **Longview Lodge No. 404** after accepting the 2003 Community Builder Award.

"Neal, you have never been initiated into our fraternity before tonight, partly because you've never been asked," said

R:W: Donny Broughton, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Texas. "I'm not dropping any hints, though."

McCoy, a Jacksonville, TX native and two time Entertainer of the Year Award winner, got his start as an opening act for Charley Pride and has recorded ten albums, four of which have gone Platinum. His father is a Texan of Irish descent and his mother is Filipino, causing him to often refer to himself as a "Texapino."

While presenting the award R:W: Broughton explained, "We wanted to recognize Neal and his wife, Melinda, because of his outstanding work in the community with the *East Texas Angel Network*. It is important for us to highlight and award those special individuals for their service to the community."

As he adjusted the microphone and joked with the crowd McCoy said, "I'm not used to holding one of these. But seriously, this is one of the neatest awards I've received."

Neal and Melinda founded the *East Texas Angel Network (ETAN)* in 1995, a charitable foundation that provides financial assistance to the families of children with serious illnesses. So far, the organization has raised almost 2 million dollars for the assistance of the children of East Texas.

"It is wonderful to be recognized for work that we do outside of the music business," McCoy said. "An award like this means much more to us than a music industry award, although we like those, too."



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“That Undiscovered Country”

*It is with great sadness we report the deaths of the following
2003 R:W: District Deputy Grand Masters:*

Childs Drayton “Skip” Darr **James Thomas “Tom” Bell**
Masonic District No. 3 *Masonic District No. 7*
M:W: Grand Lodge of Texas *M:W: Grand Lodge of Texas*

Brother Darr, born April 27, 1929, died January 20, 2003, was raised in Richardson Lodge No. 1214 and was a Past Master of Honey Grove Lodge No. 164. He was also affiliated with Constantine Lodge No. 13.



Brother Bell, born January 13, 1937, died February 11, 2003, was raised in Ashland Lodge No. 1138 and was a Past Master of Sulphur Springs Lodge No. 221.

Grand Master Patterson asks each of you to join him in remembering their families in prayer that The Grand Architect will comfort and assuage them in their hour of grief. Right Worshipful Brothers Darr and Bell were good and noble men. Surely, our loss is great!

Masonic History Q&A

Question: How many Lodges were chartered under the Grand Lodge of The Republic of Texas?

Answer: There were 25 Dispensations issued for Lodges chartered under the Grand Lodge of the Republic. One, however, was issued to Santa Fe No. 15, but it never organized. That Dispensation was carried by then Grand Secretary Henry Millard on the famous Santa Fe Expedition, dispatched by Brother and President Mirabeau B. Lamar and later captured by the Mexican Army. It is presumed to be in the Mexican government archives, but we are not sure since access to those files by foreigners is very limited. The Grand Lodge of the Republic revoked the Dispensation in 1844.

(Send your Texas Masonic History questions to the editor and we will attempt to answer them as space is available.)

2003 Grand Master's Conferences

AUSTIN

Saturday, April 12, 9:00 AM
Austin Scottish Rite
207 W. 18th St.

WACO

Saturday, April 12, 3:00 PM
Lee Lockwood Scottish Rite
2801 W. Waco Dr.

HOUSTON

Saturday, April 19, 10:00 AM
Houston Scottish Rite
7575 Brompton

FORT WORTH

Saturday, May 3, 10:00 AM
Fort Worth Masonic Temple
1100 Henderson

PORT ARTHUR

Saturday, May 17, 10:00 AM
Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 872
1901 Lakeshore Dr.

Fiat Lux Conference

November 14 - 16, 2003

A 2003 SIGNATURE PROGRAM

For those Masons interested in learning the workings of the Grand Lodge of Texas and how they can educate themselves to be an active participant in directing the future of Texas Masonry, the **Fiat Lux Conference** is an event not to be missed. This advanced Masonic Educational Program focuses on continuing the education of all current Masters and Past Masters of Lodges in Texas.

The weekend conference will allow students to select from 16 different subject courses that will be taught by the best Masonic educators available. Course selections include:

- Grand Lodge Committee structure and responsibilities
- District Deputy Grand Master and District service team members selection process and responsibilities.
- The Grand Secretary's office structure, and much more.

In addition to classroom style instruction, students will also learn effective leadership skills through group discussions and problem solving.

Since the ladies are also an important part of the success of Grand Lodge, they, too, will have the opportunity to attend a separate program designed especially for them. The ladies program includes speakers, presentations and tours.

Also, attendance at the Conference is a qualifying item for the 2003-2004 Vanguard Lodge Award requirements.

Registration began March 1, 2003 and ends October 20, 2003 and is limited to 228 Worshipful Masters and/or Past Masters of Texas Lodges and their Ladies. Be sure to reserve your place at the first Fiat Lux Conference. **See the back cover for a registration form.**



2003 - 2004 Vanguard Lodge Award Requirements are Announced

In order to **qualify for the award**, Lodges must complete activities in each of four categories below between **June 24, 2003** and **July 31, 2004**.

I. Lodge Improvement

A. Required Activities:

1. Attend Grand Lodge Workshops: at least 9 officers must attend both Fall and Spring workshops. Two of the three principal officers must attend. Attendance at a Wardens' Retreat program may be substituted for the principal officer attendance requirement for either the Fall or Spring requirement.
2. Conduct an open installation of officers and two (2) other open meetings.

B. Choose at Least Two Activities:

1. Have a Widow's Program, Father/Son Program, Father/Daughter Program, Honor Your Sweetheart Program, Between Friends Program or similar activity.
2. Participate in the Additional Lodge Light (ALL) program with all newly made Master Masons.
3. Participate in the Lodge Instruction for Effectiveness (LIFE) program for Lodge officers and all other Lodge members who desire to be included.
4. Personally contact in person or by telephone all members in danger of being suspended. Discover the reason for nonpayment of dues. Produce and maintain a log to be attached to the Vanguard Application form.
5. Contact 20% of inactive local members (those who have not attended Lodge during the prior Masonic year and living within 50 miles of lodge). Produce a report detailing why they are inactive. The report is to accompany the Vanguard Application form.

II. Community Involvement

A. Required Activities:

1. Support Public Schools Week in a manner consistent with criteria set by Grand Lodge.

2. Support a Masonic youth group by doing one of the following:

- (a) Provide at least \$200.00 in financial support or
- (b) Provide at least three (3) advisors or
- (c) Conduct at least two common activities between either Masonic youth groups (such as DeMolay, Rainbows or Jobs Daughters) or community youth group(s) and members of the Lodge. Community youth groups may include Boy or Girl Scouts, Little League, Youth Soccer, FFA, 4-H Clubs, etc.

B. Choose at Least Three Activities:

1. Present a Community Builder Award.
2. Participate in at least one special program of a previous Grand Master such as Together Against Drug Abuse, Gift of Life, Take Time To Read or Coats for Kids.
3. Allow the Lodge facility to be used for a public function or activity provided under Art. 224.
4. Present a scholarship at an open meeting or at a public event.
5. Present a Lamar Medal at an open meeting or at a public event.
6. Host a Masonic information booth at a public event.
7. Participate in Adopt-A-Highway or similar public service activity.
8. Gather and distribute foods, clothing or other items for the needy.

III. Member Service

A. Required Activities:

Present all appropriate Grand Lodge Service Awards (i.e. 50 year member awards) in that current Masonic year.

B. Choose at Least Two Activities:

1. Conduct two activities (in addition to the open installation) to include the ladies and/or families of Lodge members.
2. Create or maintain a functioning web site based upon criteria set by the Internet Committee OR publish a quarterly newsletter.
3. Present a Golden Trowel Award.

4. Recognize Masonic anniversary dates of Lodge members.

5. Present all appropriate 25 Year and 40 Year Membership Awards in that current Masonic year. (See Art. 346 and Art. 346a)

IV. Masonic Education

A. Required Activities:

1. Cause the three principal officers to be certified in ritualistic opening and closing of all three Lodges (EA, FC & MM). Certification must be done by: a member of the Committee on Work, or by a District Instructor or by a person designated by either of those groups to conduct the certification.
2. Present a special Masonic education or information program of at least five minutes in length at each of at least six (6) stated meetings. (Example: Masonic Education Programs on the Grand Lodge website)

B. Choose at Least One Activity:

1. Have at least one officer complete the Wardens' Retreat program.
2. Provide officer attendance at no less than nine (9) Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association meetings. For example, one MWSA voting member can attend nine meetings or three voting members can attend three different meetings, et cetera.
3. Participate in the formation or reactivation of a Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association.
4. Have at least one Past Master attend the Fiat Lux Conference.

V. Fraternalism

A. Choose at Least Two Activities:

1. Have at least one member attend the Texas Masonic Family Convention.
2. Conduct a joint function between a Lodge and any Appendant body.
3. Conduct a social function for Lodge members.
4. Conduct a social function for Lodge members and families.



Grand Master's Calendar

(For an updated or annual calendar of events, visit the website at www.grandlodgeoftexas.org)

APRIL

5 Sat.	San Jacinto Lodge 150 th Anniversary	Willis
11 Fri.	Trustees' meeting	Waco
12 Sat.	Grand Master's Conference	Austin
12 Sat.	Grand Master's Conference	Waco
18 Fri.	Texas City Lodge PMs' Observance	Texas City
19 Sat.	Grand Master's Conference	Houston
19 Sat.	San Jacinto Observance	San Jacinto
26 Sat.	Cornerstone/Boyd Lodge 125 th Aniv.	Boyd
30 Wed.	Official Visit: 14 th Districts	Hella Shrine Center

MAY

3 Sat.	Grand Master's Conference	Ft. Worth
16 Fri.	Grand Master's Banquet	Port Arthur
17 Sat.	Grand Master's Conference	Port Arthur
17 Sat.	Bay City Lodge 100 th Anniversary	Bay City
18 Sun.	Masonic Oak Observance	Brazoria
24 Sat.	Scottish Rite Regional Conference	Dallas
24 Sat.	Colorado Lodge Sesquicentennial	Webberville
26 Mon.	Memorial Day Observance	Corsicana
31 Sat.	Home and School Board meeting	Ft. Worth

JUNE

1 Sun.	Home and School Graduation	Ft. Worth
5 Thu.	Texas Shrine Association	Houston
6 Fri.	Texas Shrine Association	Houston
7 Sat.	Texas Shrine Association	Houston
13 Fri.	DDGM Mid-Year Briefing	Dallas
14 Sat.	DDGM Mid-Year Briefing	Dallas
18 Wed.	DeMolay Int'l. Supreme Council Through	Buffalo, NY
22 Sun.	DeMolay Int'l. Supreme Council	Buffalo, NY
24 Tue.	Install Hill City Lodge	Austin
26 Thur.	Install Thomas B. Hunter Lodge	Grand Prairie
28 Sat.	Install Tyler Lodge	Tyler
28 Sat.	Install Flora Lodge	Quitman
30 Mon.	Install James A. Smith Lodge	Farmers Branch

JULY

2 Wed.	Install Southside Lodge	Ft. Worth
5 Sat.	Install Richardson Lodge	Richardson
5 Sat.	Install Garland Lodge	Garland
6 Sun.	Imperial Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S. Through	Minneapolis, MN
10 Thur.	Imperial Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S.	Minneapolis, MN
12 Sat.	Install Knox-Corinthian Lodge	Richardson
12 Sat.	Install Washington Lodge	Richardson
18 Fri.	Install Brazos Union Lodge	Bryan
19 Sat.	Install Sam R. Hamilton Lodge	Grand Prairie
26 Sat.	Install Liberty Hill Lodge	Hill City
28 Mon.	Install 64 th District MWSA	Hurst
30 Wed.	Install 14 th District MWSA	Garland

New Members of the Sam Houston Hall of Fame

David B. Dibrell
Richardson
In Memory Of
A. B. Benson

Richard Lee Vaughn
Liberty Hill

Willy F. Bohlmann, Jr.
Schulenburg

(Brother Bohlmann's name was inadvertently misspelled in the last issue and is being reprinted for correction.)

The above have generously contributed to perpetuate the Grand Lodge Library and Museum by purchasing memberships in the Sam Houston Hall of Fame. To join, contact the Grand Secretary's office. Patron memberships are also available.



Tranquility Lodge 2000 Continues to Serve

Originally chartered in 1999 "for the purpose of promoting, encouraging, conducting and fostering the principles of Freemasonry, and to assist in promoting the health, welfare, education and patriotism of children," Tranquility Lodge 2000 is living up to that charge and is continually looking for ways to assist others.

In keeping with the benevolent traditions of the Fraternity, the Lodge has recently made substantial donations to the following:

- Grand Lodge of New York for victims of the 9-11 tragedy
- Grand Lodge of the Czech Republic after severe flooding
- Masonic Home and School of Texas

Plans are currently being made to contribute to an educational fund for the minor children of the deceased astronauts of the Columbia shuttle disaster.

Upcoming meetings:

April 26, 2003 – Houston at Cade-Rothwell #1151
Meeting 11:00 AM, Table Lodge 12:30 PM

July 19, 2003 – Waco at a Location TBA
Lunch 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:30 PM

Oct. 18, 2003 – Lubbock at the Scottish Rite Temple
Meeting 11:00 AM, Table Lodge 12:30 PM

If you are interested in joining, visit their website at www.tranquilitylodge2000.org or contact Sec., Freddy Owen, P.O. Box 1383, Angleton, TX, 77516-1383 or fmowen@beamans.com.



MILITARY VETERANS, ATTENTION!



In order to collect and preserve Texas Masonic history, we would like to continue what our predecessors began when they compiled the book listing Texas Masons who took part in WWII.

A new book (or books) would be comprised of those Texas Masons who served in the Military either in peacetime or took part in the conflicts after WWII beginning in 1945, and including Korea, Vietnam, Granada, Desert Storm, etc. Another group served in WWII, but were not listed because they did not join the Fraternity until later. The idea is to honor both the men who were Masons at the time of their service and those who joined later - perhaps having two sections in the book.

Please forward the following information to the Grand Secretary's office. Your contact information will not be published, but is required in case some part of the submission needs to be clarified.

Name Address City, State, Zip, Phone No.
Date you became a Texas Mason, Lodge Name & No.
Branch & Dates of Service in Military
Any Peacekeeping Force or conflict in which you served.

Free Book Offer for Military Masons Serving Abroad

During World War II, **The Temple Publishers** donated to our servicemen overseas a great Masonic novel written by Carl H. Claudy, called "The Lion's Paw". This book was "Dedicated to all Master Masons in Service to our Country."

The Temple Publishers is now renewing that offer, and, in appreciation for their service to our country during these trying times, they will donate and mail a copy of the book to any Master Mason on Active Duty stationed beyond our borders. A member's name, Lodge and APO mailing address can be submitted to Joe Ohlandt, the owner of The Temple Publishers, at donate@thetemplebooks.com. They will also proudly include a letter of appreciation to each serviceman with the book.

You can find out more information about The Temple Publishers at <http://TheTempleBooks.com>.

Appendant Bodies News



Grand Commandery, K.T. of Texas

With the Templar year drawing to a close, Sir Knights of the **Grand Commandery, K.T., of Texas** are getting ready to convene in Midland, TX on **April 25-28, 2003** for the **150th Annual Conclave**.

The host hotel will be the Midland Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites. Registration begins Friday at noon and continues through 11:00 AM Monday. All competitions are scheduled to be held Saturday. The Field Drill competition begins at 6:00 AM, and the Ritualistic competition starts at 1:00 PM.

The Business session will open at 8:00 AM Monday followed by the necessary business and the election of officers. Installation of officers will be held at 3:30 PM.

For further information and registration forms, contact the Grand Recorder, Loyd Chance, at txgrandrecorder@aol.com or the website at www.texasyorkrite.org/grcommandery.htm.

Texas Shrine Association



The **69th Texas Shrine Association All State Session** will be held **June 6-8, 2003 in Houston** under the direction of Arabia Shrine Center.

Unit competitions begin Thursday, June 5 and continue through Saturday. The 13 Texas Shrine Centers will have the following competitions: Bands, Chanters, Director's Staff 2nd Section, Clowns, Golf, Legion of Honor, Oriental Bands, Marching Patrols, Drum Corps, Mounted Patrols, Motor Patrols, Provost Guard, and Skeet and Trap Shooting. For specific information, contact the **TSA Director General, Jerry Gantt, at 713-664-3437**.

The Texas Shrine Council was organized on March 15, 1920; however, in the fall of 1932 the Council ceased to function. In 1934 the Texas Shrine Association was organized under the name of the All State Shrine Ceremonial Association of Texas. The first All State Ceremonial was held in November, 1935, in Waco, Texas. In 1949 the name of the Association was changed to The Texas Shrine Association and has operated under this name since that time. The purpose of the Association is "to promote the general welfare and prosperity of Texas Temples or Shrinedom in Texas." The Association hosts an annual "Texas Breakfast" at the annual Imperial Shrine Session - one of the highlights of the convention.





Tom Powers, Worshipful Master "Rusty" Woomer, and Ralph O'Neal, all of Northwest Lodge No. 1434, present the "Blood Hound" to Hanna Rowland. She was 1000th blood donor in this, their 28th Gift of Life Blood Drive since 1997.



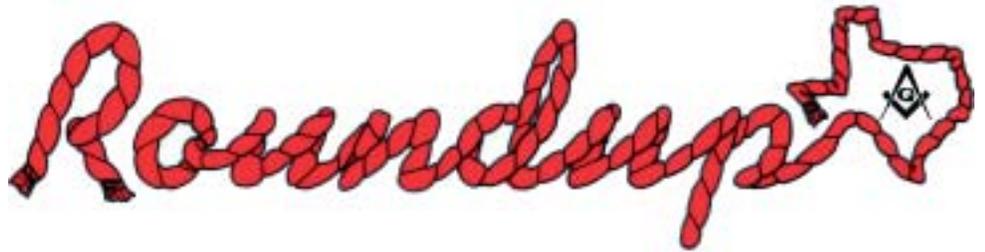
Tommy F. McDow, Worshipful Master of Robstown Lodge No. 1062, reads to second grade students at the Tuloso Elementary School. The Lodge has been involved with the Take Time To Read program for four years and works with schools in the Tuloso and Corpus Christi school districts.



Members of Rocky Mount Lodge No. 63 used the annual Overton Bluegrass Festival to publicize their Lodge and raise some funds. They also set up shop at the annual Henderson Syrup Festival.



"Red" Winsor, Joe Billy Stone, and Bud Hamilton, all of San Jacinto Lodge No. 106, present approx. \$300 in supplies to the Counselor at one of 7 Willis ISD schools that they are assisting.



Masonic Family Gives "Moore" Service

Three generations of the Moore's of Caledonia have now served as both Worshipful Master of Caledonia Lodge No. 68 and the District Deputy Grand Master for District 33.

Otto P. Moore, Sr. was WM in 1948 and DDGM in 1952. Otto P. Moore, Jr. was WM in 1951 and DDGM in 1966. R:W: Stephen A. Moore, was WM in 1992, 2001 and 2002 and is now the current 2003 DDGM.



Mike Dodgen, Worshipful Master of Lindale Lodge No. 848, reads to pre-K students at Lindale Primary School. Together with T.R. Bonner Lodge No. 764, both Lodges have been active in the Take Time To Read program for four years and purchased over 1000 books for the Lindale public schools.

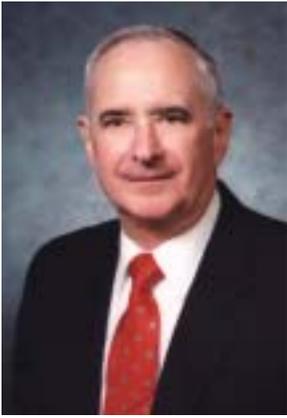


New MWSA Instituted

Charter officers of the new Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association of the 9th Masonic Districts were installed by the Grand Master on January 16, 2003.

Front Row (L-R): Mike Heidenrich-Sec./Trea.; W: Todd Polk-Grand Senior Warden; John Simmons-President; M:W: M. Boyd Patterson, Jr.-Grand Master; Jim Nyfeler-Vice President. Back Row: (All R:W: DDGM's) Michael Price-14E; Terry Wagnon-9B; Kevin Berry-9A; Stephen Rankin-14A; David Harris-14D.





Message from the Grand Secretary

To The Secretaries:

As time goes by, some things begin to fade into the past, and become more difficult to recall from memory. However, there are some events that are indelibly etched in our minds, and will never fade away. Certainly each one of us can conjure up many pleasant, or not

so pleasant events, which seem as vivid today as when first encountered. Regardless of the degree of acceptance or rejection of the event, one common action ensued. We immediately told someone of our experience.

Even as young lads, surely most of us were highly excited, and most eager to run home and show our mothers, much to her chagrin and distaste, a new found pet, such as a frog, worm, mouse or even a little snake. After mother's shrill shrieks subsided, we not only did not matter, but delighted in evoking a similar reaction from our sisters and neighborhood girls. Fortunately for all concerned, we did graduate to the point of showing off other niceties, such as a new bike, baseball glove, other real neat items of interest, or even a new car. We really showed a lot of pride though, when we brought our future bride home to meet mom and dad.

The whole point of this, is that our reactions have not changed all that much. When something nice happens, we want to share it with those we love and respect, and we even seek opportunities to do so. How many of you, after receiving your Masonic degrees, failed to tell someone close to you how you were really impressed with this Fraternity? I could hardly wait to go home and tell my wife what a wonderful experience I had felt, and the outstanding quality of my new acquaintances — and now "Brothers" in a world - wide Fraternity.

Freemasonry has survived, and sometimes thrived, because men of high moral character have felt a great urge, instilled in them from an early age, to tell other men of high moral character, about the remarkable attributes of this Fraternity which has the power to transform men of vast and varied backgrounds, into an indissoluble band of Brothers. Have you told a friend about Freemasonry lately? If not, don't hesitate. He may relish it as much, or more, than you.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely and fraternally,

James D Ward
Grand Secretary

Masonic Youth Organizations Take Over Senate Chambers



The Capital was alive with debates of a different nature the weekend of February 15-16, 2003, as 223 representatives from all three Masonic Youth Groups gathered in Austin for the 26th edition of Government Day. This annual event, originally only a DeMolay affair, has given all Masonic Youth an opportunity to experience first hand how the legislative branch of our government works to elect leaders and enact laws.

In preparation for the event, youth across the state researched "bills" that had been submitted by other youth. Upon arrival in Austin the leadership position of Speaker of the House was elected from the floor, after which they began the debates on each bill submitted. After weighing the merits of the positions of the many speakers, the representatives voted and bills were declared passed, or defeated. In addition to the scheduled debates, a Peace Rally occurring in front of the Capitol Building that Saturday afternoon caused a lively discussion among those attending .



2003 Warden's Retreats

Nacogdoches

August 1-3

Austin

August 15-17

Dallas

August 22-24

Midland

August 29-31

Houston

September 12-13

The deadline for submitting a reservation is 2 weeks before each retreat. Forms are available on the Grand Lodge website, the Grand Secretary's office and will be in the next issue of the Texas Mason Magazine.



Qty	Code	Item	Item Cost ea.	Total
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___	532MBP	Tie Chain (Button Hook type)	10.00	___
___	531MBP	Tie Chain (Expand. Clasp type)	20.00	___
___	520MBP	Bronze Coin	3.00	___
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___	525MBP	Silver Coin	28.00	___
___	526MBP	Large Belt Buckle	30.00	___
___	522MBP	Small Belt Buckle	28.00	___
___	523MBP	Logo Bolo Tie w/ Gold Cord	12.00	___
___	539MBP	Money Clip	12.00	___
___	536MBP	Cuff Links (per pair)	12.00	___
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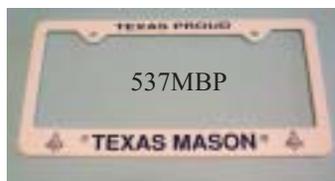
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Make checks payable to: **The Grand Lodge of Texas.** Visa or MasterCard orders must include the card number, the name exactly as it appears on card, and the expiration date. Please allow four weeks for delivery.



2003 Fiat Lux Conference Registration Form

Name: (Please Print): _____ Ladies Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Work Phone #: _____

Lodge Name and No.: _____

When I attend I will be a (check one) _____ Worshipful Master _____ Past Master

Registration fees - Mason: \$200 X _____ = \$ _____

Wife: \$ 88 X _____ = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

To Enroll, return this form with check payable to "FLC" to: Fiat Lux Conference, P.O. Box 2887, Cedar Hill, TX 75106-2887

Grand Lodge CANNOT accept registrations after October 20, 2003. You will receive your confirmation by regular mail, or by your E-mail address, prior to the conference. On Friday, November 14, 2003, the student registration sign-in table will be available in the Grand Lodge Building at 3:00 PM. The Conference will begin at 5:00 PM.

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