



# Yellowhouse Lodge #841

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## March 2021 – Monthly Newsletter

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Jeff Goolsby	Senior Steward
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Bob Chesser	Master of Ceremonies
Joey Powers	Tiler
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Charles Mire	Trustee
Johnny Williams	Trustee



## From the East . . .



Brethren,

How is it March already? Time seems to go by fast when you are busy, and we are definitely busy at Yellowhouse. We currently have 9 Fellowcraft and 7 Entered Apprentices working through their degree work. As well as a few petitions in the pipeline. If you are interested in teaching the Fellowcraft work, we could use more help in that area.

There are a few upcoming dates I would like to make everyone aware of. **Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** will be the **Grandmasters Conference** at Yellowhouse. Registration starts at 11:00 am, the conference is from 12:00 – 2:00. On **Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** we will present a **Golden Trowel Award**. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm, presentation at 7:00. **Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** we will host our **Past Masters Night**. I encourage all Past Masters of Yellowhouse and Idalou to make plans to join us. Dinner at 6:00 program at 7:00.

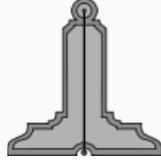
**Our Stated Meeting this month is Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.** This will be Right Worshipful Heath Morgan's first official visit to Yellowhouse. Dinner will be at 6:30, meeting at 7:30. If any brother needs assistance getting to and from lodge, please contact me and arrangements will be made. My cell number is 325-242-0057.

Fraternally,

Nathan Shrode  
Worshipful Master

***Floor Practice every Tuesday except the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 6:30pm!***

## From the West . . .



Brethren,

I believe it is easy to think of our great fraternity as just a group of like-minded good men that meet once a month and take care of the lodge building and go home to do it again next month. Maybe there is some truth to this. Texas Masonry has such a rich history. It is hard not to have lots of pride in our fraternity! There had to be some divine guidance getting like-minded good guys together to get Masonry started here in the greatest state, our state! The bronze plaque at the site of the Alamo reads:

James Bonham      James Bowie  
David Crockett      Almaron Dickenson  
William Barrett Travis  
And Those Unidentified Masons  
Who Gave Their Lives in the  
Battle of the Alamo, March 6, 1836”.

“One of the few who survived the massacre at the Alamo was Mrs. Almaron Dickenson (Suzanna) who had been advised by her husband to display his Masonic apron over herself and the child during and after the battle. Santa Anna saw to her needs and even offered to adopt her child. She declined the offer declaring that she would “crawl and work her fingers to the bone to support the baby, but that she would rather see the child starve than given into the hands of the author of so much horror.”

Things like this make Texas Masonry bigger than we may realize! Knowing the importance of Masonry and knowing the mercy of Masonry makes an easy choice to keep it alive and thrive! Come to lodge, keep the building going and paying your dues is just as important as it was in Texas Masonic infancy! GOD BLESS TEXAS and GOD BLESS TEXAS MASONS!

Fraternally,

Steve Sperry  
Senior Warden

# From the South . . .



Brethren:

Continuing with the charges of a Freemason we will discuss paragraphs 1 and 2 of Charge VI:

Of behavior in the Lodge while constituted

You are not to hold private committees, or 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.

If any complaint be brought, the Brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the Lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry it by appeal to the Grand Lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth Masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the Lodge.

Of Behavior After The Lodge Is Over, And The Brethren Not Gone

You may enjoy yourselves with innocent mirth, treating one another accordingly to ability and avoiding all excess, or forcing any Brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive or that may forbid an easy and free conversation; for that would blast our harmony and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore, no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the Lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only, as Masons, of the Catholic religion above mention; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will. This charge has been always strictly enjoined and observed; but especially ever since the reformation in Britain, or the dissent and secession of these nations from the communion of Rome.

Brothers going through the degrees do so only once. Talking or joking during the degrees takes away from the solemnity and impressions we leave with them their entire lives. We should strive to leave them with awe and eagerness to progress.

Fraternally  
Louis Rapp  
Junior Warden



Steward's Corner:  
Taco Bar, Spanish Rice, Tea, Dessert

Sickness and Distress: