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Grand Master of Masons in Texas**



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Banquet Honoring Grand Master

March 6, 2004, 6:00 PM

Alzafar Shrine Center

901 North Loop 1604 West

San Antonio, TX

Men - Coat and Tie

Ladies - Sunday Dress

Reservations required

**Grand Master's Official Visit to the
39th Masonic Districts**

2:00 PM at Alzafar Shrine Center

**Grand Master will confer the Past Master
Degree at 4 PM at Alzafar Shrine Center**

Shrine/DeMolay Brunch

10:00 AM at Alzafar Shrine Center

Grand Master is the featured speaker

For more information, costs and reservations
concerning all of the above, please contact

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at 210-699-0517 or 210-573-3829.

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2004 Brings A Three Tiered Approach To Personal and Masonic Growth

Since 1973, Texas Grand Masters have held Regional Conferences with presentations related to Masonic education and leadership, and an opportunity to visit with the Grand Master. In 2004, these elements will be delivered through three separate programs.

Three Elements

Grand Master's Official Visits

Wardens' Retreat Program

Randall E. Briscoe
Masonic Education
Workshop Program

The opportunity to visit with the Grand Master will be accomplished through the revival of the **Grand Master's Official Visits** to Masonic Districts throughout the State. These Official Visits will allow the Grand Master to discuss the state of Texas Freemasonry and the business affairs of the Grand Lodge directly with the Brethren. For a list of Official Visits see the calendar on Page 10 or check the Grand Lodge website.

The leadership component will be provided through the **Wardens' Retreat Program**. This important program has been expanded to six weekend retreats in 2004. The Wardens' Retreat Program is developed for Senior and Junior Wardens, but is open to all interested Masons.

Finally, the Masonic education portion will be presented through the **Randall E. Briscoe Masonic Education Workshop Program**. This program, started in 1958 by then Grand Master Randall E. Briscoe, was discontinued in 1969. The program will be reinstated in 2004, and will be renamed in honor of Grand Master Briscoe.

The Workshop Program has three primary objectives:

(1) To provide a forum to discuss the allegories and symbolism of Freemasonry

(2) To stimulate the intellectual curiosity of the individual Freemason and encourage him to pursue a deeper understanding of the teachings of Freemasonry

(3) To assist Lodge officers develop an improved understanding of the Fraternity they serve as officers.

The State of Texas has been divided into 25 Areas, each incorporating several Masonic Districts, with multiple Workshops being held in each Area under the direction of an Area Workshop Chairman.

The workshop presentations will stimulate the individual to consider the moral and ethical teachings of the Fraternity and re-examine his relationship and obligation to God, his family, his community and his fellow Freemason. Each Mason must determine for himself the meaning and interpretation of the Fraternity's ritual, allegory and symbolism. That diversity of interpretation will be a strength of the Workshop program and everyone is encouraged to participate in the discussion.

Additionally, these Workshops will show Lodge officers how regular Masonic education programs can be a stimulating component of their Lodge meetings and provides the membership an opportunity to study Freemasonry. It also gets more than just the officers involved in a meeting, and keeps all brethren involved with their Lodge.

The Masonic Education and Service Committee, with the approval of the Grand Master, has developed the **Honor Roll** for Lodges that achieve outstanding Lodge Officer attendance at the Area Workshops. An appropriate Award will also be presented to the Lodge at an Area Workshop held in the next succeeding Workshop period.

The rules for qualifying for the Honor Roll and Awards are as follows:

(1) The regularly installed **Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Secretary** of the Lodge must actually be present in person for the full presentation of the Masonic Education Workshop material and be correctly registered at a regularly scheduled Workshop held in the Workshop Area in which the Lodge is located; AND

(2) **IN ADDITION**, there must be present in person for the full presentation of the Workshop material and be correctly registered at a regularly scheduled Workshop held in the Workshop Area in which the Lodge is located **at least five of the of the following regularly installed Officers** of the Lodge: Treasurer, Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Marshal, Master of Ceremonies, Musician and Tiler.

(3) The Honor Roll Award will be based on the total number of officers attending during each Workshop period, subject to the requirements of 1 and 2 above.

Gold Award	11 or more officers
Silver Award	10 officers
Bronze Award	9 officers

Further information is available from your Area Workshop Chairman.

Also, all attendees will receive a Grand Master's coin at both the Spring and Fall Workshops.

Randall E. Briscoe Masonic Education Workshop Periods

Spring 2004
March 29 to May 14

Fall 2004
August 30 to October 15





*Deputy Grand Master
Elmer Murphey, III*

2004 Grand Lodge Officers



*Grand Senior Warden
Brian R. Dodson*

Grand Junior Warden Donny W. Broughton

Our new Grand Junior Warden, Donald Wayne "Donny" Broughton, was raised a Master Mason in Caddo Lodge No. 581 in Caddo Mills, TX in 1990. He was instrumental in the planning and construction of a new Lodge building and served the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1994-95. An Endowed member, he received the Golden Trowel Award in 1998. He is also a member of Henry Thomas No. 278 and Tranquility No. 2000, where he was the charter Tiler.

Brother Broughton has served the Grand Lodge and District 8 through his appointments as District Education Officer in 1996 and District Deputy Grand Master in 1997. He also served as Grand Tiler in 1998 and Grand Orator in 2003.

He served on the Grand Lodge Credentials No. 2 Committee in 1995 and the Committee on Masonic Education and Service from 1999-2003. He was a planning team member for PGM's Harry Cunningham, Michael Nanny and Boyd Patterson. This member of the Sam Houston Hall of Fame is currently the Grand Representative to Delaware.



Brother Broughton also works in the York Rite where he is a Past High Priest of Greenville Chapter No. 114 and was District Deputy Grand High Priest, 2001 – 2003. He is also a member of the Commandery, Knight Masons, York Rite College and the Allied Masonic Degrees.

A very active member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Brother Broughton is a Past Patron and the current Worthy Patron of

Caddo Mills Chapter No. 82. He was also the Grand Representative of Australia in Texas 2000-2002 and served on several Special Committees of Past Grand Matrons.

Brother Broughton is a member of the Dallas Valley of the Scottish Rite where he is the 16th Degree Master. He is also a member of Hella Shrine and Alla Grotto.

Originally from Louisiana, Brother Broughton graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1974. He held many positions for L.L. Brewton Lumber Co., Inc. and is now the owner of Donald Broughton Enterprises Inc.

A devoted church member, he was a Sunday School teacher at the First Baptist Church of Winnfield, LA. After moving to Texas he was a Sunday School teacher, Elder and the Interim Choir Director at the Faith Bible Church of Caddo Mills. He currently attends the First Baptist Church of Rockwall.

Brother Broughton and his wife Susie were married in 1973 and have two sons, Kris and Karly. They also have one grandson, Brooks.

Grand Treasurer Archie W. Scott



Archie William Scott was raised in Central Texas and graduated from High School in Schulenburg. This lifelong Methodist and Eagle Scout studied Electrical Engineering while attending Texas Lutheran College, Georgia Tech University and the University of Texas at Austin.

Brother Scott served 10 years in the Marines, which included 3 Pacific landings during WWII. He also served in Korea and is a Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient.

Brother Scott was raised a Master Mason in Hill City Lodge #456 in 1953. This tireless Masonic worker is a staunch supporter of many small Lodges in Central Texas, having been the Worshipful Master of 11 different Lodges. As if that wasn't enough, he is also the current Worshipful Master of Lexington #138 which recently celebrated their 150th Anniversary.

He also found time to serve the Grand Lodge as a DDGM in 1994 and was a member of the Masonic Graduates' Advisory Committee. He received the prestigious Sam Houston Medal in 2000 and served as the Grand Junior Steward in 2003.

Brother Scott is also an active member of Chapter, Council and Commandery, as well as the Knight Masons, Shrine and the National Sojourners. He is a 33^o Scottish Rite Mason of the Austin Valley.

Brother Scott and his wife Edith currently live in Austin and have 4 children and 10 grandchildren.

Grand Secretary Tommy D. Guest



Tom Guest was born at Pioneer, Texas, and later moved with his family to Ector County and graduated from Odessa High School. He and his wife Sandra have one son and are members of the First United Methodist Church in Stephenville.

Upon graduation from Texas Tech University with a B.S. in mathematics, Brother Guest served for 30 years in the USAF before settling in Stephenville. He also received degrees from Texas A&M and Tarleton State Universities.

Brother Guest began his Masonic career in the Order of DeMolay in 1952. He was raised a Master Mason in Stephenville Lodge #267 in 1992 serving as Worshipful Master in 1996-97. He was Worshipful Master of Chalk Mountain #894 in 1998-99. He is also the current the Senior Warden of Tranquility #2000 and a member of Scyene #295 and the Texas Lodge of Research.

Brother Guest has served the Grand Lodge as DMRO, DDGM, Grand Master's Regional Coordinator in 2002 & 2003 and Grand Tiler in 2003. He was Chairman of the Mediation Committee #1 and a member of the Texas History Committee. He is the 2004 Randall E. Briscoe Workshop Area K Chairman.

Active in the Scottish Rite, this 33^o Mason served as the Fort Worth Valley General Secretary and the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children Board of Directors. He is also active in the York Rite and is a member of the Shrine and the National Sojourners.

Appointed Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Chaplain
Grand Orator
Grand Marshal
Grand Senior Deacon
Grand Junior Deacon
Grand Senior Steward
Grand Junior Steward
Grand Pursuivant
Grand Organist
Grand Photographer
Grand Tiler

Clyde Majors
Russell Clay Brown
Gerald F. Nowotny
Tom B. Johnson
Robert Edwin Melear
William Lundy Wyatt, Jr.
Charles R. Griggers
Edward Earl Chapman
Michie M. Brous
James A. Rodriguez
Lawrence E. Tucker





*168th Grand
Communion
and 2003*



*Sam Houston Medal
Award
Robert J. Glasgow*



*William M. Beck Award
J. Weldon Clampitte*



*W.B. and Brandon Carrell
Humanitarian Award
Monsignor Mark Deering*





*2nd Annual
Communication
Installation*



Grand Lodge Legislative Update

Following is a recap of the voting on the Resolutions proposed for consideration at the 2003 Grand Annual Communication.

Not considered: No. 2

Withdrawn: 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 29, 39

Tabled: 21, 22, 25, 37, 38

Failed: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 31, 32, 33

Holdover Resolution No. 6, 2002: Adds Art. 14e authorizing local Lodges to nominate Texas Masons to receive the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Award for their service to the Boy Scouts of America.

No. 1: Amended Art. 338a by further defining authorized sources of Lodge information for historical and genealogical purposes.

No. 3: Changed the name of the Committee on Public Relations to the Committee on Communication.

No. 4: Directed the Take Time to Read Committee to make recommendations at the 2006 Grand Lodge session as to the feasibility of either adopting the TTTR Program as an official Grand Lodge Program or such other options at the discretion of the 2006 TTTR Committee.

No. 10: Revised the questions asked a Petitioner on Form No. 28, Investigation Report.

No. 11: Amended Art. 412 to eliminate duplication in Grand Lodge Law by removing information that is also contained on Form No 28.

No. 13: Amended Art. 335 to allow Lodges to hold legal charitable raffles conducted in compliance with the laws of the State of Texas.

No. 14: Added Article 20c requiring the appointment of a Trustee Audit Committee to bring the Grand Lodge of Texas in compliance with applicable laws regarding nonprofit organizations.

No. 15: Amended Article No. 45 to accurately delineate the duties of the Grand Treasurer.

No. 16: Final approved wording:

Therefore be it resolved that the Home and School cease operation and be closed as soon as possible.

Be it further resolved the Trustees of the Grand Lodge, in cooperation with the Directors of the Masonic Home and School, be directed to initiate all necessary actions to comply with this directive in a Masonic manner to accomplish an orderly, efficient and legal closing of the Home and School and report their actions at the 2004 Annual Grand Communication.

No. 26: Amended Art. 625 by requiring life expulsion for any Mason found guilty of, or who enters a plea of guilty, or of no contest, to a charge of pedophilia or related charges.

No. 27: Amended Art 20b to require that the annual audit of the Grand Lodge of Texas be conducted by an independent auditor not associated with an individual or firm that provides accounting services to the Grand Lodge or with any member of the Finance Committee.

No. 30: Amends Art. 3, 4 and 5 related to the election and certification of Lodge proxies to the Grand Annual Communication.

No. 34: Add new paragraph 13 to Art. 163 to increase the per capita dues by \$1.00, and the funds being remitted to the Masonic Youth Foundation. Current paragraph 13 is also renumbered paragraph 14.

No. 35: Amends Art. 46 to increase the bonding requirement for the Grand

Q&A Texas Masonic History

What was Brother Sam Houston's profession, other than his obvious service in the Military and as a Politician?

Sam Houston was well known for being many things. But if you could ask Brother Sam this question today, he would probably respond without hesitation, and with great pride, that he was a School Teacher.

Submitted by:

David J. Harris, PM

James Ladd Burgess #1305

Secretary to a minimum \$50,000 and adds new Art. 46a requiring that the Grand Secretary's salary be listed as a budget item.

No. 36: Amended Art. 121 requiring that each member of Grand Lodge and each Lodge representative be provided a printed copy of the proposed budget of the Grand Lodge before it is presented to the Grand Lodge for discussion and final approval.

The Grand Lodge also approved that the **Golden Trowel Award** be limited to one per year and that the time frame for that year shall be the Masonic year.

Other Elections:

Committee On Work:

Timothy Kent Anthony

*Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge
Library and Museum:*

M. Boyd Patterson, Jr.

*Board of Directors of the Masonic Home
and School:*

Joseph W. Regian

"Freemasonry is anxious to give of her secrets to worthy men fit to receive them, but not all are worthy, and not all the worthy seek.

He who seeks Freemasonry out of curiosity for her secrets must be bitterly disappointed."

Brother Carl Claudy

Did you know ...?

... that the two Pillars in front of the Main Doorway of the Grand Lodge Temple building in Waco are designed as stone replicas of the Pillars of the Porch of King Solomon's Temple?

Each one has a circumference of 20.612 feet, a diameter of 6.561 feet, and an overall height of 39.506 feet. The monolithic Chapters and Globes are 8.583 feet in height.

(source: "Temple of the Grand Lodge of Texas")

Send your interesting Masonic facts to: Editor, The Texas Mason Magazine, P.O. Box 446, Waco, TX 76703 or you can email them to editor@gltxas.org.

Texas Masonic Family Convention

May 21-22, 2004

For the first time ever, all members of the Texas Masonic Family are invited to gather for a **Texas Masonic Family Convention**. This event will be a great opportunity to learn more about our Masonic Family in a setting that will be educational, inspirational and fun.

The convention has been designed with 4 educational sessions surrounded by many fun events. The sessions offered can be found on the Registration Form on the back page of this magazine.

Arlington, Texas has been selected as the host city. The convention will be held at the **Arlington Convention Center**, 1200 Ballpark Way, near The Ballpark in Arlington, home of the Texas Rangers Baseball Team.

The headquarters hotel will be the **Hilton Arlington**, 2401 East Lamar Blvd. To obtain the special group rate when making reservations, be sure to reference the Masonic Grand Lodge. Other nearby hotels will be used for overflow.

The cost of registration for the Convention is \$80 individual, \$150 couple and \$15 per child, and includes both the lunch and Banquet on Saturday, as well as admission to all sessions.

The dress for all events is business casual (no shorts) with the exception of the Banquet which is coat and tie for men and Sunday dress for ladies. This is not a black tie event.

Optional Fun Events:

First Texas Masonic Sporting Clay Shooting Championship

Join the Grand Master at the Sporting Clay Shooting that will be offered on Friday at the **Elm Fork Shooting Park**, 10751 Luna Rd., in Dallas starting at 1:00 PM. 100 targets are \$32 and you furnish the shells. Limited gun rentals are available and shells are also available for purchase.

First Texas Masonic Golf Championship

Golf will be at the **Tierra Verde Golf Club**, 7005 Golf Club Drive in Arlington. The fee of \$60 includes green fees, range balls and cart. Participation is limited to 96 players, so if you are interested in playing golf, please indicate so on your Registration Form.

Sessions Offered

The following breakout sessions are being offered. Please indicate your interest in four (4) sessions on the Registration Form. Unfortunately, interest does not guarantee admission to the session.

Two sessions will be held on Saturday morning and two sessions will be held on Saturday afternoon.

The sessions have been carefully developed to cover a wide range of topic areas, both within and outside of the Fraternity:

- Fraternal Development
- Public Relations
- History and Heritage
- Leadership
- Program planning
- Life Enhancement

Discount tickets for the **Texas Rangers Baseball Team** and **Six Flags Over Texas** will be available based on interest. Mark your interest on the registration form.

A special **Children's Program** has been designed to help entertain and educate children. While the program is focused to specific age groups, the program can include: clowns and the application of clown-face makeup, face painting, balloon

art, story telling and a games competition. In addition, a special "Banquet" for the children is planned during the adult Banquet.

Every Mason and his family should be sure to make plans to attend the inaugural edition of this fun event. Additional information can be attained from your District Deputy Grand Master or the Grand Lodge website. A registration form is also included on the back page of this magazine.

TMFC Schedule of Events

Friday, May 21, 2004

9:00 AM Golf (optional event)
1:00 PM Sporting Clay Shooting (optional event)
3:00 PM Registration begins at the Convention Center
7:00 PM Reception (cash bar)
8:00 PM Opening of the Texas Masonic Family Convention
8:30 PM Meet the Candidates Forum (all Grand Bodies candidates)

Saturday, May 22, 2004

7:00 AM Registration continues at the Convention Center
9:00 AM Sessions begin at the Convention Center
Noon Lunch at Convention Center
1:30 PM Sessions continue at the Convention Center
7:00 PM Banquet at the Convention Center



Grand Master's Calendar

(For an updated or annual calendar of events, visit the website)

FEBRUARY

21	Sat	GM's Off. Visit Lake Jackson #1317	Lake Jackson
22	Sun	Grand Lodge Board of Trustees meeting	Waco
23	Mon	GM's Off. Visit - 107 th District	Liberty
28	Sat	Waco York Rite Festival	Waco
28	Sat	St. Anthony Conclave RCC	San Antonio
29	Sun	Counterparts meeting	Waco

MARCH

5	Fri	39 th Dist. Lamar Medal Presentations	San Antonio
6	Sat	Shrine/DeMolay Brunch	San Antonio
6	Sat	GM's Official Visit - 39 th Districts	San Antonio
6	Sat	Banquet for Grand Master	San Antonio
6	Sat	Texas College M.S.R.I.C.F. meeting	San Antonio
7	Sun	Texas College M.S.R.I.C.F. meeting	San Antonio
12	Fri	Masonic Home & School Board Mtg	Ft. Worth
13	Sat	York Rite Festival Honoring GM	San Antonio
15	Mon	GM's Official Visit - 41 st District	Laredo
17	Wed	Kt Masons Council #45 Donnybrook	San Antonio
19	Fri	26 th District Banquet for Grand Master	Silsbee
20	Sat	GM's Official Visit - 26 th District	Beaumont
20	Sat	Newton #136 - 150 th Anniversary	Burkeville
23	Tue	DeMolay Legion of Honor Banquet	San Antonio
24	Wed	GM's Official Visit - 64 th Districts	Fort Worth
26	Fri	Scottish Rite Leadership Conference	Phoenix
27	Sat	Scottish Rite Leadership Conference	Phoenix
30	Tue	GM's Off. Visit - 98 th thru 103 rd Districts	Amarillo

APRIL

2	Fri	Masonic Grand Lodge Board of Trustees	Waco
2	Fri	Texas Grand York Rite Bodies Banquet	Waco
3	Sat	Bethel #134 - 150 th Anniversary	Ladonia
5	Mon	GM's Official Visit - 38 th District	Kenedy
10	Sat	Mt. Horeb #137 - 150 th Anniversary	Mahomet
17	Sat	Grand Commandery Annual Conclave	Tyler
18	Sun	Grand Commandery Annual Conclave	Tyler
18	Sun	Texas Priory No. 23 KYCH Conclave	Tyler
18	Sun	Texas Chapter Kts Preceptor Annual Mtg	Tyler
19	Mon	Grand Commandery Annual Conclave	Tyler
24	Sat	Jim's Bayou #491- 125 th Anniversary	Kildare
26	Mon	GM's Official Visit - 29 th District	Bryan
28	Wed	GM's Official Visit - 14 th Districts	Dallas

MAY

2	Fri	Masonic Grand Lodge Board of Trustees	Waco
2	Fri	Texas Grand York Rite Bodies Banquet	Waco
2	Sun	Grand Lodge of New York	New York City
3	Mon	Grand Lodge of New York	New York City
4	Tue	Grand Lodge of New York	New York City
5	Wed	World Conference of Grand Lodges through	Chile
10	Mon	World Conference of Grand Lodges	Chile
14	Fri	Deputy GM Visit - 40 th Districts	La Feria
16	Sun	55 th Masonic Oak Observance - Deputy GM	Brazoria
18	Tue	Grand Council Ladies Oriental Shrine	San Antonio
19	Wed	Grand Council Ladies Oriental Shrine	San Antonio
20	Thu	Grand Council Ladies Oriental Shrine	San Antonio
21	Fri	Texas Masonic Family Convention	Arlington
22	Sat	Texas Masonic Family Convention	Arlington

New Members of the Sam Houston Hall of Fame

Charles E. Cummings, Jr.
Dallas Lodge No. 760

Charles F. Alford
Pine Lodge No. 642

Emery L. McCullough
Baytown Lodge No. 1357

The above have generously contributed to perpetuate the Grand Lodge Library and Museum. To join, contact the Grand Secretary's office.

Sound Off

Last Issue's Question:

"What steps do you think should be taken to return Freemasonry back into more of a fraternity?"

- Develop individual leadership, public speaking and organizational skills through Lodge participation.
- Exchange ideas with international Lodges.
- Encourage Family Nights and more Lodge participation with interesting speakers.

A dedicated Brother

- Increase Masonic pride by having the Masonic emblem on license plates.

Helotes Lodge #1429

- Get back to being a men's fraternity with "men only" meetings. Welcome the women on special occasions.
- Have smaller Lodges and really get to know each other.
- Degrees are conferred too often. Take more time with each Candidate to truly teach Masonry.
- Increase fees and dues. Masonry is sold too cheap.
- Have a more formal atmosphere at meetings. While we still acknowledge that it is the "internal, and not the external", appearance does matter.
- Have more educational/social events for camaraderie.

Arlington Lodge #438

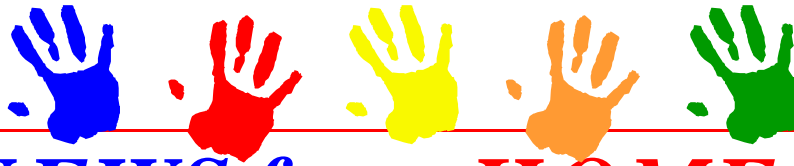
- Don't "charge" visitors for open dinners.

Azle #601

This Issue's Question:

"If you are NOT active in your Lodge, why not, and what could be done or changed to interest you in becoming active?"

Forward your comments with your Name and Lodge number to: Editor, The Texas Mason Magazine, P.O. Box 446, Waco, TX 76703, or email them to editor@gtexas.org.



NEWS from HOME

Dear Brethren,

Article X, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas states that the Grand Lodge of Texas has “from its organization in 1837 to the present time, undertaken to provide for the maintenance of the widows and for the education and maintenance of the orphaned children of deceased members of the Fraternity.” Additionally, Article X, Section 1, provides that the Grand Lodge of Texas “does hereby pledge anew its sacred honor to the accomplishment of this noble design, and will devote to its full and continued realization the financial resources at its command and all that may be achieved by the earnest thought, generous hearts and willing hands of our great Fraternity.”

Article X, Section 1, has not been repealed.

The members of the Grand Lodge of Texas at the December 2003 Grand Annual Communication expressed their intent to close the Masonic Home and School, which is provided for in Article X, Section 2, of the Constitution wherein it is stated that the Masonic Home and School “is recognized as a means of the attainment of the commendable purposes above set forth” in Article X, Section 1.

The widows were removed from the Masonic Home and School in approximately 1912. We take care of our widows by outsourcing them in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, formerly the Home for Aged Masons, operated by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

We are still obligated to take care of both the widows and the orphans. We will be outsourcing our children to be taken care of by others at other facilities, but we are still obligated to take care of our children. Just because the Home and School is going away does not relieve us from our financial, moral and Masonic responsibility to our widows and children. We must continue to financially support our widows and children. If your Lodge has not made its usual financial gifts to the Home and School, please reconsider and make those gifts, since these gifts support both the widows at the Retirement Center and the children wherever they may be.

Unless and until we repeal Article X, Section 1, of the Constitution and a part of our Master Mason’s obligation, we are obliged always to contribute to the relief of the poor and penniless Master Masons, their widows and orphans. Please let your heart be expanded by benevolence in continuing your support of our widows and orphans.

Very truly yours,

Reese L. Harrison, Jr.
Grand Master of Masons in Texas

MHS Seniors Share Holiday Blessings

Students at Masonic Home and School of Texas understand well the importance of generosity and charity. This Christmas, MHS seniors brought their own holiday cheer to a local needy family.



Annually, cottages sponsor needy families in the Metroplex by providing food and presents to ensure a brighter Christmas holiday. This year, the 2004 senior class wanted to do something special to help out their sponsor family — Cynthia, a single mother suffering from multiple sclerosis (MS), and her 7-year-old son Brandon. Learning of this family’s specific needs through their youth director at Travis Avenue Baptist Church, the 13 seniors donated money from their student accounts to make certain “Santa” did not pass by Cynthia and Brandon this year. The students purchased Cynthia a bathrobe and perfume, while Brandon received new blue jeans, a raincoat and tennis shoes. They were also able to provide Christmas dinner for the family of two, complete with turkey, stuffing and dessert.

The seniors visited with Cynthia and Brandon, making a real connection with both the mother and son. They hope to continue contact with them, responding to their needs as they arise. Transitional Living Coordinator Peggy Davis accompanied the students on the visit and reflected that “the students felt an overwhelming sense of pride and fulfillment because they were able to share with others the generosity that is extended to them while at Masonic Home and School.”



Poetry Pals Aids Take Time to Read With Book Donations

Through a very generous donation by **Poetry Pals**, the **Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children** and the **Take Time To Read Program** made available 50,000 new books to Texas Lodges for distribution to preschool and kindergarten age children. Over 50 Texas Lodges took advantage of the giveaway on Saturday, January 17, 2004. The books are great for preschool classrooms, child care facilities, and libraries.



Poetry Pals is a series of 14 sturdy board books designed especially for children ages 1-6. Through simple, but engaging stories written in rhyme, children learn about nature and life experiences.

Steve Parks, the author and creator of Poetry Pals, wrote each of the poem stories for his children when they were young. As his children got older, they made him promise to put the stories in books so that they would be able to read them when they had children of their own. Many years later Steve's son and daughter-in-law informed him that he would soon become a grandfather and encouraged him to get busy on the books! Each of the books is lovingly dedicated to his grandson Michael.



The Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and the Grand Lodge of Texas are grateful to Steve and his wife, **Connie**, for their generous gift.

For more information contact **Susan Dyess** or **Denise Patterson** at 214-559-7800.



Tragic Fire Claims Temple in Maine



The beautiful **Masonic Temple of Bangor, Maine** was destroyed by fire on January 15, 2004. Fortunately, it was empty at the time and no one was injured.

This historic Masonic Temple was home to two Blue Lodges, the Scottish Rite Valley of Bangor, numerous York Rite Bodies, the first Scottish Rite Learning Center in Maine for Dyslexic Children; and numerous street level businesses. Artifacts dating back as far as Paul Revere were lost in the fire.

Contributions for the relief and reconstruction of this wonderful facility can be sent to: Grand Lodge of Maine, P. O. Box 15058, Portland, ME 04112-5058

Grand Lodge Seat Program

Have you ever reflected upon the wonderful Masonic Temples and Cathedrals that Masons in years past have left for our use? Have you ever wanted to leave behind something for your sons, grandsons, and future generations? You can do just that, and help preserve the magnificent Grand Lodge of Texas Memorial Temple at the same time, through the **Grand Lodge Seat Program**.

You can "purchase" a seat in the Grand Lodge Auditorium and have your name, or someone you choose to honor, inscribed under the front of any of the seats. That is, unless someone else has already chosen that seat. Once a seat is purchased, it's location is colored on the master chart and it will no longer be available.

The cost of the program is **only \$100 per seat!** This is also a perfect way to honor friends, wives, brother Masons, and especially fathers, sons, and grandfathers. The members of many Lodges have chosen to purchase seats as a group in the area that



they normally sit during Grand Lodge. There are even quite a few out of state Masons that have purchased seats.

While the program allows your name be placed on a seat, remember that it is a fund raising program for the benefit of the Memorial Temple. It is not intended that you should expect to be the only one to sit in that seat when Grand Lodge is in session.

The program is administered through the **Grand Secretary's office**. Secure your seat today before they are all taken.

Roundup



On Dec. 13, 2003, **R.C. Buckner #1176** held its annual Christmas Party for patients of the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. More than 220 attended, including 23 patients and families. Clowns, magicians and The Momentum Dance Company entertained the kids followed by Saint Nick himself with goodies for every child attending.



July 24, 2003 was Valois Pagan Day in Carrollton, TX to honor Brother **Valois Pagan**, a member of **Carrollton #1400** after his return from duty in Iraq. Brother Pagan, a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, is shown above inside his Amphibious Assault Vehicle. (note the Texas flag and Square and Compasses)



Flora #119 raised \$8057 at its 13th annual Community Fish Fry benefiting the Quitman Area Christmas Sharing Program. \$77,701 has been donated by the Lodge since 1990. This is Masonry in action. **WM Rick Nichols** presents a check to **Jane and James Colburn**.



Bellaire #1336 presented **Miss Alisha Roberts**, Honored Queen, of Job's Daughters Bethel #2, the Lamar Medal Award and scholarship. Pictured with her are **R:W: Brian R. Dodson, W.M. J. Brannon Jones, H. Bart Henderson and Dwight W. Philips**.

103 year old Masons Celebrate



Brother **Steven Mafrige**, 103 years old, received his 80 yr service pin Sep. 22, 2003. Presenting it are the **WM of Cuero #409, M.E. Goldman, Lester Emerson, and R:W: Brian Dodson**. Bro. Mafrige, joined Cuero Lodge in 1922. He has 3 sons, all members of Holland #1. (Bro. Mafrige passed away 1 mo. after the event.)



103 year old Brother **Joe Carroll Hester** was born on September 19th, 1900 in Iowa Park, TX. He petitioned **Iowa Park #713** on September 23, 1924 and received his MM degree on Jan. 10, 1925. From L-R: **WM Robert Castor, Malcolm Turner, Bro. Hester; Herman Daymude, R:W: James Whitaker, DDGM, Joe Ward**.

Attention Masonic Shutterbugs!

Announcing the first "**Best Masonic Photograph**" competition! Submit your best photos to be considered and voted upon by the Masons of Texas as being the best Masonic photograph of the year.

Pictures will be posted on the Grand Lodge website and visitors will vote for the best picture. The recipient and the winning picture will be published in the Fall issue of *The Texas Mason*.

Email them to:
photographs@grandlodgeoftexas.org

or Mail them to:
Grand Photographer
P.O. Box 2239
San Antonio, TX 78298-2239

Another Picture Request

If you have taken, or will take, pictures of the Grand Master during his Official Visits to the various Masonic Districts, please send them to the Grand Photographer for posting on the Grand Lodge website. They will be used to create a constantly updated scrapbook of the 2004 Grand Lodge year.



Grand Master Harrison addresses the crowd at the rededication ceremony held inside the Alamo.



Fidelis #1127 Participated in the TOYS for TOTS program. Shown are **WM Samuel Watkins** and **SW Sonny Juarez** with some of the gifts collected during the annual Christmas party.





Message from the Grand Secretary

Reflections for Revitalization and Renewal

Each winter every Mason in Texas has the opportunity to progress through the season of revitalization and renewal. We plant seeds at our annual Grand Lodge Communication, contemplate them over the Holidays, and then watch them blossom and produce good Masonic work during the forthcoming year.

The synergistic opportunities that occurred during the 2003 session marks a unique opportunity for leading the Grand Lodge of Texas more effectively. We changed three of the six Trustees. Just as the four line officers are working together to enhance the future of the Grand Lodge, the Masons of Texas must also work together positively to make a difference.

Now is the time to renew our Masonic obligations, particularly those concerning Charity and Brotherly Love. One of Charles Dickens' lines used in the movie, Seabiscuit, holds deep meaning for Texas Masons this year,

"We never know how high we are 'til we are called to rise.
And then, if we are true to plan, our statures touch the skies.
The heroism we recite would be a daily thing,
Did not ourselves the cubits warp for fear to be a king."

Stick together; work together! Live up to your obligations!!

As Grand Secretary I welcome the opportunity to contribute to Texas Masonry. My vision for the Grand Secretary's office is for it to become the premier Masonic Secretarial facility in Texas – known for exemplary customer care, thoughtful staff consideration, and the desire to perform accurate, timely administrative functions. Working closely with our new Grand Treasurer, and with the assistance of our lodges, I expect to make strong progress in fulfilling this vision during the ensuing year. Paraphrasing an old Masonic slogan, "If the "best" is going to be, it's up to you and me."

We have a window of opportunity to make a difference, but we may have to be willing to change. Remember our obligations and help make a difference.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely and fraternally,

Tom Guest
Grand Secretary

Appendant Bodies News



2004 York Rite Grand Officers

The **Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas** held its 154th Annual Convocation on December 7-9, 2003 together with the **Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas**, which held its 97th Annual Assembly.

The 2004 Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter is **M:E: Donald L. Smith, Sr.** of Lubbock. Advancing were **R:E: J. Weldon Clampitte**, Dep.Gr. High Priest, and **R:E: John C. Elkinton**, Grand King. Newly elected as Grand Scribe was **R:E: James Roy Elliott**.

The 2004 Grand Master of the Grand Council is **M:I: Robert P. Walker** of Port Arthur. Due to the untimely death of **Billy Wayne Melton**, two line positions were open for election. The new Deputy Grand Master is **R:I: William E. "Bill" Schroeter** and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work is **R:I: G. Clay Smith**. Also elected as Grand Treasurer of both the Grand Chapter and Grand Council was **R:E: and R:I: Larry G. Canada**.

In a show of unity, the presiding officers have selected a joint pin for 2004, which is shown above.

International Order of Job's Daughters



Miss **Jennifer Crocker** of Dallas was elected Miss Texas Job's Daughters for 2003-2004 on November 22, 2003 at the Annual Texas Jurisdictional Rally of The International Order of Job's Daughters.



It was special day for Jenne since she had overcome a severe head injury a year earlier that left her unable to walk or read. Although she had to withdraw from school, she battled back and completed the SAT Exam, the GED Exam, and is now enrolled at Tarrant Community College on her way to a career in photography.

Jenne currently serves as Honored Queen of Dallas/Carrollton Bethel # 3, is a member of Roy Stanley Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Qty	Code	Item	Item Cost ea.	Total
___	521RLH	Lapel Pin Member	5.00	___
___	521RLHPM	Lapel Pin Past Master	5.00	___
___	521DDGM	Lapel Pin DDGM – Past / Present	5.00	___
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___	521RLHCPM	2/sided Charm-Past Master	5.00	___
___	521DDGMC	2/sided Charm-DDGM-Past/Present	5.00	___
___	532RLH	Tie Chain w/2 Sided Charm-Member	10.00	___
___	532RLHPM*	Tie Chain w/2 Sided Charm-Past Master *	10.00	___
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___	523RLH	Bolo Tie Member	15.00	___
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___	536RLHR	Cap (Khaki/Royal) Member	10.00	___
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___	533RLHW	Shirt, White-Member (M-L-XL-XXL-XXXL)	25.00	___
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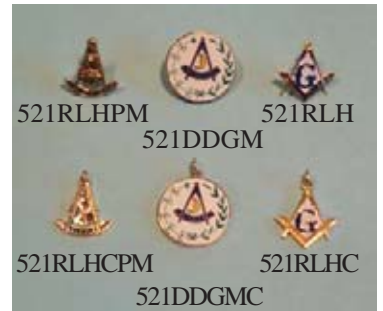
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2004 Grand Lodge Jewelry



TEXAS MASONIC FAMILY CONVENTION

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly

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Child	Age
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REGISTRATION FEE RECAP

_____ Individual Registration Fee @ \$80.00 = \$ _____
 _____ Couple Registration Fee @ \$150.00 = \$ _____
 _____ Child Registration Fee @ \$15.00 = \$ _____
 TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to: Texas Masonic Family Convention

Mail registration form (entire page) and fee to:

Texas Masonic Family Convention
 c/o Mr. Don Moore
 2317 Northview Dr.
 Mesquite, TX 75150
 972-279-4443
 noderoom@swbell.net

DEADLINE: MAY 7, 2004

SESSION & ACTIVITY REQUEST SECTION

Please indicate your interest in four (4) sessions
(selection does not guarantee availability of session):

- Where Have all the Members Gone? – Membership Retention
- We're All In This Together – Inter-fraternal Relations
- Officers Forum - Secretary
- Officers Forum - Treasurer
- Officers Forum – Deacons
- Officers Forum – Stewards
- News at 10! – A Guide to Public Relations
- Good Works – Community Service and Masonic Philanthropies
- We're A Masonic Family – What Does All This Mean?
- Signs, Symbols and Emblems, Oh My! – Symbolism in Masonry
- Masonic Myths & Misinformation – The Truth Revealed
- Famous Masons – Past and Present
- We're Not Getting any Younger – Attracting Younger Members
- Fraternal Leadership
- Don't Get Tongue Tied – A Public Speaking Guide
- What Do I Do Now – Keys to Successful Introductions and Presiding
- Grand Lodge Officers Question And Answer Session
- Program Planning – How to Plan Meetings and Activities That Work
- Show me the Money! – Fund Raising That Works
- Masonic Speakers Bureau
- Table Lodge of Instruction
- In Search of Excellence – Best Practices
- Freemasonry and Religion – Are They Compatible?
- Interior Design 101
- Financial Planning
- Coping With An Aging Parent
- What Planet Are You From: Mars Or Venus
- Children's Program Group 1 – Age 3-5
- Children's Program Group 2 – Age 6-10
- Children's Program Group 3 – Age 11+

In order to make the appropriate arrangements, please indicate your interest in the following activities:

- Golf
- Sporting Clay Shooting
- Texas Rangers Baseball Game
- Six Flags Over Texas

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