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Grand Master's Message -

It's All About Character

To the Masons of Texas:

Brethren, I am very honored to have been elected by you to serve the Masons of Texas in 2005 as Grand Master. When I think that my name is now included in the list of names that includes Anson Jones and other notable Texans, it is overwhelming.

Our fraternity has existed, and will continue to exist, because the men who have worn the white apron and stood before the altar were all good men of strong character. And while some of those men had names that we all recognize, many did not. Some of those men were wealthy, but many were not. Some were highly educated, but many were not. Some of those men were fine ritualists, but many were not. And although many were not, in every Lodgeroom before that altar, they all met upon the level because they were equals—each was a man of good character.

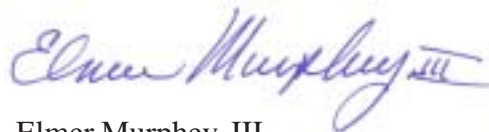
And that is the reason the Grand Lodge of Texas has continued to exist all these years, and will continue to thrive and prosper into the future. No single Grand Master is the reason for this success, but rather it is the collective effort of each of you good men who set the example daily that causes other good men to seek admission into our fraternity.

Brethren, it is all about “character.” Our fraternity is deemed by some non-Masons to be very complicated; I believe that it is very simple. It is all about “character.” Once you become a Mason, the change is forever. It is the internal and not the external that makes a man a Mason

Therefore, we must continue to live honorable lives outside the walls of our Lodges that reflect good character and which will cause non-Masons to respect us and our fraternity.

I truly hope that this year I am able to shake the hand of every Mason in Texas. I am so proud to be your Brother and to be the Grand Master of Masons in Texas during 2005. Again, thank you for honoring me with this opportunity.

Your friend and Brother,



Elmer Murphey, III
Grand Master





Brian R. Dodson
Deputy Grand Master

2005 Grand Lodge Officers



Donny W. Broughton
Grand Senior Warden

Grand Junior Warden *Thomas F. Griffin*

Thomas F. Griffin was raised a Master Mason in Winnie-Stowell No. 1377 in 1978, serving as Worshipful Master in 1980-81. An Endowed Member, he received the Golden Trowel Award in 1994. He is a Life Member of Bullard No.785 and Sul Ross No.1300.

An excellent ritualist, he served Grand Lodge as District Instructor in 1989, 1990 and 1991. He was elected to the Committee on Work in December 1991 and served continuously on that committee through 2004, being the Chairman in 1995, 1999, and 2002. He also served as area co-ordinator for Grand Master Michael D. Nanny in 2002.

Brother Griffin is also active in the York Rite and is a Past Presiding officer of Beaumont Chapter #188 and Beaumont Council #126. A member of Beaumont #38 and Port Arthur #73 Commanderies, he served as Commander in 1994, 1999, and 2003. He received the KYCH in 1994 and is a Past Governor of Southeast Texas York Rite College. He currently serves as Ex. Chief of Dick Dowling Knight Masons Council and as Sovereign Master of John Gates AMD Council. In 1998 he received the honor of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest and



is a Past Puissant Sovereign of San Felipe Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.

He served the Galveston Scottish Rite bodies and is a Past Ven. Master, Past Commander and Past Master of Kadosh and is the current Treasurer. In 1993 he received the KCCH and became a 33rd Degree Mason in 1999. He is also a member of El Mina Shrine Temple of Galveston.

Brother Griffin is an active Eastern Star member, serving as Worthy Patron four times and is the current Worthy Patron of Anahuac Chapter #649. He has also served on the Winnie-Stowell Rainbow Assembly Advisory Board and received the Grand Cross of Color Honor in 1989.

An active member of First United Methodist Church of Winnie-Stowell, Brother Griffin has served as Chairman of the Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, and is currently serving as Lay Leader and a member of the Annual Conference. He is currently President of the United Methodist Men group.

Brother Griffin served in the U.S. Marine Corps. on both active and reserve duty from 1971-1977. He attended the University of Houston and Lamar University in Beaumont, and is currently the owner and operator of Griffin Paraffin Service, Inc.

He and his wife, Vi, have three children, Sandra, Matt, and Kristel, and six grandchildren. They both enjoy playing golf and fishing, time permitting, and both have a deep love for the Masonic fraternity.





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Grand Secretary



Zola Blicher
Grand Chaplain



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Grand Junior Steward



Michael Wiggins
Grand Pursuivant



Michie M. Brous
Grand Organist



John M. Lawson
Grand Photographer



Raymond Wiggins
Grand Tiler



Grand Master's Calendar

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

FEBRUARY

10	Thu	Texas Shrine Association Midwinter	Abilene
11	Fri	Texas Shrine Association Midwinter	Abilene
12	Sat	Texas Shrine Association Midwinter	Abilene
12	Sat	Official Visit to John Sayles No. 1408 *	Abilene
14	Mon	Floyddata No.712	Floyddata
17	Thu	Hella Shrine Stated Mtg	Garland
19	Sat	Conference of Grand Masters of N.A. thru	Calgary
22	Tue	Conference of Grand Masters of N.A.	Calgary
26	Sat	Off. Visit to Lake Jackson No. 1317	Lake Jackson
28	Mon	107th Masonic District Banquet	TBA

MARCH

4	Fri	38th Masonic District Lamar Medals *	San Antonio
5	Sat	Alamo Observance	San Antonio
5	Sat	Official Visit to 39th Masonic Districts *	San Antonio
5	Sat	Texas Commandery Sesquicentennial	San Antonio
5	Sat	Rosicrucian Banquet	San Antonio
6	Sun	Rosicrucian Mtg	San Antonio
9	Wed	Garland S.R. Cer. of Ren. and Remem.	Garland
10	Thu	Dallas S.R. Cer. of Renewal and Remem.	Dallas
11	Fri	Masonic Home & School Bd of Directors	Ft Worth
12	Sat	Dallas Scottish Rite Reunion	Dallas
12	Sat	Lancaster No 160 150th Anniversary	Lancaster
13	Sun	Grand Lodge Trustees Mtg	Waco
19	Sat	Dallas Scottish Rite Reunion	Dallas
23	Wed	Official Visit to 64th Masonic Districts *	Ft. Worth
26	Sat	Official Visit to 31st Masonic Districts *	Pearland
26	Sat	C.F. Spencer No. 1384 Past Masters Night *	Pearland

APRIL

1	Fri	Texas York Rite Banquet	Waco
2	Sat	Dallas Scottish Rite Reunion	Dallas
2	Sat	Goliad Observance (Ft. Defiance) 2pm *	Goliad
2	Sat	Official Visit to 36th Masonic District *	Port Lavaca
3	Sun	Texas Masonic Counterparts Mtg	Waco
9	Sat	Official Visit to 26th Masonic Districts *	Port Arthur
9	Sat	Port Arthur No. 1264 75th Anniv.	Port Arthur
10	Sun	Grand Lodge Trustees Mtg	Waco
15	Fri	Grand Commandery of Texas thru	San Antonio
18	Mon	Grand Commandery of Texas	San Antonio
20	Wed	St. Marks Conclave of RCC Practice	Dallas
23	Sat	St. Marks Conclave of RCC Conferral	Dallas
23	Sat	Fort Worth No. 148 150th Anniv.	Ft. Worth
23	Sat	St. Marks Conclave of RCC Banquet	Dallas
24	Sun	Masonic Youth Weekend	TBA
27	Wed	Official Visit to 14th Masonic Districts *	Dallas
29	Fri	Dallas Scottish Rite L.A. Pires Lecture	Dallas
30	Sat	Brownfield #903 100th Anniv.	Brownfield

MAY

1	Sun	Grand Lodge Trustees Mtg	Waco
5	Thu	Hillcrest No. 1318 Stated Mtg	Dallas
7	Sat	Lyle Cross YR College Mtg and Banq.	Dallas
14	Sat	Humble No. 979	Humble
15	Sun	Masonic Oak Pilgrimage and Picnic *	Brazoria

(* - These events will have Grand Lodge jewelry available for purchase from the Merchandise Sales Committee.)

Masonic Celebrations in San Antonio on March 4-5, 2005

The City of San Antonio will be host to a big Masonic weekend in March that you will not want to miss.

Things get started on Friday evening, March 4, 2005, with presentations to the 2005 recipients of the **Lamar Medals from the 39th Masonic Districts**. Held at the Scottish Rite Temple, this is a showcase of the most deserving students, faculty and staff of San Antonio area schools. If you have never attended this event, it is definitely something you want to see.

The next morning, on Saturday, March 5, 2005, the Grand Master will lead the annual **Alamo Observance**. This is always an inspiring event as it is held directly in front of the Alamo, together with the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Following the Alamo Observance will be the **Official Visit of the Grand Master to the 39th Masonic Districts**.

That evening, the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas, **James N. Higdon**, invites everyone to the **Sesquicentennial Celebration** of Chivalric Templary in Texas.

The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Texas was founded in San Antonio on January 19, 1855, when the representatives of 3 Commanderies, San Felipe de Austin #1 (Galveston), Ruthven #2 (Houston) and Palestine #3 (Palestine) met and formed what has become the Grand Commandery of Texas.

This event will be celebrated at the San Antonio Scottish Rite Library & Museum starting with cocktails at 6:00 P.M. (donations benefiting the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the South Texas Scottish Rite Learning Center), steak dinner at 7:00 P.M., followed by entertainment for the occasion by Sir Knight Gordon Downing. Reservations can be made by sending your check for \$30.00 per attendee made payable to San Antonio Commandery #7 to SK James N. Higdon, 10122 N. Manton Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78213-1948.

Additional information about this event and the Sesquicentennial Grand Conclave in April can be found at www.texasryorkrite.org/grcommandery.htm



169th GAC Legislative Review

The **169th Grand Annual Communication** had a registered attendance of **3,654 Masons** and **655 Texas Lodges** were officially represented.

Following is a recap of the voting on the Resolutions proposed for consideration at the 2004 GAC session.

Not Adopted – 2, 3, 6, 10, 15

Not in Legal & Proper Form – 13, 24

Failed to get 2/3 vote to reconsider- 4

Tabled – 5, 16, 17, 29, 30, 31, 36, 40, 42, 44

Withdrawn – 1, 7, 8, 11, 12, 12a, 23, 25, 26, 27, 38, 41, 45

Consolidated Resolutions -

43 Consol. with No. 36 (Tabled)

28 Consol. with No. 42 (Tabled)

39 Consol. with No. 42 (Tabled)

14 Consol. with No. 6 (Not Adopted)

35 Consol. with No. 6 (Not Adopted)

20 Consol. with No. 7 (Withdrawn)

19 Consol. with No. 8 (Withdrawn)

34 Consol. with No. 8 (Withdrawn)

Resolution No. 6 stated that the MHS should remain open due to the proposer's opinion that 2003 Resolution #16 was not in proper form and not in accordance with the Grand Lodge Constitution.

The opinion of Masonic Jurisprudence Committee was that 2003 Resolution No.16 was in proper form and in accordance with the Grand Lodge Constitution, and that Resolution No. 6 itself was not in proper form to be considered since it was a merely a directive to the Grand Lodge. However, "due to the emotional nature of this resolution" the Committee recommended that it be considered after which the resolution was defeated by a written ballot.

The Masonic Home is to remain open until all children have been properly placed, but the School will be closed at the end of the current school year on June 5, 2005.

The Closing Committee provided a report on the plan and costs required to properly close the school and provide for the children's care. The plan included such items as permanent maintenance of the scholastic records, continuing medical and dental care for the children, environmental

cleanup before any disposing of the property, severance packages for terminated employees and staff recommendations for long term maintenance and operations.

The following funds are available to try to meet expenses of the MHS until closed:

- \$3.6M remaining from the \$10.6M authorized at the 2002 Special Communication.
- \$53M w/ 2.5M annual income from the Endowment Fund
- \$11M from a Trust

The estimated cost to close the MHS could require the use of up to \$6.5M from the Endowment Fund in addition to the \$10.6M authorized at the 2002 Special Communication.

The Board of Directors advised that the \$3.6M remaining from the 2002 Special Communications would most likely be exhausted before the 2005 Grand Lodge session and that arrangements should be made to meet financial obligations. Three options were presented for consideration:

1. Vote to allocate an additional \$6.5M from the Endowment Fund to pay expenses in the event they become necessary.
2. Borrow the funds to meet expenses.
3. Hold another Grand Lodge Special Communication in 2005 prior to December to decide how to fund excess expenses.

Due to objections being raised, the Trustees and Board of Directors were prohibited from borrowing from the MHS Endowment Fund. Therefore, options 2 and 3 must be carefully considered.

Other Resolutions Legislative Action:
Adopted – 9, 18, 21, 22, 32, 33, 37

No. 9: Changed the name of the Committee on Membership Maintenance to the Committee on Membership, and modified its purpose to correctly reflect its service to the Grand Lodge.

No. 18: Updated and revised Title V, Discipline. Amended to add two paragraphs accidentally omitted during printing

No. 21: Removed the requirement that a Petition for Advancement be referred to an Investigation Committee, and allows it to be received and dealt with in the same manner as that of a Petition for Affiliation.

No. 22: Includes the Order of Saint Thomas of Acon on the list of organizations authorized to use Lodgerooms, and authorizes Texas Masons to join and participate in the Order.

No. 32: Changed the requirement that Tranquility Lodge No. 2000 hold one stated meeting in the Grand Lodge Memorial Temple, now allowing it to meet within the city of Waco instead.

No. 33: Removes the Philaethes Society from the list of organizations authorized to use the Lodgerooms of Texas Lodges.

No. 37: As Amended and rennumbers Masonic District 50A to 50 and District 50B to 52.

Other Election Results:

Committee on Work:

Bill Sessums, Sr.

Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Library & Museum:

Lyndon L. Olson, Jr.

Board of Directors MHS:

Harry G. Cunningham, PGM

Jack Jeter Jr. (unexpired term of PGM Joe Regian)

New MHS Board officers:

President Mike Gower

Vice President Jack Jeter

Secretary Frank Rockbrand

Treasurer Harry Cunningham

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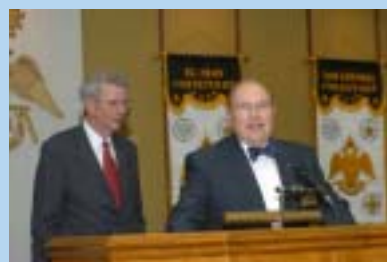




169th Grand Annual December



W.B. & Brandon Carrell Humanitarian Award
U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison





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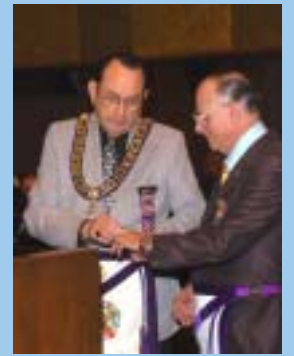


Sam Houston Medal Recipients
*David Hitner, Gov. Dolph Briscoe, Jr.,
and David Hargett, Jr.*





Another Year Begins



Randall E. Briscoe

Masonic Education Workshops

Because of the success of the 2004 **Randall E. Briscoe Masonic Education Workshops**, they will again be presented in both the Spring and Fall of 2005. These workshops will be held around the state, usually by District, at locations convenient to all Masons.

While last year's workshops dealt with Masonic symbolism, this year's sessions will cover **Lodge Administration and Officer Training**. This local training is invaluable to every Lodge, and all you have to do to take advantage of it is to just show up!

The workshop format will be similar to last year, in that your participation will drive the discussion and lead to better results. Most of last year's attendees found that their active involvement in the program helped them to better understand the material and learn a little about themselves in the process.

There will again be the **Honor Roll Award** program to recognize those Lodges with exemplary attendance, and this attendance could also count as qualifying credit for the Vanguard Award. See your Area Chairman or DDGM for full details.

All attendees will also be given a **free 2005 Grand Master's Coin**, but only at the Spring Workshop.

The dates for the workshops are as follows, although local conditions may force some modifications:

Spring 2005 - March 28 to May 13
Fall 2005 - August 22 to October 15

Few things in life are laid out in front of us with the sole purpose of helping us succeed. This is one of those things. Be sure the officers of your Lodge are planning to attend, and be there with them to learn how to help lead your Lodge to the top in 2005.

GRAND SECRETARY'S SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

(tentative schedule)

The Grand Secretary, **R:W: Tom Guest**, is again holding Schools of Instruction around the state in 2005 to help teach Lodge Secretaries how to be more effective administrators. All Lodge Secretaries are strongly encouraged to attend, and are also being asked to bring their Master and Wardens along with them, since the handling of a Lodge's paperwork is not just a one-man operation.

All schools are scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. (except Aug 6.)

February 5	Tabernacle No. 1195, Fort Worth
February 12	San Antonio Area
March 26	East Texas Area
April 9	Austin Area
May 7	Dallas Area
May 28	Houston Area.
June 18	Odessa-Midland Area
August 6	Lubbock (9:00 a.m.) Amarillo (1:30 p.m.)

2005 Warden's Retreats

Nacogdoches August 5-7	Midland August 12-14
Austin August 19-21	Houston August 26-28
Dallas Sept. 16-18	Corpus Christi Sept. 23-25

The Warden's Retreats are the best training available for Lodge leadership and management and every Lodge should encourage their officers to attend.

The deadline for submitting a reservation is 2 weeks before each retreat. Registration Forms are available on the Grand Lodge website and your DDGM.

Ladies' Masonic Blue Slipper Pin

First Lady Judy Murphey has re-introduced what is hoped to be a new standard wear item for all female relatives and children of Masons - the Masonic Blue Slipper Pin - which comes in pin and charm versions.



They are only \$5.00 each and may be purchased from the Merchandise Team at an event around the state, or can be ordered from Grand Lodge using the form on page 15.

The Masonic Blue Slipper Pin may be worn by female relatives of Masons at any time, but especially when traveling. It has long been a symbol to Masons worldwide that the wearer is related to a Mason and, thus, the lady should receive every assistance and consideration.

A little card (both sides are shown in the above and below pictures) explaining the story of the Blue Slipper comes with each pin or charm.

The historical source of the Blue Slipper derives from the Book of Ruth. After the death of their husbands, Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem-Israel. At that time, the custom was that widows were cared for by family members. But, a distant kinsman of Naomi's deceased husband agreed to care for Naomi and to marry Ruth. To seal the agreement, Ruth drew off her shoe (a blue slipper) for all to see. Thus, the little Blue Slipper Pin reminds all Masons to care for a Brother's kin.





NEWS from HOME

Brethren,

Many of the children returned to their homes to be with family and friends during the Christmas holidays, after which all returned except three, who chose not to return due to the pending closure of the facility. Two other students were discharged for behavioral issues and will not return. There are currently 85 resident students.

Executive Director Johnny Wright recently met with the staff of All Church Home of Ft. Worth and Methodist Home of Waco to continue planning for the placement of children in their facilities. There are approximately 25 children whose placement is considered a high priority.

Case reviews and evaluations of each child's performance and needs will be completed by April 2005. Consultation with parents is also a vital part of the evaluation process. Parents of the younger residents are being encouraged to take their children back into their supervision as soon as possible, so that adjustments can begin immediately.

Several junior students are currently taking additional accelerated classes so that they can graduate in May of 2005. The teachers and staff have been inspired by the desire of these students to become "Masonic Home and School" graduates, and have worked overtime to assist in their instruction.

One staff member has found employment elsewhere, but the remaining employees continue their commitment to the children and intend to work through the closure process.

The current balance of the internal line of credit approved at the 2002 Grand Special Communication is \$2,082,640.00. As discussed at the December 2004 Grand Annual Communication, it is expected that this line of credit will not sustain the activities of the Home and School through the remainder of 2005. The additional

funds must be borrowed, or a Grand Special Communication must be called to approve the appropriation of funds from the MHS Endowment Fund needed to operate through the term of the closure process.

The Grand Lodge Trustees have been tasked to finalize the MHS Closure Plan and provide details of how the Grand Lodge of Texas expects to care for Masonic orphans after the MHS facilities are closed. The last day of school is **Graduation Day, June 5, 2005** and our goal is to have all students ready to go off-campus at that time. However, during the summer, some students may have to stay for a few months if we have difficulty in getting them placed; we will provide a facility for the Juniors to complete their testing for a diploma (if necessary); and we will provide quarters for graduating seniors until College begins. The MHS Board of Directors has decided

not to accept new students. We now must define "Masonic Orphan" and the care of these children in the out years. If a Lodge desires to place a child, Johnny Wright has a list of facilities from around the State that might be suitable for placement.

Johnny Wright wishes to express his gratitude to the Grand Lodge Trustees, the Board of Directors of the Home and School and the Masons of Texas for placing the interest of the children and staff first throughout the closure process. He also believes that the children and staff are making the necessary adjustments and appear to be happy.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Board of Directors
Masonic Home and School of Texas

Dear Brethren:

The Grand Lodge Trustees have completed establishing the **Texas Masonic Charities Foundation** as approved at the 2004 Grand Annual Communication.

This is good news for the Masons that give to Grand Lodge programs. Your gifts to the Foundation are now deductible from your income taxes. You are encouraged to contribute to the Foundation which has present plans to assist in the charitable work of the Grand Lodge of Texas, or in the future, other charitable work, whether carried on by the Grand Lodge of Texas or other qualified organizations.

Many of our past programs were not tax deductible, yet you still gave. Now it is the hope of the Trustees to receive more donations from the Masons of Texas, who, by their nature, are benevolent. With greater participation by each of you, we hope to increase the amount of funds used to promote drug awareness, improve children's reading skills, encourage blood donors, and support our Masonic widows and orphans.

Please make your checks payable to the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation and mail your checks to: Grand Lodge of Texas, P.O. Box 446, Waco, Texas, 76703.

If you have questions, call **David Counts**, Chairman of the Special Assignments Committee (which spearheaded the work to set up the Foundation) at 940-658-3390.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Elmer Murphey, III
Grand Master of Masons in Texas



Roundup



R.C. Buckner #1176 held its annual Christmas party on December 18, 2004. More 130 attended including over 70 children. Special guests were patients from the TSRHC and their families. After dinner, guests were entertained by magician Chuck Lehr, Hella Shrine clowns and the Momentum Dance Company from Irving. Santa also had gifts and candy for all. Funding came from donations by Lodge members, families and local businesses.



On November 13, 2004, **Gonzales No. 30** dedicated its Masonic Cemetery as a State of Texas Historical Site. Two speakers spoke of the influential families and their legacies. In the picture is Brother **Bob Harless**, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, and **Paul Frenzel**, of the Gonzales County Historical Commission. These two men were instrumental in getting this monument approved. Over 150 people attended the event.



Members of the **Knights of Mecca**, a ritualistic unit of Hella Shrine Temple, recently traveled from Dallas to Crane to perform an outdoor Master Mason degree at the **82nd Masonic District's Annual Sandhill Reunion**. The team customarily performs degrees in Tuxedos and full costumes and has many District Instructors and other fine ritualists as members.



La Fayette #34 donated \$1,500 for the Chapel of Worship at the new St. Mark's Medical Center in La Grange. L-R are: **Weldon Koenig**, Chairman SMMC, **Michael Coker**, Foundation Pres., **La Fayette #34** members **Reuben Maas**, **Louis Kartous**, **Norval Cummings**, **Gary Olive**, **Gene Oeding**, Vice Chair. SMMC and **Dennis Fahrenthold** Foundation Board Member.



Pictured are **Bob Glasgow**, R: **Tom Guest**, **Grand Secretary** and also the **W.M. of Tranquillity Lodge No. 2000**, and **Rep. Jim Wright** at the October 29, 2004, meeting of Tranquillity Lodge. Brother Wright, a former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, was the special speaker at the meeting.



On November 20, 2004, **Bullard No. 785** hosted the final forum conducted by **R:W: Tommy Griffin** after 13 years on the Committee on Work. There were 42 Master Masons present for the forum and brother Griffin was presented an appreciation gift for his many years of service to **Bullard No. 785** and **Tyler No. 1233**.



PGM Leonard Harvey, was honored to confer the Master Mason Degree on his grandson at **Keystone No. 1143**. Other distinguished members of the degree team were **PGM David Dibrell**, **PGM Harvey**, **Justin Dyess (Candidate)**, **Marty Edwards**, WM of **Keystone No. 1143**, **PGM Mike Gower**, **PGM Vernon Burke**, and **Gene Carnes**. Not Pictured is **PGM Mike Nanny**.



During a recent visit to District 33, **PGM Reese Harrison** was presented with a "Tour de Lodges-2004" tee shirt that was used during a bike ride to raise money for local Lodge's Scholarship Funds. Pictured with **PGM Harrison** is 2004 District 33 DDGM **David Cameron, Jr.** Photo was taken by **Tom Romine**, WM of **Lyons No. 195**, the Lodge which sponsored the bike ride.



A special "float" was entered in the 2004 Tarleton State University Homecoming Parade by **Lingleville No. 752**. The unknown driver from Waco is driving an antique tractor furnished by brother **Bobby Hensley**. Another Masonic involvement with the University was last year's cornerstone leveling on a new science building, coordinated by **Stephenville No. 267**.





Message from the Grand Secretary

As we enter the 2005 Grand Lodge year, we recognize that, once again, it is time to revitalize our Masonic efforts and renew our energy to improve both our Lodges and our Grand Lodge. I used to work for a General who said that progress is measured in millimeters. We made a few centimeters of progress in 2004, and I am proud of the manner in which members conducted business at the Grand Annual Communication. You made some tough decisions and but we still have challenges to pursue in 2005.

The Grand Lodge Trustees have met once in December and have four meetings scheduled in January. The first January meeting concerned furthering the Grand Lodge Strategic Planning efforts, and issues involving membership, funds, communication, and Masonic operations, e.g., taking care of Masonic widows and orphans, or routine Lodge business. The second meeting is to take care of routine Grand Lodge Trustee actions. The third meeting is to ensure that the Grand Lodge Committees are on-line and ready to work. The fourth meeting is to coordinate our actions with our Masonically affiliated Counterparts (York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, et al).

The Grand Secretary's Office will continue to upgrade our communications capability. While we obtained the ability to receive voice mail in 2004 and installed DSL-level e-mail capabilities in the Grand Lodge Library and Museum, a primary goal is to further update our computer capabilities. Members who have these skills are encouraged to assist us in our efforts. Please remember, the Grand Lodge communications system will always be sized to cover the spread of capabilities of every one of our Lodges.

In addition, we will continue developing the Grand Secretary's Cadre of Advising Lodge Secretaries, and hold Grand Secretary's Schools of Instruction. Please see the tentative schedule of schools elsewhere in this magazine. All Lodge Secretaries are encouraged to bring their top three line officers with them. Lodge administration is not a one-man job!

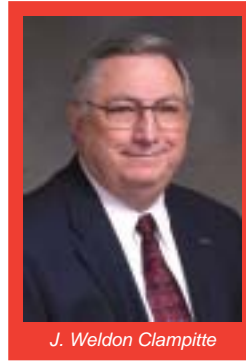
Finally, remind your members of their basic obligations of conducting our Lodge in peace and harmony. Remember the installation ceremony passage stating that we "have but one aim, and that will be, to try to please each other and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness." Greet each other as Brothers, and rally to meet the challenges of 2005.

With the warmest personal regards, I remain,

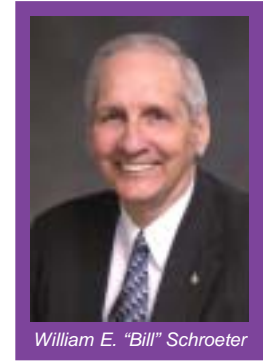
Sincerely and fraternally,

Tom Guest
Grand Secretary

Texas York Rite News



J. Weldon Clampitte



William E. "Bill" Schroeter

The **Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas** and the **Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas** held their annual Convocation and Assembly on December 5-7, 2004. Most Excellent Companion **J. Weldon Clampitte** was elected Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Companion **William E. "Bill" Schroeter** was elected Grand Master.

(Photos courtesy of the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children)

2005 York Rite Conferences

All Conferences begin at 9 AM with Registration at 8 AM except Lumberton - Conference at 7 PM, Registration at 6 PM

San Antonio
Sat., March 19, 2005
Alzafar Shrine Temple

Corpus Christi
Sat., May 7, 2005
York Rite Temple

Houston
Sat., April 2, 2005
Melrose Lodge #1294

Lubbock
Sat., May 14, 2005
Lubbock Scottish Rite

Arlington
Sat., April 9, 2005
Texas Masonic Retirement Ctr

Waco
Sat., June 25, 2005
York Rite Temple

Dallas
Sat., April 30, 2005
York Rite Temple

York Rite Festivals

February 12 & 19, 2005
Arlington
1415 West Abram
7:30 AM on two Saturdays

March 11-12, 2005
El Paso
York Rite Temple
7 PM Fri. & 7 AM Sat.

February 26, 2005
San Antonio
Scottish Rite Library & Museum
Commencing at 8 AM.

March 12, 2005
Lubbock
Scottish Rite Lib. & Museum
Commencing at 8 AM.



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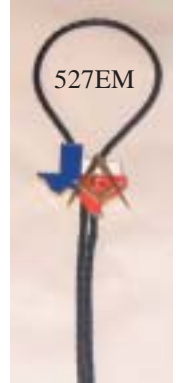
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2005 Grand Lodge Jewelry



2005 TEXAS MASONIC FAMILY CONVENTION

May 20-21, 2005 - Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center - Grapevine, Texas

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly

Name (#1)	
Organization Affiliation / Title:	
Address:	
City, State:	Zip:
Phone:	
Email:	
Spouse (#2):	
Organization Affiliation:	
Child:	Age:
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REGISTRATION FEE RECAP

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Early Registration - Before March 15, 2005

_____ Early Individual Registration Fee @ \$70.00 = \$ _____
 _____ Early Couple Registration Fee @ \$130.00 = \$ _____

Regular Registration - After March 15, 2005

_____ Regular Individual Registration Fee @ \$80.00 = \$ _____
 _____ Regular Couple Registration Fee @ \$150.00 = \$ _____
 _____ Child Registration Fee @ \$15.00 = \$ _____
 _____ Pre Conference Workshop @ \$25.00 = \$ _____
 _____ Additional Lunch Ticket(s) @ \$20.00 = \$ _____
 _____ Additional Banquet Ticket(s) @ \$35.00 = \$ _____

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, email at noderoom@swbell.net

Contact the Hilton directly to make your special \$90 group rate
 room reservation at 800-HILTONS (800-445-8667)

SESSION & ACTIVITY REQUEST SECTION

Registrant

#1 #2

Please indicate your interest in 4 sessions

(1 in each time slot per registrant):

Saturday, 10:00 - 10:50 am

- Membership: Growth and Retention
- Community Awareness: A Public Relations Primer
- Masons and the Birth of A Republic
- The New World Order and Other Masonic Myths
- National Treasure: Separating Reality from Movie Magic
- Leadership by Influence: Sell, Don't Tell
- Money Talks - Successful Fund Raising

Saturday, 11:00 - 11:50 am

- Being an Effective Past Presiding Officer
- Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children
- We Are Family
- National Treasure: Separating Reality from Movie Magic
- Don't Get Tongue Tied - A Public Speaking Guide
- Planning a Successful Calendar
- Genealogy
- Financial Planning

Saturday, 2:00 - 2:50 pm

- Visioneering
- Shrine Hospitals
- Whence Came We: From England to the U.S.
- Different Hats - Different Aprons
- Lightning in the Bottle
- The DaVinci Code Phenomenon
- The Purpose Driven Life

Saturday, 3:00 - 3:50 pm

- Effective Communications
- Texas Masonic Retirement Center
- Dealing with Anti-Masonic Movements
- How Grand Lodge Really Works
- Masons and Country Western Music
- Table Lodge Instruction
- The DaVinci Code Phenomenon

Pre-Conference Workshops (optional and at additional cost)

Friday, 1:00 - 2:50 pm

- Memory Enhancement Techniques
- Simple Exercise at Home - No Gym Required

Friday, 3:00 - 4:50 pm

- Public Speaking
- Self Defense

In order for appropriate arrangements to be made, please indicate
 your interest in the following optional activities:

- Second Texas Masonic Golf Championship
- Second Texas Masonic Sporting Clay Shooting Championship
- Texas Rangers vs Houston Astros Baseball Game
- Six Flags Over Texas
- Wine Tasting Tour
- Train Ride

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