



*Due to budget constraints there will only be 3 issues of the Texas Mason this year. Issue 1 was in magazine format. Issue 2 (this issue) is in black and white newsletter format. The final issue will be published in October and will return to magazine format.*

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## GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

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### Texas Proud

My Brethren:

The Grand Master's Conferences will be over by the time you read this. The presentation on the Texas Masonic Retirement Center was well received and opened many eyes to the best kept secret in Masonry. There were numerous questions, and I answered them as best I could. The presentation on the Committees of the Grand Lodge brought a good number of questions from the Entered Apprenticeses and Fellowcrafts that attended as many did not know how the Grand Lodge Committees work.

The District Deputy Grand Masters are still reporting on the number of petitions being read in the lodges across Texas, which means you are still leading by example and replacing yourself. Brethren, Masonry is only for Good Men with Good Character. Please be sure of your candidate's good character. We must have men of quality. If we allow the wrong kind of men to become Masons, we will destroy our Fraternity from within. So, when you bring in a candidate, stay with him all the way through his degrees and proficiencies. Let him know you really care as his top-line signer.

I have really enjoyed traveling around this great State of ours meeting new friends and renewing old friendships. All the annual traditions of outdoor degrees and fish fries that the various lodges hold each year have been a great pleasure to me. I wish I could have made them all, but there is just no way that is possible with as many activities as the lodges are holding. This is a good problem to have!

Brethren, keep doing the things that Masons are taught to do while on bended knees.



*Photo by John Lawson*



Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Orville L. O'Neill'.

Orville L. O'Neill  
Grand Master



# Message from the Grand Secretary...

## Often Neglected Training Requirements

As you prepare for the ensuing Constituent Lodge year, I encourage you to review your use of two often neglected training programs – the Additional Lodge Light (ALL) and the Lodge Instruction for Effectiveness (LIFE). The first is not mentioned by name in the Law Book, and the second has only been added to the Law book by name during the last several years. Both of these programs are available from the Lodge Order Blank, and all Lodges should have a copy on file.

Hopefully the Worshipful Master will have spent the last two years in planning “his year” and is ready to hit the ground running on his first stated meeting. He is directed in Article 284 to appoint the audit committee but he often overlooks appointing Lodge counselors (or committees) for the ALL and LIFE programs.

The ALL program is the “Grand Lodge approved course in Masonic Information under the supervision of the Committee on Masonic Education and Services” referred to in Article 439. The new Master Mason is required to have completed this course within ninety days after he is raised and is not an optional event. The counselor uses the “one-on-one” approach that is used to teach Masonic principles in the degree proficiencies. Its purpose is to make the new Mason comfortable in the Lodge’s Masonic environment and to encourage him to research the subject of Masonry. This can be an effective tool to bond the new, young Masons who appear to be joining the Lodges for the right reason.

The LIFE program was implemented in 1987 and is now mentioned in Article 276a as one of the items a Worshipful Master must have to meet the requirement of having completed a Grand Lodge approved course in Lodge administration approved under the supervision of the Masonic Education and Service Committee. Note: the completion of a Warden’s Retreat program will also count for this requirement. (See the Masonic Form 101 that was revised in 2009). A person only has to complete one of these programs once to qualify for the Lodge Administration item under the current guidelines. Please understand, this requirement is not “grandfathered” for Past Masters and they must have one of the administration courses completed in order for the Lodge to consider them qualified. While Article 276a only applies to the qualification of the Worshipful Master, members striving to be the Lodge Wardens should be taking actions to obtain the requisite administration training.

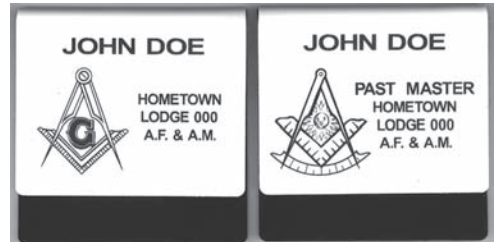
The Grand Secretary’s office extends our heartiest congratulations to the new officers, and we offer our assistance when it is required.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Tom Guest  
Grand Secretary

## Name Badges Now Available

Name badges are now being offered by the Grand Lodge of Texas for all Texas Masons, especially those who might not have access to a badge maker in their area. The badges, designed to easily slip onto the breast pocket of a suit or shirt, are available in two different styles - one for members and one for Past Master. The price for each badge is only \$15.00, including tax and shipping.



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As we travel between stops, your guide will tell you a little about Waco's history and point out local landmarks.

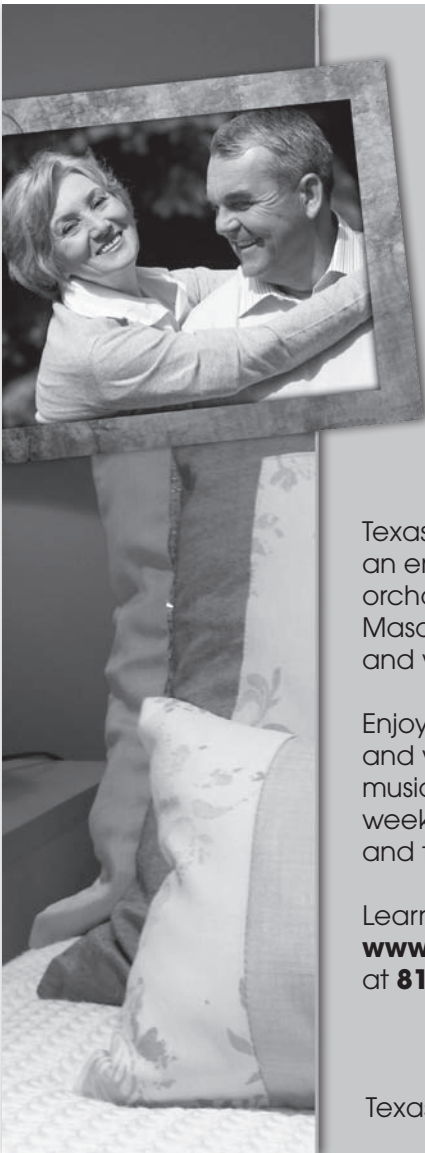
Next stop – lunch! You'll enjoy a delicious lunch served on fine china in a tea room atmosphere at

Amelia's in Sironia . Plan to take advantage of the chance to do a little Christmas shopping while you are at Sironia – an eclectic collection of shops.

Finally, you will get a special preview of Historic Waco Foundation's annual Christmas on the Brazos. You will visit the historic Fort House, a Greek Revival-style home built in 1868 by a wealthy Alabama planter. Each room is lovingly decorated with lights, presents and ornaments – adding to the already beautiful historic home. Travel back in time as you learn the story of the house and the families who called it home.

Trips will depart from the Grand Lodge Building from the 7th Street Entrance.

Registration forms will be available on the Grand Lodge Web Site, [www.grandlodgeoftexas.org](http://www.grandlodgeoftexas.org)



Texas Masonic Retirement Center Announces

## New Luxury Apartments

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Texas Masonic Retirement Center announces the opening of Royal Arch Plaza, an entirely new luxury apartment building. Overlooking a century-old pecan orchard, this latest addition to our outstanding accommodations for Texas Masons features upscale interiors in three different floor plans, full kitchens, and washer/dryer units.

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Learn more about the amenities available at Royal Arch Plaza by visiting [www.TexasMasonicRetirementCenter.org](http://www.TexasMasonicRetirementCenter.org). You are also welcome to call us at **817.261.7612** (metro) or email to [information@txmrc.org](mailto:information@txmrc.org).

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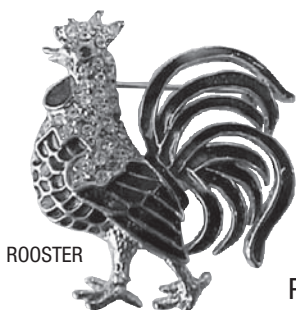
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ROOSTER

The Chinese zodiac says that the rooster crowing could scare away evil spirits, but we all know that Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the Soul. It has been a long journey, but now the roosters are nesting.

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## 4,000 Free Dental Kits Provided By Masonic Children & Family Services



A third grade class at Woodville ISD shows off their "Fantastic Teeth Fan Club" t-shirts. The group received shirts as part of a special ceremony highlighting free dental care kits distributed by MCFS to more than 4,000 students in Woodville and Point Isabel school districts. On hand to help distribute kits were (left to right): Stephanie Goer, Woodville ISD Health Coordinator; Sharon Fulcher-Tatom, Executive Director, MCFS; John Clements, MCFS board member and member of Littleton-Fowler Lodge No. 305; Morgan Wright, member of Greenville Lodge No. 335; Kasha Perkins, Asst. Exec. Director, MCFS; Tom Serfass, CFO, MCFS; Mrs. Brackin, teacher, Woodville ISD.



Morgan Wright, member of Greenville Lodge No. 335, helps hand out dental care kits to children at Woodville ISD.



Shane Wilson, member of Point Isabel Lodge No. 33, helps kids have fun and learn how to take care of their teeth through the Fantastic Teeth Fan Club. MCFS distributed nearly 2,600 free dental care kits to every child in Point Isabel ISD. To learn more about how your Lodge can get involved in this program, call MCFS at 817.503.1500.

**Know someone needing help?**  
Call 1.877.203.9111 or visit our website at [www.mcfstx.org](http://www.mcfstx.org).  
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