

Texas Masonry examines the challenge:

# The Called Grand Communication

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**Photo by Jim Dougherty.**

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# 2002 was a year of challenge, but we have met it head on

It does not seem possible that the 2002 Grand Lodge year is drawing to a close. The lodges of Texas have for the most part made this a rewarding and memorable experience that I shall treasure the rest of my days.

The recently completed special session of our Grand Lodge saw the full range of emotions possible in a one-day meeting. The efforts made to disclose the condition and issues surrounding our Masonic Home and School have consumed most of my energy and time this year. I believe that it was time well spent and long overdue, and that through the efforts of so very many this year the story is now fully available to those who are interested. I am satisfied that the special session was conducted in accordance with the laws and traditions of our Grand Lodge. Every Mason entitled to address our Grand Lodge was allowed an opportunity to speak his mind and share his ideas on this subject. We discussed and voted on 10 different resolutions and numerous amendments.

A vote to reconsider a previous decision of the body resulted in setting aside a little over \$10 million of the Home and School Endowment Fund as a reserve for future operations of the Home and School of Texas. This plan will allow the needed time for development and fund-raising activities to relieve the current shortfalls in revenues.

We must be patient and allow time for an effort started only a little over a year ago to bear fruit and restore the financial well-being of the Home and School. Our efforts are making a difference in the lives of the children in our care and the widows who have placed their trust in this fraternity.

I am grateful to the Masons of Texas for your patience and steadfast devotion to the principles of our Fraternity. Your conduct at the special session was, in my opinion, exemplary and consistent with the highest standards of Masonic teachings. We faced a difficult challenge and met the issues head on, and Masonry will only improve from this point on. If I offended anyone in the conduct of the special session or in any of my official duties, I ask for your forgiveness and understanding as a Brother Mason!

Remember, brethren, when we pull together, Freemasonry can be a shining example of faith, hope and charity in action. Our actions will create an



Portrait by Jim Dougherty

## Grand Master Michael D. Nanny

environment to which good men of Texas will be attracted in large measure by the quality of our service to the communities in which we meet. Every Mason in Texas is an example of our words put into action, and the image is sending a loud message to the good men of Texas that Freemasonry is a place where the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God is alive and well!

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael D. Nanny".

Mike Nanny  
Grand Master



## Texas Masonry at a crossroads:

# 2002 Called Grand Commu

*Editor's Note: The following press release by Dr. Stan Madden of the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee was furnished to the media at the conclusion of the Called Grand Communication on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002. Information from the release was reported in Associated Press, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, the Dallas Morning News articles. Press coverage by these news services of the Called Grand Communication may be accessed via the Internet.*



**Grand Master Michael D. Nanny addresses the approximately 3,200 Masons at the Called Grand Communication on Sept. 21, 2002.**

### MASONIC GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS AFFIRMS FUTURE OF MASONIC HOME AND SCHOOL

(WACO, TX) In the first meeting of its kind in over a century, the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas gathered Saturday for the purpose of discussing and deciding the future of the Masonic Home and School of Texas, located in Fort Worth.

Approximately 3200 Masons from throughout Texas met to consider twenty submitted resolutions that proposed addressing the financial shortfall at the 103 year-old institutions. And at the end of twelve and one-half hours of deliberation the Grand Lodge assembly supported the continuation of the 103 year-old Masonic Home and School, voted to authorize the use of up to \$10,627,194 of the Masonic Home and School's approximately \$50 million endowment for operations and rejected the sale of excess property associated with the Masonic Home and School.

Citing a decline in return on the endowment, a lessening of private gifts and the impact of legal actions from 1999, Michael D. Nanny, Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas, called the special meeting to both inform Texas Masons of the critical situation and to gain authorization for the Masonic Home and School Board of Directors to take extraordinary action with the endowment, should it be necessary. "We felt that the complexity of the situation required a full explanation and the opportunity for the assembled Grand Lodge of Texas to ask questions. Many ideas were brought forward and the Home and School Board will be

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00 Texas Masons who attended the

given some flexibility to maintain a quality living and learning environment for the children of the Home and School until fund-raising efforts can be fully developed," said Nanny. A full-time development officer was recently hired by the Home and School Board and charged to find donors for the present and future resource needs.

Among the resolutions that were rejected by the Grand Lodge voters were proposals to: close both the home and school, close only the school, limit the qualifications of children admitted to those related to Texas Masons, and to sell a substantial part of the 206 acre campus.



Members of Eldorado Lodge No. 890, Deora Lodge No. 715, Irion County No. 699, Big Lake No. 1203 and Cristoval Lodge No. 901 treated a group of older students of the Masonic Home and School to a deer hunt this past season. Another hunt will be held this coming November thanks to the generosity of the Masons of these lodges.

## Texas Masons care for *their* Home and School

### Centex Stampede to benefit MH&S

Central Texas Masons will again host a benefit for the Masonic Home and School during the Grand Annual Communication in Waco.

From 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Dec. 5, 2002, another memorable evening of live country music, delicious barbecue and fellowship will be held at the Waco Scottish Rite dining room at 2801 W. Waco Drive.

Tickets are available from A.W. "Archie" Scott, (512) 926-4420, or Don Hardy, (512) 293-1584, and will be on sale throughout the day of the event. Advance tickets are \$10 per person; admission at the door is \$15.

All proceeds benefit the Masonic Home and School and widows' fund.

# 2002 Grand Annu

## Schedule

### Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002

Noon — Registration begins

### Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002

\* 1:30 p.m. — Opening session. Call to order with introduction of dignitaries. Memorial Service. Address by Grand Orator. William M. Beck Masonic Service and Vanguard Lodge awards. Roll call of Grand Officers. Tiled Master Mason Degree exemplification by Committee on Work, in main auditorium. DeMolay Degree in lower auditorium.

### Friday, Dec. 6, 2002

9 a.m. — Grand Lodge Called to Labor. General business and committee reports.  
\* 9:45 a.m. — Coffee honoring Mrs. Shari Nanny, ground floor, Grand Lodge Library and Museum.

2:30 p.m. — Special ladies program, lower auditorium.

1:30 p.m. — Grand Lodge Called to Labor.

\* 7:30 p.m. — Presentation of Sam Houston Medal and W.B. and Brendon Carrell Humanitarian Award. Masonic Home and School entertainment.

### Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002

7:45 a.m. — Grand Lodge Called to Labor.

\* 10:30 a.m. — Coffee honoring Mrs. Susan Patterson, ground floor, Grand Lodge Library and Museum.

10 a.m. — Election of Grand Junior Warden and other elected officers. Completion of business as necessary. Grand Lodge Called from Labor.

\* 2 p.m. — Installation of Grand Officers.

\* Designates public sessions.

### *Grand Lodge Van Shuttles*

Courtesy vans will again be shuttling participants to and from the Grand Annual Communication in Waco. Masons may park at no charge in the lot between Austin and Washington Avenues at 3rd Street, next to Heritage Square (behind the Convention Center and Waco Hilton.)

Vans will make regular stops at the Courtyard Hotel, Waco Hilton and the Memorial Grand Lodge throughout the day.

The service starts at 9 a.m. on Thursday, 7 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, and runs until the close of each session.

The City of Waco is helping provide the rental vans and the drivers are volunteer Masons. Don't forget to thank your driver!

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## Announcements of availability for Grand Junior Warden



**BRIAN RICHARD DODSON**

Bellaire Lodge No. 1336  
Raised — April 30, 1981  
Worshipful Master — 1987-88  
Golden Trowel Award — 1998  
Life Member — 1988  
Endowed Member — 2002

#### **PLURAL AND ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS**

Gray Lodge No. 329 — Endowed Member  
Post Oak Island Lodge No. 181 — Endowed Member  
Texas Lodge of Research — Tiler — 1994  
Master of Ceremonies — 2002  
Tranquility Lodge No. 2000 — Endowed Charter Member

#### **GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS**

District Education Officer Masonic District No. 30B — 1992  
District Deputy Grand Master, Masonic District No. 30B — 1993  
Regional Coordinator for Grand Master's Conference — 1995  
Grand Junior Deacon — 1997  
District Masonic Relations Officer, Masonic District No. 30B — 998  
Grand Orator — 2000  
State Coordinator — 2000  
Grand Pursuivant — 2002



**CHARLES STEVEN WOLFE**

Boyd Lodge No. 479  
Raised — May 10, 1976  
Endowed Member — 1989  
Worshipful Master — 1992 - 1993

#### **PLURAL AND ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS**

Azle Lodge No. 601  
Endowed Member — 1994  
Julian Feild Lodge No. 908  
Endowed Member — 1995  
Worshipful Master — 1997 - 1998  
Treasurer — 2000 - Present  
Director, Julian Feild Masonic Plays — 1998 - Present  
Texas Lodge of Research — Member  
Tranquility Lodge No. 2000 — Charter Member

#### **GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS**

Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association, Masonic District 87 — 1995  
District Education Officer, Masonic District 87 — 1998 - 1999  
District Instructor, Masonic District 87 — 2000  
Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Assn., Masonic District 64 — President, 1998 -1999  
Sam Houston Hall of Fame — Member  
Grand Lodge Library and Museum — Patron  
Memorials Committee — 2001



**LEONARD O. PIERCE**

Reagan Lodge No. 1037  
Raised — October 8, 1960  
Worshipful Master — 1994 - 1995  
Endowed Member — 1985  
L.I.F.E. Instructor — 1993 - 1995

#### **PLURAL AND ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS**

S. P. Waltrip Lodge No. 1328 — Endowed Member  
Memorial Lodge No. 1298  
Endowed Member — 1998  
Worshipful Master — 1990 - 1991  
L.I.F.E. Instructor — 1988 - 1991  
J. W. Chandler Daylight Lodge No. 1452 — Endowed Charter Member  
Tranquility Lodge No. 2000 — Endowed Charter Member

#### **GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS**

Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association - Masonic District 30 - Instructor  
District Masonic Relations Officer - District 30A — 1992 - 1993  
Public Education Committee — Member — 1994; Chairman — 1995; Member — 2000 - Present  
District Deputy Grand Master — Masonic District 30A — 1996

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# Robert O. "Bob" Schnell

August 10, 1924 - June 29, 2002

Robert O. "Bob" Schnell, Grand Master of Masons in Texas in 1993, died June 29 after a brief illness.

Banker, cattleman, electrician, aviator, community and church leader - what a life Bob Schnell had! Grand Master Michael D. Nanny, who presided at Masonic graveside services, said what he remembers most is Grand Masters Schnell's kindness and integrity. In all our time together, I never heard him utter a cross or unkind word toward anybody. I never knew a man with more integrity in every aspect of his life," said GM Nanny.

Born Aug. 10, 1924, in Okeene, OK, GM Schnell often said that he "got to Texas as soon as I could." After graduating from Spearman High School, he entered the Army Air Corp. and was stationed in England throughout World War II. In 1946, he returned to Spearman and entered the electrical-contracting business with his father. His natural affinity for planning and details soon led a position with the First State Bank of Spearman. After completing his education at Southern Methodist University, he moved to Borger and joined the staff of the First National Bank, where he worked until retirement.

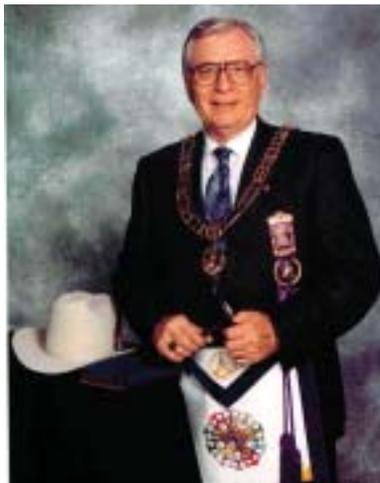
He and his wife, Lucille, had recently moved into their retirement dream house in the Texas Hill Country.

Always active in the community, Brother Schnell gave of his time and talents to virtually every organization in town. Yet even with this busy schedule, he found time to serve as a trustee and Sunday School teacher for the First Christian Church of Borger.

Brother Schnell was Raised Oct. 25, 1948, in Hansford Lodge No. 1040 in Spearman. He served as Worshipful Master in 1959-60. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in 1975 by Robert B. O'Connor; then again in 1984 for R.H. "Bob" Waters. He served on various Grand Lodge committees and, in December 1989, was elected Grand Junior Warden.

A licensed pilot since 1962, he flew whenever possible. An example of his dedication to spreading the Masonic word is a recollection of Past Grand Master Joe Regian, who explained: "You understand that, to meet at Love Field to catch an 8 o'clock plane, meant that he had to leave Borger at 3 a.m. and he did it many, many times."

Under the leadership of Bob Schnell, our Grand Lodge confronted many challenges such as the sudden deaths of Grand Senior Warden Ed Welsh and Grand Pursuivant Frank Lump. His year as Grand



Robert O. "Bob" Schnell  
1924 - 2002

Master saw vicious attacks on Masonry by religious extremists. However, the hardest challenge to Grand Master Schnell was the death of his first wife, Mary.

Bob was a great supporter of the endowed membership program. Farsighted programs such as the "penny a day," the Grand Lodge insurance program, as well as

the conference and workshop programs, all saw success under his guidance. Several of these programs, and in particular the Grand Lodge credit card program, continue to provide vital support to the Grand Lodge budget.

Among the many talents of Grand Master Schnell was his capacity to identify potential leadership. A review of those brethren who served with him reads like a who's who of today's prominent Masonic leaders.

RW Joe Regian recalled what a fun and delightful person Bob Schnell was. He remembered how he loved black-eyed peas, and professed not to like licorice, but then ate half the bag. And especially, how he closed car doors in such a manner that there could be no doubt if they were shut tight.

Past Grand Master Leonard Harvey once wrote that Bob Schnell "was a man to ride the river with, no matter how swift or deep." These are not idle words to one with the heart of a cowboy. In fact, no compliment could be higher. You see, in the days before interstates and automobiles, a river crossing was the most dangerous thing a cowboy could do. It was when he was at his most vulnerable. So, he would never ride a river with someone whom he did not trust to "come to his relief" no matter what the danger.

— RW Leonard Harvey

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**The Texas Masonic Retirement Center has proudly served the Texas Masonic Family for 95 years, and we enthusiastically look forward to many more! Because of the unflinching generosity of Texas Masons, future generations will have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of this inviting retirement environment.**

**For more information about the Texas Masonic Retirement Center and the services we offer to Texas Masons and their families, please contact us at:**

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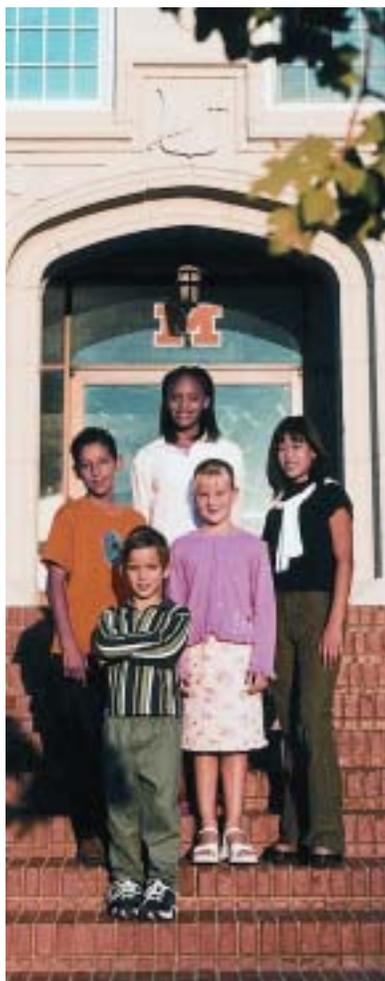


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If you know a board member or a senior decision-maker in one of these or other companies or foundations and would be willing to introduce our Masonic Home and School to them, please call Sharon Fulcher-Tatom, development director, at (817) 531-9378 or toll-free at (1-877) 531-9300 Ext. 378.



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## York materials donated



**WACO** — In July, members of Richards Royal Arch Club No. 1, Richards, Texas made a donation of a series of books and videos for study and research in Capitular Masonry to the Library of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

The books are identical to ones used by the New York Livingston Masonic Library in their Royal Arch Masonic Reading Course. The books will be a valuable tool for those wishing to learn more about Royal Arch Masonry. The videos donated are the *Saga of Royal Arch Masonry* and *The Unheard Cry*.

Those pictured (seated) are Billy Wayne Melton, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, James D. Ward, Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ronnie Sharp, Senior Overseer of Richards Royal Arch Club No.1, and (standing) the Rev. Cliff Cameron, Master of Richards Royal Arch Club No.1.

## *Dine with the O.E.S. during Grand Lodge*

The three chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star Temple Association welcome all Masons and their wives attending the Grand Annual Communication. Two meals will be served during Grand Lodge at the Eastern Star Temple at 1612 Columbus Ave. Tickets will be available at the door for a donation of \$6. Transportation to and from the O.E.S. Temple will be available both days.

*Thursday, Dec. 5  
Dinner 5 — 7 p.m.*

**Roast beef, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, green beans, salad, cobbler, tea and coffee.**

*Friday, Dec. 6*

*Lunch: 11 a.m. — 1 p.m.*

**Barbecue brisket, potato salad, pinto beans, relish tray, cake, tea and coffee.**

*Thank you for your continued support.*

*In early Texas dress*

## Hilltop degree team performs in Big Spring



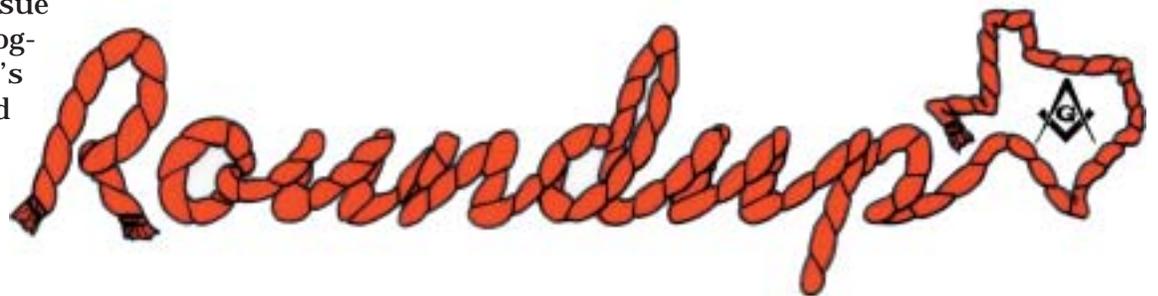
**BIG SPRING** — Members of Big Spring Lodge No. 1340 became the latest “costumed” degree team when they conferred an outdoor hilltop Master Mason Degree on May 11, 2002. Candidate Chris Simpson joins team members Rick Scott, Marvin Wise, Worshipful Master Bob Kennedy, Carl Condray, Charles Bailey, Sammy Hunicutt, and Cody Hughes prior to the conferral. An eavesdropper at the event (inset photo) may very well be setting up his own reptilian lodge as we speak, but at least it must be *Texas Work!* Photos courtesy Carl Condray.



**BASTROP** — Mina Lodge No. 1456 Blood Drive Chairman Don Calvert (left) presents Worshipful Master Kenneth Felps with the Central Texas Blood and Tissue Center award in recognition of the lodge's successful blood drives. During the past five years the lodge has contributed over 750 units of blood.



**BEAUMONT** — Grand Master Nanny is received at the 2002 Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Beaumont. The Grand Master is accompanied by Grand Drill Leader Marion Marvin. Photo by Allen Tuell.



**NEDERLAND** — One family can now claim four generations of active Masons in Nederland Lodge No. 1368. Steven Lee Arnold (second from right) was raised a Master Mason in a degree conferred by his grandfather, E.E. Chapman Sr. (second from left). Uncles Tommy Chapman and Butch Chapman and father Byron Arnold attended the historic event. Steven's grandfather, now deceased, was also a member of the lodge.



**DALLAS** — It's not uncommon for a son to be installed into office by his father, but Larry Canada, PDDGM, turned the tables by installing his father Roscoe Canada as Worshipful Master of Love Field Lodge No. 1274.



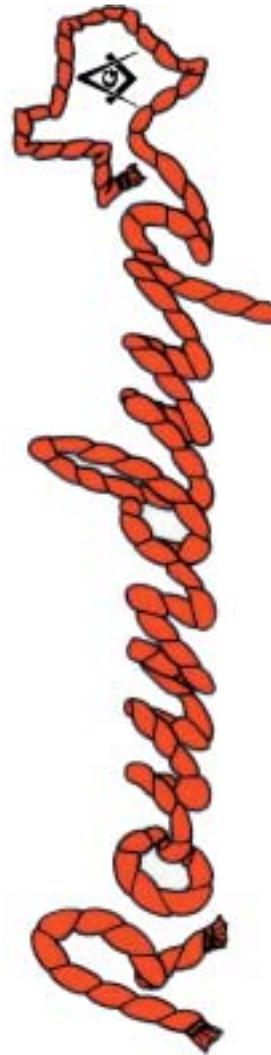


**SAN ANTONIO** — Past Grand Master John E. “Jack” Kelly, with his wife Helen, PGM Leonard Harvey and Grand Master Mike Nanny, was honored with a gala retirement party at the San Antonio Scottish Rite Cathedral on July 29. RW Kelly was presented with his 50-year membership award from the Grand Master. Upon his retirement as Personal Representative to and Chairman of the Scottish Rite Valley of San Antonio, he received an emeritus collar and jewel from Sovereign Grand Inspector General Jack E. Hightower. PGM Hightower formally announced the appointment of Grand Senior Warden Reese L. Harrison Jr. to succeed RW Kelly.

**HOUSTON** — J.W. Chandler Daylight Lodge No. 1452 has presented local jeweler and philanthropist I.W. Marks with the Community Builder Award. In accepting the award, Marks said, “I’m very touched to be



recognized by the Masons. My late father, Samuel Marks, was a Mason and I still have his Masonic ring.” Marks, long at the forefront of charitable giving to arts, education and medical causes in Houston, was presented the award in his Bellaire office by Worshipful Master Ed Kirk. Several lodge members were present, including James Cook, who looks on.



**NAPLES** — Bill Henderson, 82, is only the second to have received a 60-year membership award. On the left are Jim Clifton, PDDGM, and Warden George Haggard, PDDGM.



**DANVILLE** — Bob Robertson of San Jacinto Lodge No. 106 crafted this beautiful art glass window commemorating the lodge’s 150th anniversary. It won a blue ribbon in competition at the State Fair of Texas. The illuminated window is on display in the lodge dining room.



...n (third from left) was installed as Wor-  
Lodge No. 674 in Naples. Henderson, who  
member in the lodge's 113-year history to  
membership award from Grand Lodge. From  
GM, Senior Warden Jerome Elder, Junior  
Joel Conroy, DDGM District 6, and Rex

**ANGLETON** — Wilbert Ryan LeBouef, one of the oldest and most widely known Masons in Texas died on June 17, 2002. He was past his 104th birthday and one of but a few people who could say he had lived in three centuries.



**Wilbert R. LeBouef**

A fixture at the Ma-  
sonic Oak  
Reunion and Picnic, he attended  
the 2001 Grand Annual Commu-  
nication where the above photo  
was taken. He served as Worship-  
ful Master of Velasco Lodge No.  
757 in 1965 and was a proud  
member of the Sam Houston Hall  
of Fame.



**HOUSTON** — Grand Master Mike Nanny joined PGM J.D. “Buddy” Baccus, area Masonic leaders and Department of Public Safety officers at the cornerstone-leveling ceremonies for the new Region 2 DPS headquarters on July 25, 2002. In the planning stage for over three years, the ceremony was postponed due to construction delays, according to DDGM 30-B Lloyd Phelps. Photo courtesy Mrs. Sally Phelps.



**Worshipful Masters Sam and Ike Khoury**

**BIG SANDY** — In yet another unusual turn of events, father and son have been installed as Worshipful Masters of their respective lodges – some 250 miles apart. Sam Khoury, left, is Worshipful Master of Madison Lodge No. 126 in Orange, while his son, Ike, is serving as Worshipful Master of Big Sandy Lodge No. 916.

Father and son became Masons on different paths. Sam became a Mason first, but Ike learned about the fraternity from his father and asked to be a Mason. Both planned their installations to be a week apart so that each could attend the other's big day.



# From the Grand Secretary

# Editor's notes

To the Secretaries:

Americans are shocked, upset and irate about company officials, financial officers, accounting personnel, politicians and others accused of lying, cheating, fraud, mismanagement and corruption. Innocent people, from employees to investors to taxpayers have been made to suffer because of the dishonesty of powerful and influential persons. In many instances, the labors and savings of a lifetime have been diminished to insignificance, or evaporated entirely. No wonder people are crying out for men and women of honesty and integrity to take the helm of leadership in business and restore confidence in our American way of life.

In this climate of unrest, Freemasons have a wonderful opportunity to exhibit to the world the teachings of our Fraternity and its noble aims to instill in all its members those very qualities that have been overlooked, missing and sorely needed by people in responsible positions.

Honesty, Integrity, Truthfulness, Fair Play, Equal Treatment, Justice and Truth are only a few of the very basic principles stressed throughout the degrees of Freemasonry and its appendant organizations. Students of Freemasonry can attest to the fact that Masonic leaders of the past have inscribed not only in their literature, but in their biographies, their adherence to the teachings of Masonry.

I once knew a corporate official and avid Freemason who was considered by his peers and employees alike as a man of utmost integrity. He always spoke the truth, never misled anyone, was fair to all, and expected the same from others. Ofttimes, when faced with a business problem of any kind, he would seek the counsel of all levels of management. He asked the opinions as to the cause and remedies of the problems. He would go "down" to even the lowest employees and obtain their opinions. It was not uncommon to see him in private discussions with personnel we all knew to be Masons. He wanted their opinions because he knew these Masons could be trusted to tell the truth. Armed with facts, he made wise decisions.

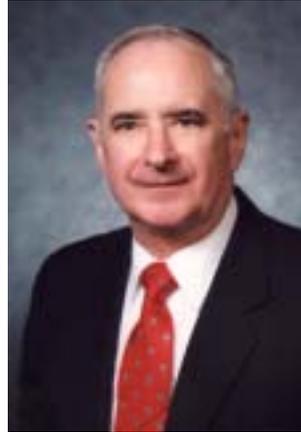
As Freemasons, we have not only a right, but a sacred duty, to always act in the highest and noblest manner possible. Whatever or wherever our arena of activity, we can make a profound difference by being at all times what we have been taught to be — Freemasons.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely and fraternally,



James D. Ward  
Grand Secretary



James D. Ward  
Grand Secretary

This is my final issue as editor of *The Texas Mason*. It has been a pleasure and great honor to work with Grand Masters Vernon Burke, David Dibrell and Mike Nanny in promoting Texas Masonry through the print media. Our magazine spreads the Masonic Fraternity and Texas Masonry around the world. In these past three years we have seen the magazine change to a more professional format and become accessible via the outstanding Grand Lodge web site.

Personally, I owe a great debt of gratitude to my wife, Jane, an "English Major," who still makes a living with words, for her many hours of reading and editing copy to conform with accepted journalistic style.

My sincere thanks to those of you who have contributed photographs and story ideas. There has not been an issue I haven't wished for a few more pages.

Two Masons, in addition to my father, made a difference in my professional life. The late Sam Strauss Wood, Past Master of Baylor Lodge No. 1235, and former editor of the *Austin American-Statesman*, gave me my first permanent job as a journalist. He made it possible for me to make Austin home and set the course of my future. Little did I appreciate his moving me from photography to the copy desk, where I would have practical experience in editing copy, laying out pages and writing headlines. Those skills would come in handy when I would be called upon to produce our 130,000-plus circulation quarterly magazine from scratch. I didn't know until after becoming editor that Sam had edited the Grand Lodge magazine when he worked at the Waco newspaper.

Then there is Past Grand Master John E. "Jack" Kelly. During his administration during the bicentennial year, public relations, in general, and *The Texas Mason*, in particular, blossomed. We are enjoying a greater openness and public awareness of Masonry in Texas thanks in great measure to his leadership. To me, he has been a personal mentor, good friend, and always a genteel and constructive critic. If that's not synonymous with **brother**, I don't know what is.

*The Texas Mason* is headed in a new direction. We all look forward to the first issue of 2003 and wish the new editor a successful press run.

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## Correction

Due to a typographical error on Page 11 of the last issue of *The Texas Mason*, the name of Cade-Rothwell Lodge No. 151 Worshipful Master Bobby Ballard was misspelled. We apologize for the error.

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