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2020-2021 OFFICERS

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Steve Sperry	Senior Warden
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Jeremy Jones	Junior Deacon
Jeff Goolsby	Senior Steward
Jeremy Campanella	Junior Steward
Bruce Wilson	Marshal
Bob Chesser	Master of Ceremonies
Joey Powers	Tiler
Garland Timms	Trustee
Charles Mire	Trustee
Johnny Williams	Trustee



From the East . . .



Brethren,

I would like to start off with some good news. We will once again be serving a meal before our stated meetings. Junior Warden Louis Rapp was appointed at our last stated meeting to oversee the Grand Master's requirements for serving meals. He and the Stewards have been working hard to ensure that we can enjoy a hot meal before we get down to business.

I recently spoke with Right Worshipful Terry Hitt to see if anything had changed pertaining to degree work. After contacting Grand Lodge, he informed me that sadly nothing has changed. We are still prohibited from doing degrees. We ARE allowed to do proficiencies during stated meetings. We currently have six EAs working on the proficiencies and will examine them soon.

Since we have so many Entered Apprentices, I have decided to conduct our next stated meeting in an EA Lodge to allow them to attend. We also have 3 men waiting to be initiated and several petitions out. Since we will be serving a meal again, I am encouraging all of those individuals to come enjoy some good food and fellowship.

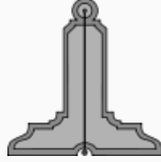
We will continue to hold Floor Practice the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Please plan to join us **Friday, September 4th at 6:30 for a meal, and 7:30 pm** for our Stated Meeting. If any brother needs assistance getting to and from lodge, please contact me and arrangements will be made. My cell number is 325-242-0057.

Fraternally,

Nathan Shrode, Worshipful Master

Floor Practice every Tuesday except the 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm!

From the West . . .



Brethren,

Thinking of the many things that are going on now such as the COVID, drought, current state our nation is in, this is an important time to be a mason! We are pillars of our community and looked at by the public as we have answers and can handle these very tough times. What would our forefathers in masonry do! Did they not have a tremendous task ahead of them? Keeping Texas, a state or country, fighting Indians and not knowing what their future beheld was quite daunting to say the least! Brothers, we have a lot on our plate as we speak, and it is very crucial we take charge. We should see the light in the darkness. I find myself sometimes falling in the darkness of despair as our country is taking a beating. It is hard sometimes to remain focused on the light and be that leader or have the positive attitude. We are being watched by others and we should take from our forefathers their resilience and tenacity of keeping the light in sight and working through these times. If we all pull this wagon, we can get it out of the mud.

Steve Sperry

Senior Warden

From the South . . .



Greetings Brethren,

During this “pandemic”, when many brothers are staying home and not attending Lodge meetings due to safety and health concerns, and while we have candidates and brothers waiting to do their examinations, I thought it an appropriate time to reflect on the basics starting with the charges of a Freemason.

The Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas regarding “of behavior in the Lodge while constituted”, describes the following charge.

“You are not to hold private committees, or hold separate conversations, without leave from the Master, nor to talk of anything impertinent or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any Brother speaking to the Master; nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; not use any unbecoming language upon any pretense whatsoever; but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens and fellows, and put them to worship.”

Our Brothers starting their journey in Free Masonry are eager to learn and at times may find it difficult to understand what is being said due to conversations being held during the meeting. By following the charges described above regarding behavior in the Lodge we allow all members to hear the Master, Wardens and Brothers while the business of the lodge is being conducted.

Fraternally,
Junior Warden
Louis Rapp



Steward's Corner:
Shepherd's Pie
Salad
Dessert, Tea

Sickness and Distress:
Clifton Casey passed away