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February 2020 – Monthly Newsletter

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From the East . . .



Brethren,

February is upon us! As we gear up for the spring, please be reminded that thoughts of renewal and new life are abundant this time of year. Those thoughts may lead someone to ask you about Masonry. We have a slew of current EAs, new candidates, and incoming petitions. This will allow us to make new masons, nurture them in their journey, as well as raise new Master Masons who will hopefully repeat the process. I expect the spring to be a busy one! Come out and take part in one of the many degrees we will be performing. If you are willing, we will put you to work. In my opinion, nothing is more satisfying in Masonry than participating in the making, passing or raising of a Mason.

This month's masonic discussion has homework! Before you get too anxious, the homework is simple. Please be prepared to spend a minute talking about your favorite bible verse, story, or other scripture related piece. This discussion will not be a time for segregation and judgement, but rather a time for us as Masons to show that reverential awe from a creature to his creator. I look forward to hearing the stories of scripture that has impacted your life, as well as the meaning behind some of our more common verses heard routinely within the walls of the lodge room.

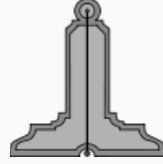
Thank you for attending the Fantastic Teeth Kit assembly! It was a great way to see all area masons in action for the children.

Stated meeting is February 7, 2020. Dinner at 6:30pm, gavel drops at 7:30pm.

God Bless,
Joey Powers - WM

Floor Practice is the 1st, 3rd, & 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Come and take part.

From the West . . .



Greetings Brethren,

It's hard to believe its February already. February is a notable month in Texas Masonic history. When we think of the forming a lodge in Texas, we generally think of March 1835 underneath an oak tree. However, this was not the first attempt; the first known Masonic meeting ever held in Texas was in February 1828 when Stephen F. Austin, Ira Ingram and 5 other masons met in San Felipe. They met to draw up a petition to get a dispensation to form a new masonic lodge in San Felipe, Texas. The petition was submitted to the grand lodge in Mexico City. The petition was never acted on.

San Felipe de Austin was established in 1823 and served as Stephen F. Austin's unofficial headquarters for his colony. By 1828 it had a population around 200, and in 1835 the population was close to 600 and was rivaled only by San Antonio economically.

During the Texas Revolution, the conventions of 1832 and 1833 were held in the town, and as the site of the Consultation of November 3, 1835, San Felipe de Austin served as the capital of the provisional government until the Convention of 1836 met the following March at Washington-on-the-Brazos. After the fall of the Alamo, Gen. Sam Houston's army retreated through San Felipe de Austin. On March 30, 1836, the small garrison remaining at San Felipe to defend the Brazos crossing ordered the town evacuated and then burned it to the ground to keep it from falling into the hands of the advancing Mexican army. The terrified residents hastily gathered what few belongings they could carry before fleeing eastward during the incident known as the Runaway Scrape. After the revolution some residents returned but the town never fully recovered.

Fraternally,

Nathan Shrode
Senior Warden

From the South . . .



Greetings Brethren,

Definition of a Freemason

A Mason is a man who is clean inside and out, who neither looks up to the rich nor down on the poor, who can give without complaining, who can prosper without bragging, and who is considerate of women, children and old people.

He is a man who is too brave to lie, too noble to cheat, too sensible to loaf, and who takes his share of the world's goods, and lets other people take theirs.

Steve Sperry
Junior Warden



Steward's Corner:

Meal: Something Tasty!

Sickness and Distress:

Dan Redman and wife
Andy Wines (at home)