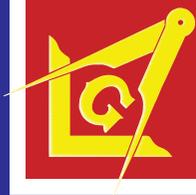




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*... Our Legacy to the
Future*



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Vanguard Award Notice!

July 31, 2003 is the deadline for completing the requirements for the Vanguard Award. August 15, 2003 is the deadline for filing the application with the DEO and DDGM.

All required forms are published and available for downloading from the Grand Lodge website. If you are unable to download the forms, they may be obtained by mail from the Grand Secretary's office.

On the Cover:

(Top) M:W: Grand Master M. Boyd Patterson, Jr. and R:W: Brian R. Dodson at the Fannin Memorial at Goliad.

(Middle) Grand Lodge Officers at the San Jacinto Monument near Houston.

(Bottom) Masons and their families gather in celebration at the Masonic Oak in Brazoria.

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Grand Master's Message -

Facing The Challenges Of The Future

Summer in Texas - the time when we mark the transition from one Lodge term to another - the time when we measure what has been accomplished during the past twelve months and look forward to what we must do in the coming year. How will your personal Masonic account balance when you measure what you have done to fulfill your obligations - obligations to yourself, to your Brethren, to your Lodge, to your community? Have you determined to do more?

This is the time to honestly evaluate whether you have done all of which you are capable in demonstrating your commitment to our shared ideals. **The true measure of our success lies not in what we have done in the past but in what we will do in the future.**

Contrary to what some would claim in their whispered expressions of fearful doubt, our greatest days lie before us if we will but have the courage to do all that is necessary to make Texas Masonry a viable force in the lives of all with whom we come in contact. But, we will not legislate our way to success. Neither will hopeful thinking and grandiose expressions of fanciful plans insure our future. We need not destroy the Fraternity in order to build it a better tomorrow, but we must realize that it is self-imposed limitations which have often denied us success, and that it is those with the daring to accept new challenges, to propose new answers, who will make possible that greater future.

In the vast diversity which is *The Grand Lodge of Texas* lies our strength. None of us should be so foolish as to claim that he has all the right answers or that there is but one path to success. The very change which we now see from one term to the next demonstrates that we rely upon new and different ideas, new leadership, fresh inspiration and innovative thinking to build new achievements upon the foundation of the past.

Each of us must carry his share of the burden. Every Texas Mason can help achieve new greatness. **Each of us is obligated to make that success come into being.** Because each of us is unique, we will each make different contributions. Because each Lodge is unique, we will see in each different programs to create new successes. As we are bound together by our obligations we can be assured that every such effort is worthy of our support.



The future challenges us to do all in our power to carry the Craft forward. When we accept that challenge, when we answer every new challenge with new resolve, only then may we expect to succeed. **As we reflect upon our past, let us yet mutually pledge to do all of which we are capable to achieve more in the future.**

Fraternally Yours,



M. Boyd Patterson, Jr.
Grand Master



2003 Masonic Historical Observances

“By Remembering Our History, We Can Chart Our Future”

Goliad Observance - March 22, 2003 - On an overcast day, homage was paid to the bravery and self-sacrifice made by Col. Fannin and his men in their fight for Texas independence. The Memorial, a monument and tombstone for the final resting place of over 350 men, was the backdrop to a heartfelt speech by **Grand Master, M:W: M. Boyd Patterson, Jr.**, who asked all present to be worthy “of a cause, which we are called upon to emulate; of a desire for freedom which we are called upon to maintain.”



A Masonic wreath was then placed at the tomb by the Grand Master, with the assistance of **R:W: Brian R. Dodson, Grand Junior Warden**, and **W: Todd Polk, Grand Senior Deacon** (below).



San Jacinto Observance - April 19, 2003 - Over 200 Masons and thier families gathered at the shrine commemorating the victory of Texas over Mexico. On April 21, 1836, the Army of Texas, commanded by General Sam Houston, surrounded and surprised the Army of General Santa Anna, and with the cries, “Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!” the Texans secured freedom for

themselves and gave birth to a new Republic.

Led by Grand Master Patterson, the crowd ascended the steps of the monument and looked down upon the battlefield, and also observed in the distance the Battleship Texas. After giving a stirring speech in which he implored those gathered to remember the commitment of the Brethren who fought for a cause bigger than themselves, the Grand Master was presented a Star Banner by **R:W: Robert A. Foreman, Jr.**, DDGM of Masonic District 30B. The banner, a replica of those used during World War II to signify military family members, was presented in recognition of the Grand Master’s son-in-law, a member of the 4th Infantry Division, who was preparing to leave for the conflict in Iraq.



Masonic Oak Observance - May 18, 2003 - The Masons of Texas gathered for the 54th annual observance to remember the occasion of the birth of the Grand Lodge of Texas. The day was casual and festive, filled with speeches, pictures, and the dedication of a tree planting. And what Masonic gathering could be complete without a great BBQ meal. Plaques for the youngest, oldest, farthest traveled attendees and other categories were presented.



Daughters of the Republic of Texas Alamo Flag



At the Alamo Observance on March 1, 2003, a flag that had flown over the Alamo was presented to Grand Master Patterson by **Virginia Van Cleave**, President General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and **Kathleen M. Carter**, Alamo Comm. Chairman. The Grand Master expressed his desire that he be allowed to take the flag to the

upcoming Goliad, San Jacinto and Masonic Oak observances. Below are pictures of that flag being raised at each of the Observances.



1.



2.



3.

1. Goliad
2. San Jacinto
3. Masonic Oak



2003 Grand Lodge Award of Excellence

The following Lodges have earned the **Award of Excellence** by their qualifying attendance at a **Grand Master's Conference**. The total attendance at all 15 Grand Master's Conference for 2003 was 4,388. The **Dallas** Conference had the largest crowd with 586 attending and the Lodge attendance leader was **Prospect Hill #1247** with an amazing total of 27 attendees. If you believe your Lodge qualified, but is not listed below, please contact **Assistant State Coordinator Matt Cason** at mattcason@earthlink.net.

Milam	2	John Sims	458	Hidalgo	1036	Jewel P. Lightfoot	1283
Austin	12	Coleman	496	Brownsboro	1051	Centerville	1291
Paris	27	Mineola	502	Robstown	1062	James Ladd Burgess	1305
Tannehill	52	Deer Creek	510	McAllen	1110	George B. Dealey	1312
Madison	126	Anson	575	Southside	1114	San Jacinto	1330
Brazos Union	129	Midlothian	584	Washington	1117	John T. Bean	1333
Newton	136	Empire	586	Texas City	1118	Bellaire	1336
Lexington	138	Midland	623	Five Points	1137	James H. Lockwood	1343
Castillian	141	Wichita Falls	635	Louis Priester	1150	John L. Degrazier	1349
Hardeman	179	Kerrville	697	Park Place	1172	Thomas B. Hunter	1356
Corpus Christi	189	Floydada	712	Gibraltar	1179	Carrollton	1400
Pine	203	Kaufman	726	Tabernacle	1195	Charles Anderson	1413
Blanco	216	Eddy	797	Somerset	1205	Acacia	1414
Parsons	222	Burke	833	Richardson	1214	Clear Lake	1417
Sampson	231	Yellowhouse	841	Alexander C. Garrett	1216	Cedar Creek	1431
William Foster	312	Knox-Corinthian	851	Crockett	1225	Allen	1435
Ennis	369	Kendall	897	Tyler	1233	South Plains	1443
Yantis	382	Monahans	952	Palo Duro	1239	Wolfforth-Frenship	1447
James A. Smith	395	Dumas	1009	Prospect Hill	1247	Centennial	1448
Longview	404	Aransas	1018	Port Arthur	1264	Krum	1453
Hill City	456	Sam R. Hamilton	1031	Oso Naval	1282	Little Cypress	1459

Fiat Lux Conference

November 14 - 16, 2003

A 2003 SIGNATURE PROGRAM

The **Fiat Lux Conference** will bring together those Masons interested in learning the workings of Grand Lodge and in gaining the knowledge that will help them mold the future, rather than be led by it.

During this weekend conference, each student will select 4 courses to attend out of a total of 16 courses which will all be taught by expert Masons. The topics include:

1. Grand Lodge Financial Structure: Investments, Goals and Vendors
2. Grand Lodge Endowed Membership Programs: All of them
3. Grand Secretary's Office: Staff and Office operations, Responsibilities, and building operations.
4. Grand Lodge Public Relations: Marketing Masonry.
5. Grand Lodge Committee Structure: What are their responsibilities?
6. Grand Lodge statewide and regional programs.
7. Role of the Past Master in the local lodge, district, and statewide.
8. Selection process of the DDGM and district service teams. What are their responsibilities? How is this process changing?
9. Masonic education from the Entered Apprentice to the Past Master.
10. Examination in recent and current changes in Grand Lodge Law.
11. Grand Lodge Trustees: Who are they? What is their role?
12. Masonic Philanthropies: Scottish Rite, Commandery, Eastern Star, and youth across America.
13. Grand Lodge in the 21st century: Further goals and objectives for Texas.
14. Famous Masons in Texas and their impact on the formation of Texas and Grand Lodge.
15. Grand Lodge Legislative Process: Who is really in charge?
16. Grand Lodge Internet Program: Basic home page construction.

In addition to attending the educational courses, students will be divided into small quarry groups that will discuss assigned exercises covering a variety of topics and problems currently faced by our Fraternity and our Grand Lodge today. The results of these discussions could produce new and creative Grand Lodge programs, or help modify existing ones in ways never previously considered. This is another way you can help direct the future.

Registration forms are available from the Grand Secretary's office, your local DDGM, the Grand Lodge website and **Assistant State Coordinator John Clements** at 903-455-4144 or 903-450-5712.



Together Against Drug Abuse

It has been said, "a stitch in time saves nine." For the children of our community, early drug prevention education can save them from almost insurmountable problems later in life.

The "Together Against Drug Abuse" program (TADA) is a partnership between local Masonic Lodges, schools and law enforcement agencies to teach 5th grade students how to make good choices at the most crucial time in their lives - how to say "No" to drugs, alcohol and tobacco.



The program is designed to be implemented by a Lodge, or group of Lodges. An appointed Lodge program chairman should contact and gain approval for the program to be established in one or

"Thank you for teaching me the different ways to say no to drugs ... instead of me learning the hard way."

5th Grade TADA student

more elementary schools (preferably 5th grade students). A uniformed law enforcement officer will then be assigned and, together with the school officials, schedule the bi-weekly sessions with the students.

But the program does more than just tell

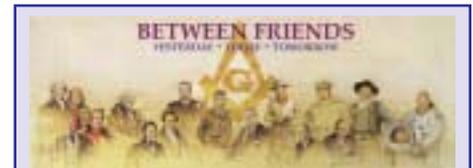


the students the perils of substance abuse – it shows them. The students are taken to court to observe trials and the sentencing of criminals convicted of drug crimes. Many times the students are shocked to see teens barely older than themselves being sentenced for drug offenses.

The TADA program requires an investment of approximately eight dollars (\$8.00) per student. This will cover the cost of each student's T-shirt, instructor's manual, video tapes, certificate of participation and pencils with our logo on them to reward students. (If extra T-shirts are needed they will cost \$4.25 each.) Lodges are encouraged to find a business in your community to help be a sponsor.

At the end of the school year, there is usually a graduation "picnic" at the Lodge culminating with the presentation of certificates to each student.

For more information about the program please contact: Archie David at 214-653-7024 (office) or 972-434-0347 (home)



The Between Friends kit can be given to any non-Mason you think would be an asset to Freemasonry and who would also benefit from membership. Order a kit today and share the experience of belonging to the greatest Fraternity in the world with all of your friends. They are available from the Grand Secretary's office for \$10.00 each.

2003 District Workshops

After a short absence, District Workshops will resume this year with a twist that should make them more useful to the Lodges than ever before.

During their spring Official Visits, the 2003 District Deputy Grand Masters surveyed the members of their district and determined which of the 8 proposed topics were most preferred for presentation at the fall workshop. With the members of almost 900 Lodges in 146 districts voting, it is safe to say that almost every workshop will be different. But these workshops will also serve the needs of the district better than in the past since each district, from sprawling West Texas to downtown Houston, has specific problems and needs that cannot be addressed by a single program.

The topics that were available for selection were:

1. Lodge Officer Duties
2. Fund Raising

3. Term Planning
4. Lodge Budget & Finances
5. Masonic Parliamentary Procedure
6. MWSA Formation
7. Review of Upcoming 2003 Grand Lodge Legislation

Another difference this year is that the workshops are open to all Masons, as well as their wives, friends, and potential candidates. While there will be a short closed portion at the beginning of the meeting to officially receive the District Deputy Grand Master with honors, the Workshops contain information that will be useful to non-Masons also.

If not already scheduled in your area, your District Deputy Grand Master will soon be finalizing the arrangements for the 2003 District Workshop. Be sure to attend this fall and take up the challenge to become an informed and educated member of your Lodge.

Masonic Home & School News



Current Statistics: (as of Jun. 5, 2003)

No. of Children enrolled -120

Staff - 141 (147 approved positions)

Widows - 31

Lunch funds received (fiscal year) - \$82,541.

Tier 1 State Funds receive (fiscal year) - \$624,697.

The original 2002-2003 budget was reduced by \$713,594 from \$9,754,619 to \$9,041,025.

Current fiscal year expenditures are \$7,934,011.

The current income to date (fiscal year) - \$6,456,491.

On May 31, 2003 the board approved the 2003-2004 budget in the amount of: \$9,053,919

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

MHS Development Department

Development efforts at Masonic Home and School of Texas continue to gain strength! The Internal Development Committee, a team of inter-department MHS staff, and the Women's Advisory Board, a committee of women community leaders, both support the Development Department through advocacy and fund-raising efforts. The department, continues to hold Community Luncheons to increase MHS exposure and appeal to Foundations for grant assistance.

They have also researched ways for you to strengthen their efforts and thanks to the latest in corporate giving programs, raising funds for MHS has never been easier! When you participate in these programs, **designating Masonic Home and School as your charity of choice**, these companies will refund a percentage of your purchases back to MHS!

1. **Albertson's Community Partners** (MHS ID# 49000900385)
In-Store Registration (On-line registration coming soon.)
2. **Tom Thumb/Randalls Good Neighbor** (MHS ID# 10357)
In-Store Registration (On-line registration soon.)
3. **Kroger** – Get your Kroger Share Card from MHS.
4. **Central Market** (Fort Worth location only)
CM Fund-raising Foodie Card from MHS.
5. **Target Take Charge of Education** (MHS ID# 99736)
Use your Target VISA and/or Guest Cards at any Target store and/or target.com.
6. **Box Top\$ for Education** – Collect coupons located on General Mills products and send to MHS or Shop On-line at www.boxtops4education.com.



MHS Debt Reduction

In furtherance of my commitment to keep the brethren of Texas informed:

During the Grand Lodge Special Communication on September 21, 2002, the membership voted to keep the Masonic Home and School open by an overwhelming margin. The membership was also informed of the \$21,254,388 in unrestricted funds that had been transferred into the Endowment Fund during the years 1963 to 1996. The membership, in support of keeping the MHS open, granted permission to access fifty percent of the transferred funds, or \$10,627,194.

Though some may have feared that those funds would be depleted immediately, hard work by the MHS Board of Directors and staff over the last nine plus (9 +) months has delayed any use of those funds. At the regular meeting of May 31, 2003, the MHS Board voted to retire the debt from the line of credit, requiring access to the newly unrestricted funds for the first time. Those funds, in an "Unrestricted Endowment" fund, will be described as an "Internal Line of Credit" in the 2003-04 budget. It is the Board's plan to replace the funds over time as the economy and donations improve.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

M. Boyd Patterson, Jr.
Grand Master

MHS Fund-raising Items

Masonic Trailer Hitches, Book Ends and Wall Plaques are for sale with all proceeds going to the Masonic Home & School. All emblems measure 5 3/4" wide by 7" tall in heavy metal, with choice of chrome or brass plate finish (except trailer hitch).



Trailer Hitch Cap
\$50 plus \$6 s/h
Chrome Only



Wall plaque/paper weight
\$40 plus \$5 s/h



Book Ends
\$40 ea or 2 for \$75
plus \$5 s/h

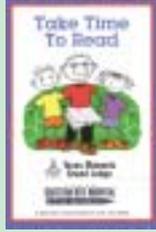
Major credit cards, bank draft or checks are accepted.

Order by writing or calling:

Delane Jackson
Masonic Home & School
P. O. Box 15040
Fort Worth, Texas 76119
817-531-9300

For Lodge fund-raisers, contact:

Jim Harvey
P. O. Box 330582
Fort Worth, TX 76163
817-293-1112
cell: 817-401-8946



Take Time to Read

Have you ever wondered why some children read better than others, and why some like to read and others do not? Have you ever thought about the connection between good reading skills and academic success?

According to reading experts, reading aloud to children may be one of the most important things that adults can do to prepare them for success in school. Not only is their vocabulary enriched, they also learn new information and experiences. Being read to can create a love for books and generate a desire to read. It also stimulates the imagination and inspires creativity.

The Grand Lodge of Texas' **Take Time To Read** Program gives Masons the opportunity to join their local libraries and schools in reading to children, collecting

books through book drives, and reaping the rewards of glowing eyes, smiling faces and eager listeners. The program is cosponsored by the **Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children**. "We have a long history of working together successfully on programs for children," said **Elizabeth Cantrill**, previous program coordinator at the hospital.



A program handbook is available outlining ways that Masonic Lodges can take part, from distributing brochures, having book drives, to reading aloud to children at home, libraries and schools. The hospital also has bookmarks and certificates of recognition available. A Lodge start-up kit includes three posters, 50 brochures, 50 certificates, 50 bookmarks and a video.

To start a Take Time To Read program in your community, call the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children at 1-800-421-1121 and ask for **Susan Dyess**.

Q&A Texas Masonic History

What was the home Lodge of "The Father of Texas," Stephen F. Austin?

Brother Austin received his Masonic degrees in Louisiana Lodge No. 109, the first Lodge west of the Mississippi and located at St. Genevieve, LA (now in Missouri,) on May 1 and June 23, 1815. When it demised, Brother Austin became a member of St. Louis Lodge No.3 in the then territory of Missouri, and remained a member until his untimely death in 1836.

In addition to Brother Austin, Brother and Territorial Governor William Clark, (of the Lewis and Clark Expedition), were both driving forces behind this Lodge. Governor Clark appointed and commissioned Austin an Adjutant in the Missouri Militia, and subsequently a federal circuit Judge of Arkansas.

Along with an appointment as a Director of the Bank of St. Louis, all by the age of twenty-eight, this bright, articulate, college educated, young man was deeply influenced by Freemasonry and his Masonic connections. There could have been no one of that era better qualified to take up his father's unfinished task of bringing civilization to the wilderness of Texas.

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

New Future for Demised Lodges

One of the unfortunate realities of Texas Masonic history is that Lodges have been demising in towns both large and small since 1841. One means of recapturing some of that history is for a Lodge to be "**restored**" to active status, thus allowing it to continue to serve the community and add to its legacy.

It is interesting to learn the reasons why some Lodges demised. Some did so because the men of the town left to fight in the Civil War

and not enough returned to be able to support the Lodge. Sometimes the towns themselves were destroyed by fires, floods or tornadoes, and when the community ceased to exist, the Lodge demised with it.

One Lodge in Dallas was recently restored near it's original location. **Scyene Lodge #295** is now a viable, growing entity with plans to build on its history and be an active community partner. Scyene #295 was a prime candidate for restoration since none of its previous members were still living and having a daylight Lodge in the area would not conflict with existing Lodges.



Grand Master Patterson and Grand Lodge officers with the new officers of Scyene Lodge #295 at their restoration and installation.

Originally chartered on June 13, 1867, the Lodge demised in 1898. Its new "charter" Worshipful Master is **R:W: Leonard P. Harvey, P.G.M.**,

If you are interested in further information on the restoration of demised Lodges, contact your District Deputy Grand Master.

Military Service Book Deadline

August 1, 2003 is the deadline for submitting military service information for the upcoming book on Texas Masonic Veterans. Announced in the last issue of *The Texas Mason*, this book will list Masons who served in the Military either in peacetime or took part in conflicts beginning with the Republic of Texas to the present.



Grand Master's Calendar

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

JULY

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

AUGUST

1	Fri.	Wardens' Retreat	Nacogdoches
2	Sat.	Wardens' Retreat	Nacogdoches
3	Sun.	Wardens' Retreat	Nacogdoches
8	Fri.	Festive Board	Dallas
15	Fri.	Wardens' Retreat	Austin
16	Sat.	Wardens' Retreat	Austin
17	Sun.	Wardens' Retreat	Austin
18	Mon.	Grand Encampment, K.T.	St. Louis
19	Tues.	Grand Encampment, K.T.	St. Louis
20	Wed.	Grand Encampment, K.T.	St. Louis
22	Fri.	Trustees' meeting	Dallas
22	Fri.	Wardens' Retreat	Dallas
23	Sat.	Wardens' Retreat	Dallas
23	Sat.	Festive Board	Houston
24	Sun.	Wardens' Retreat	Dallas
29	Fri.	Wardens' Retreat	Midland
30	Sat.	Wardens' Retreat	Midland
31	Sun.	Wardens' Retreat	Midland

SEPTEMBER

4	Thurs.	Southwestern Masonic Conf. Through	Oklahoma City
7	Sun.	Southwestern Masonic Conf.	Oklahoma City
12	Fri.	Home and School Board meeting	Ft. Worth
12	Fri.	Wardens' Retreat	Houston
13	Sat.	Wardens' Retreat	Houston
14	Sun.	Wardens' Retreat	Houston
23	Tues.	Masonic Information Exposition	Dallas
27	Sat.	DeMolay Legion of Honor Conferral	Dallas

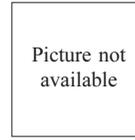
OCTOBER

4	Sat.	Scottish Rite Supreme Council Through	Washington
9	Thurs.	Scottish Rite Supreme Council	Washington
11	Sat.	Dist. 8 MWSA banquet	Commerce
17	Fri.	Young County Lodge 125 th Ann.	Graham
25	Sat.	Trustees' meeting	Waco
29	Wed.	14 th & 64 th Districts MWSA mtg.	Ft. Worth

New Patrons of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum



Lawrence K. Casey, Jr.
Beaumont



Ronald A. Sharp
La Porte

Brothers Casey and Sharp became Patron members after the current Patron brochure was printed.

A Patron of the Library and Museum has made a donation of \$5000. They have their picture placed in the Library and are presented a marble momento.

New Member of the Sam Houston Hall of Fame

Richard R. Jernigan
Fort Worth

Sam Houston Hall of Fame participation levels:

Full Member - \$1000	Patron - \$250
Associate - \$500	Donor - \$25

They first came to Texas in 1836 to help us win our independence from Mexico. This fall, the Masons of Tennessee will return and again enjoy our fellowship and celebrate with their Texas brethren.



The Grand Lodge officers of the **Grand Lodge of Tennessee** and members will arrive in Austin Thursday evening, September 4, 2003. On Friday, Sept. 5th they will tour the State Capital and then travel to San Antonio for the visit to the Alamo.



On Saturday, Sept. 6th the Tennessee Grand Lodge officers will confer a Master Mason degree "Tennessee Style" at the James Hilbrook Ranch at Sage, TX. That evening they will attend the stated meeting of Henry Thomas Lodge #278 near Marble Falls.

If you would like to attend or need further information, please RSVP to **W. Gail Blackmon** by August 1, 2003 at (979) 773-2948.



Blood... The Gift of Life

By now, all Masons should be familiar with one of the best programs sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Texas - the **Gift of Life Blood Drives**. And a key point for everyone to recognize is this - **There is no substitute for blood.**

Our fraternal hospitals require approx. 9,000 units of blood each year. Statistics also show that the population of Texas uses more blood, and blood products, than its citizens are donating, therefore we are importing blood into the state from other areas of the country.

By providing an easy means of donation, with the proper publicity, we can easily provide 20,000 units of blood annually. By unifying all of the Masonic Lodges in Texas under the common Gift of Life banner, we all gain the benefit of each local drive's publicity.

The strength of the "Gift of Life" effort is in providing an easy opportunity for the general public to donate through our Masonic Lodges. Locations can be in a Lodge building or an outside mobile unit.

Participation in the Gift of Life program is easy and all Lodges can participate:

- Appoint a Lodge coordinator
- Set a donations goal
- Schedule the date with the Blood Center, and plan around local events.
- Publicize the event
- Assign a Telephone Committee to recruit donors
- Prepare the Lodge

It is extremely important to remember that to have a successful blood drive, donors are needed from the general public, not just Masons.

The needs are real, but we can change the future for our hospitals. We can make a difference, but it's up to you. Your participation is essential to make the Gift of Life a successful program

For information, contact Gift of Life Chairman, Jack Patterson, 1117 Chimney Rock Trail, Garland, TX 75043. 972-278-1008

Online Membership Change Form Now Available

Good News for Lodge Secretaries.

The Grand Lodge of Texas Internet Committee, with the approval of the Grand Secretary, recently developed an **on-line Membership Change Form**. The on-line form is designed to include all of the features of the paper form to report changes in member status to the Grand Secretary and should be used only by Lodge Secretaries.

After the Lodge Secretary fills out the on-line form, it is transmitted directly to the Grand Secretary's office as an e-mail, and a receipt is then sent to back to the Lodge Secretary to confirm the changes. If you are a Lodge Secretary and would like to use this on-line form, contact Loyd Addy, Chairman of the Internet Committee by e-mail at texasmason@gltxas.org and he will provide a user name and password to gain access.

2003 Warden's Retreats

Nacogdoches **Austin**
August 1-3 August 15-17

Dallas **Midland**
August 22-24 August 29-31

Houston
September 12-13

The Warden's Retreats are the best training available for Lodge leadership and management. Every Lodge should encourage their officers to attend. The deadline for submitting a reservation is 2 weeks before each retreat. Forms are available on the Grand Lodge website, the Grand Secretary's office and on the back page of this issue.

Additional Lodge Light Program

One of the foundations of any effort to properly integrate new Master Masons into the fraternity is Masonic Education. For that reason the "**Additional Lodge Light**" or **A.L.L. Program** was introduced and is required to be used by all Texas Lodges.

The Program consists of two self-paced course books covering ten basic Masonic subjects. The practical exercises have been prepared to be equally applicable for use by both urban and rural Lodges. The course is also designed to be overseen by the Lodge Counselor who acts as a facilitator to guide the student's discussion into a deeper understand of the subject matter.

The first book, the A.L.L. Handbook, contains reference information and gives the student an introduction to each particular subject area. The Handbook is also designed

to be a permanent resource that may be used by multiple students.

The second book, the A.L.L. Activities Exercise Book, contains exercises intended to stimulate discussion by the student in each subject area. After completing the activity, each exercise should be discussed with the Lodge Counselor who will certify the activity's completion. This book should be kept by the student as his own personal resource.

This program, together with the Grand Lodge Candidate Information Program, will enable Lodges to assist their members to begin their Masonic career with the knowledge necessary to have a great Masonic future.

Copies of both books are available from The Grand Lodge of Texas.



Medical Aid Project

*“To relieve the distressed is duty incumbent upon all men;
but particularly on Masons ...”*

In keeping with the second Principle Tenet of Freemasonry, the Brethren of the **24th Masonic District** are in the midst of a two-year relief supply program to aid the grief stricken people of other countries.

The project started when Brother **Samuel Olivieri** returned from Rwanda having personally witnessed the appalling lack of medical attention received by the Rwandan children. After presenting his concerns to Jewett Lodge #427 and neighboring Lodges, it became a 24th



District Project. The Grand Lodge of Texas authorized the collection of supplies and with the support and connections of the Waco Scottish Rite Bodies within the area Hospitals, the process began.

In their effort to help, Brethren of these Lodges have collected over two tons of supplies, primarily medical. The Brethren have also been sorting, packing and making ready the first shipping container of supplies, which is now ready for delivery. Difficulties in getting proper clearance to deliver the supplies to Rwanda have caused them to

switch to the Republic of Peru which has agreed to handle the transportation needs. Dr. Paul Morgan, Regional Director of Peru's Ministry of Education, will supervise and document the delivery of the donation.

The project is being assisted by donations from the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas and Scott & White Hospital in Temple. The Brethren of District 24 have taken up the challenge of service to others and hope to send additional containers of supplies each year.



Texas Masonic Philanthropies

A 2003 SIGNATURE PROGRAM

By now, each of you should have received your personal copy of the Texas **“Masonry In Action”** booklet which is being distributed by the Grand Lodge of Texas through the **“Texas Masonic Philanthropies”** Program. This resource booklet, describing the basic services provided by and contact information for all of our charities, is furnished to you with the hope that every person eligible for assistance can be made aware of the services we offer and to educate the Masons in Texas as well.

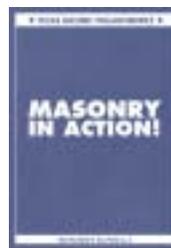
In order to maintain the high level of care provided by these charities, it is important that we support them with a generous donation. Your donation will help continue to maintain and administer our Texas Masonic Philanthropies and will help keep them strong for many years to come.

As with most tasks, a little by a lot goes a long way. If everyone contributed just \$15, the 2003 goal would be exceeded. Take time now to return your donation in the envelope provided with your **“Masonry In Action”**

booklet, or send your check or money order made payable to “Grand Lodge of Texas Philanthropies” to:

Grand Lodge of Texas Philanthropies
P.O. Box 8292
Waco, TX 76714-8292

Each of us has an obligation to see to it that everything that we can do is done.



TMP Brochure

Masonic Service Association Appeal

The Masonic Service Association of North America has issued an appeal for donations to aid disaster relief efforts in Missouri, Kansas and Tennessee. Recent tornadoes have left some areas in these states in total destruction.

Please consider helping the devastated Brethren and families in these jurisdictions. All funds collected will be split between these three Grand Lodges, unless specific distribution requests are made.

Please forward funds to 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD, 20910-4765. Make checks payable to MSA Disaster Relief Fund.



Leadership Books Now Sold By Grand Lodge

The following books published by the Masonic Renewal Committee have recently become available directly from the Grand Lodge of Texas. These outstanding educational and leadership resources are \$10 each and are an invaluable aid to every Lodge and Lodge officer. Contact the Grand Lodge office to order your copies.



101+ Ways To Improve Interest And Attendance In Your Masonic Lodge

An easy-to-use guidebook organized into 10 sections that provide specific steps for increasing interest and attendance.



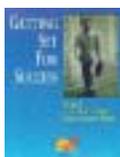
150+ Ways To Involve Your Lodge With The Family And In The Community

Guide to more than 150 ways to get your Lodge or Masonic Organization involved in your community, with the family and in the schools.



A Masonic Leader's Planning Guide

An easy-to-read and use guidebook organized into a 7-step process for developing a plan and budget. Included are 19 printed originals which can be reproduced and reused.



Getting Set for Success

A guide to assist your Lodge with the evaluation of its strengths and weaknesses. There is instruction on how to present the findings to the members to achieve Success!



75 Ways to Attract and Retain New Members

This handbook was developed to be the "How to" book based upon questions we've heard Masonic Leaders ask related to membership development and retention.

The Essential Skills of Leadership Series

Guides to becoming a more successful leader. The qualities of the artful leader can be learned and practiced at many different levels: in your work, on the job, in your home and in your Masonic Lodge.

The Five Guides in this series cover five critical areas:

- When You Become the Leader***
- The Power of Vision***
- Managing Change***
- Motivation***
- Developing and Using a Lodge Team***

Appendant Bodies News 2003 Grand Commandery

The **Grand Commandery, K.T. of Texas** held its 150th Annual Grand Conclave in Midland, on April 25-28, 2003, led by **2002-2003 Grand Commander, Wayne D. Groce**. It was the occasion of a memorable "first" in recent history, as every elected Grand line officer of the Grand Encampment, K.T. of the United States, all Texas York Rite Grand Presiding Officers and the Grand Master of Texas Masons were all in attendance.

The following honors were awarded: Knight Commander of the Temple to Grand Master **M. Boyd Patterson, Jr.**, Grand Commander **Groce** and **Thomas N. Turner**. Knight Templar Cross of Honor to **Allan W. "Skip" Dees**, **Ted D. Hennis**, and **Thomas C Snedecor**. In a very rare event, the title of Honorary Past Grand Commander was accorded to **Loyd L. Chance**, Grand Recorder.

At the election of officers, **James P. Smith** of Gladewater (right) was elected the **2003-2004 Grand Commander**. The next Grand Conclave will be held April 16-19, 2004 in Tyler. More information on Texas York Rite bodies is available at www.texasorkrite.org.



Photo courtesy the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children

Upcoming events:



Jul. 6-10 - Imperial Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S., Minneapolis, MN



Jul. 17-20 - 73rd Annual DeMolay State Conclave - Houston at the Holiday Inn Houston SW



Aug. 15-20 - Grand Encampment, K.T., of the United States - St. Louis, MO.

York Rite Festivals: dates, locations and contacts

Sept. 5 & 6 - **McKinney**, Saint John's Lodge, 215 1/2 N. Kentucky St., McKinney. Louis Hopkins, (972) 784-8691.

Sept. 20 - **Tyler**, St. John's Masonic Lodge, 323 West Front Street, Tyler. Howard McFarland, (903) 593-7343.

Sept. 27 - **San Antonio**, Scottish Rite Cathedral, San Antonio. Gerald F. Nowotny, (210) 573-3829.

Sept. 27 - **Waco**, York Rite Building, 724 Washington Ave., Waco. Jon Spann, (254) 214-4658

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Pentagon #1080 held a golf tournament benefiting Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and the Masonic Home and School. Pictured are Keith Hitt, Masonic Relations TSRHC, Alison McCleskey, Community Relations TSRHC, Joe Downs, Pentagon Lodge #1080, and Glynn Gregory, Development TSRHC.



Ft. Hancock #1297 is working with 3 elementary schools in the Take Time to Read Program. The Lodge is particularly active with 4 yr old pre-K and 5 yr old Kindergarten students by reading and assisting them in computer lab.



The members of 2003 Graduating Class of the Masonic Home & School are shown with the MHS Directors and Grand Master Patterson

Roundup



Just one of their many community services, McAllen #1110 donated blankets to the local homeless shelter.



Ballinger #643, Wingate #1042, Paint Rock #613, Miles #898 and Bronte #962 held a joint Easter egg hunt and over 22,000 eggs, candy and prizes were hidden for nearly 700 Ballinger area children who attended. It is hoped to be an annual event.



Boyd #479 had a cornerstone dedicating ceremony at their Lodge on April 26, 2003 in celebration of their 125th Anniversary.



Webb #1454 presented a Community Builder Award to Crouch Elementary School Principal Mark Strand.



Southside #1114, Polytechnic #925 and Sunrise Daylight #1433 hosted a breakfast for 84 Fort Worth policemen, firemen and emergency medical technicians.



A joint fund raiser was held by Deer Creek #510 and Crowley #1437 to help injured Everman football player Corey Fulbright, who was paralyzed in the 2002 Class 3A state championship game. Brother Ernie Rios organized the event, which had many Masons and non-Masons provide smokers, and donate the 151 briskets, 12 hams and lots of sausage. After the smoke cleared, nearly \$60,000 was raised to help this young man and his family.



Members of the Republic of Texas Degree team pause with the Grand Master in Goliad. The team conferred all three Masonic degrees separately at the 2003 Historical Observances.

Please send pictures and descriptions of your community involvement events to the editor at the postal or email address listed on page 2.





Message from the Grand Secretary

To the Secretaries:

In reading the history of this great nation, one becomes acutely aware of the similarities of our form of government and Freemasonry. Because of so many similarities, it would seem that Freemasonry, either by accident or design, had an impact on the type of government chosen by our founding fathers. It is also striking to note that many of our founding fathers were Freemasons, who were undoubtedly familiar with the government of Masonic Lodges, as well as the government of nations.

Before the Bill of Rights and our Constitution were drafted, Masonic Lodges located in countries ruled by kings, queens, princes, or potentates, were electing their own officers, adopting their own By-Laws, and establishing rules of conduct. All members, regardless of their own religion or country of origin, were accepted as peers, and all met upon the level of equality. Devout Christians, Jews, Hindus, Muslims, etc., could set aside their own religious beliefs for a time, sit in Lodge with men of other faiths, and reaffirm the Masonic doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Although our nation permits a belief or non-belief in many forms of religion, our Masonic Fraternity requires a belief in deity, but does not impose any particular creed upon its members. While Freemasonry grants freedom “of” religion, our nation permits freedom “from” religion.

Realizing that many people fled to this new country to avoid religious persecution, or to be permitted to worship as their consciences dictated, many of our founding fathers were already aware of a system of self-government, which permitted such freedom and acceptance.

It is certainly a dichotomy of beliefs, that anyone in this country could so readily accept our national policy of freedom of religion, and then condemn Freemasonry for either “being a religion,” or not “being of a particular faith,” or “accepting members from many faiths.”

The Masonic teachings of “Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth,” make our Fraternity a universal Brotherhood, transcending national, political and religious boundaries, and conciliates true friendship and universal peace. As long as we remain true to these fundamental beliefs, not only will we remain faithful to the Fraternity, but true citizens of a nation founded upon the same principles.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely and fraternally,

James D Ward
Grand Secretary

Masonic Youth Weekend

During the second weekend of May 2003 the **Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee** sponsored the **7th Annual Masonic Youth Weekend**, with just under 300 Masonic youth and advisors attending.

For the third year in a row, the planning and execution for the entire weekend was performed by the youth state level presiding officers of the three Masonic Youth Organizations (**Jennifer Kleinmann** - Rainbow Grand Worthy Advisor; **Alexis Work** - Miss Texas Job’s Daughters; **Doug Van Griner** - acting DeMolay State Master Councilor), from the design and colors of the T-Shirts to the weekend events to the meals and the devotional. This MYW was a total success!



Masonic Youth Foundation

In an effort to help ensure the financial future of the youth organizations in Texas, the “**Texas Masonic Youth Foundation**” was recently established, with the sole purpose of serving the Masonic Youth of Texas.

One of the duties of the foundation will be to solicit funds for an endowment, from which only the earnings will be distributed by the Board of Directors.

The Charter members of the Board of Directors are: **J. Weldon Clampitte**, Chairman, **Marlene Dibrell**, **M:W: M. Boyd Patterson, Jr.**, **R:W: Brian R. Dodson**, and **Gene Manning**. While the Foundation is not tied to the Grand Lodge of Texas, some of the members are Masons.

This foundation was started out of discussions by a small group of Masons who, seeing similar foundations working well in other states, decided it was time for the State of Texas to help prepare for its future by assisting the Masonic Youth of today.



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___	526MBP	Large Belt Buckle	30.00	___
___	522MBP	Small Belt Buckle	28.00	___
___	523MBP	Logo Bolo Tie w/ Gold Cord	12.00	___
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___	536MBP	Cuff Links (per pair)	12.00	___
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___	538MBP	"2B1ASK1" Bumper Stickers	1.00	___
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2003 Grand Lodge Jewelry



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Jim Ward, Grand Secretary
P.O. Box 446
Waco, TX 76703-0446



Make checks payable to: **The Grand Lodge of Texas.** Visa or MasterCard orders must include the card number, the name exactly as it appears on card, and the expiration date. Please allow four weeks for delivery.



2003 WARDENS' RETREAT & LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

Registration Form

IMPORTANT – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND FILL IN ALL INFORMATION

NAME (First, Last, MI): _____ TODAY'S DATE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS (City, State, Zip): _____

WIFE'S NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: (_____) OFFICE PHONE: (_____)

LODGE (Name, No, City) _____

While attending the Wardens' Retreat & Leadership Training Program, I will be participating with the (check one):

JUNIOR WARDENS' GROUP SENIOR WARDENS' GROUP EMAIL: _____

Registration Fees**

(Fees for Warden or Spouse include all program materials & supplies, Master's Manual, refreshments, Saturday/Sunday breakfasts, Saturday lunch & dinner)

Warden's Fee \$ 175 X _____ = \$ _____

Spouse's Fee \$ 100 X _____ = \$ _____

Late Registration Fee \$ 15 X _____ = \$ _____

(after the 2-week Preregistration Deadline)

Hotel Package (2 nights at conference hotel)

Austin, Dallas, Houston \$ 180 X _____ = \$ _____

Midland, Nacogdoches \$ 150 X _____ = \$ _____

(Room Type Request: Smoking Non -Smoking)

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

Make check payable to **Grand Lodge of Texas** & mail to:

The Grand Lodge of Texas
Wardens' Retreat Program
P.O. Box 446
Waco, TX 76703

I will attend the Wardens' Retreat & Leadership Training Program at the following location (Preregistration Deadline is shown)

Nacogdoches **August 1-3, 2003** (July 18, 2003)
Fredonia Hotel, 200 North Fredonia St., Nacogdoches, 75961

Austin **August 15-17, 2003** (August 1, 2003)
Hilton North & Towers, 6000 Middle Fiskville Rd., Austin, 78752

Dallas **August 22-24, 2003** (August 8, 2003)
Omni Hotel, 701 East Campbell Rd. at Hwy 75, Richardson, 75081

Midland **August 29-31, 2003** (August 15, 2003)
Holiday Inn & Suites, 4300 West Highway 80, Midland, 79703

Houston **September 12-14, 2003** (August 29, 2002)
Hilton Westchase, 9999 Westheimer Road, Houston, 77042

** Registration Fees are subject to the preregistration deadlines listed by location. Late registration is subject to a \$15 late fee and is accepted on a space available basis. Registration fees are nonrefundable except in very extenuating circumstances. Fees may be transferred to another conference, another participant, or to next year's program if cancellation is made prior to Retreat. The Hotel Package is refundable only if cancellations are made by Monday prior to the Retreat weekend to accommodate the hotels' cancellation policies. All participants must pay the appropriate fees.

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