



Texas City Masonic Lodge No. 1118 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons



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Brethren



My year is half over. I would like to report that Lodge attendance is up some what.

So far we have put 7 degrees on this year of which 4 were Master Masons.

The amount of money that we received from the Grand Lodge from our endowments has been minimal. We are also faced with an increase of our per capita tax fees to Grand Lodge this year. We have already raised our dues to \$100 to help meet some of these expenses. Some Lodges in the area have already increased their endowments. I am now recommending that we change the amount that our Lodge charges for an endowment from \$500 to \$1000.. By Grand Lodge law this can only be done at the last Stated Meeting before June 23rd which is June 11th.

Come to Lodge and enjoy the fellowship with your brothers. There is usually a group here from 9:30 am until about 11 am for coffee and fellowship Mondays through Friday.

Fraternally,
Warren Wilder, W.M

From the Secretaries Desk

As most of you probably already know the dues for 2012 are due before Jan. 1, 2012

As of January 1, we have 306 members and of that number we have 66 fifty year or above Masons who do not pay dues. This year, the Lodge must pay The Grand Lodge \$25 per-capita (up from \$14.25) for 240 members. As of this date we still have 64 members that have not sent in their dues.

The Lodge has a fund available to help any brother with his dues. Call the Secretary for information.

This past year we raised 5 Master Masons and lost 6 members by death and had to suspend 10 members for nonpayment of dues. Most of those suspended was because we do not have a correct address or phone number to be able to send dues notice to them.

If you have knowledge of and one that thinks he has been suspended, have him contact me at the lodge.

We have a large number of EA's and FC's that have not finished the required work to advance. If any one wants to proceed with the degrees, we have teachers that are willing to help you. Contact the secretary and we will be glad to help.

We also have EA's and FC's that

can proceed with their work after one year. You can still come to the Lodge, learn your work and advance to the next degree. Once a Mason, always a Macon.

Fraternally,
Fred S. Foreman, Secretary

Masonic Service Awards



Grand Lodge Service Awards were presented on Jan 7, 2012 by R.W. Lem Powell D.D.G.M and Warren Wilder W.M. to the following members pictured from left to right: Dale F. Mitchell 50 yr, Jackson H. Seese Jr. 50 yr, Carroll H. Smith 50 yr, John O. Lewis 60 yr, Howard M. Purkapple 65 yr,. Not Present were George F. Ballis 50 yr, and Joe L. Glass 50 yr.



Lodge Services Awards were presented on Jan 7, 2012 to the following members pictured from left to right: Tommy Sample 25 yr., David A. Thompson 25 yr., Larry W. Smith 40 yr, and Marvin Roehl 25 yr. The following 40 yr recipients were not present: Kenneth Bayam, Everett McCann, Jr, James Avant, and Gilbert Troutman and Dale Bozemann Jr., 25 yr. recipients

Something to Think About

In these hard times it might be worth considering having a Golf Tournament for Texas City Lodge. This would be fund raiser and could be held sometime next year.

Lodge of Sorrow
These Members were Called to The
Celestial Lodge Above from July 1,
2011 the present

George L Smith	12/26/11
Morris G. Jackson	11/21/11
Hubert A. Dowden	11/16/11
William L. Burns Jr.	10/20/11
John A. Hodges	10/10/11
Charles R. French	9/14/11

In the Calendar year of 2011 we lost 15 Master Masons



**A check is presented to Texas
City Schools**
On behalf of Texas City Lodge



Cornerstone Leveling

Texas City Masonic Lodge held a Cornerstone Ceremony at the new Texas City High School in Texas City on November 10 th, 2011

Past Grandmaster Vernon W. Burke Jr. conducted the ceremony for the Grand Lodge of Texas

UPCOMING EVENTS

6:30 P.M. except when otherwise stated

1/21/12	Widows Night
2/11/12	Sweetheart Dinner
3/10/12	Golden Trowel Award
4/14/12	Past Masters Night
6/9/12	Scholarship Awards
6/11/12	Election of Officers

2nd Monday open in a MM degree and call off to an EA,

4th Monday open in an EA degree at 7:00 Fellowship and meal are at 6:30 P.M.

Woodsheds will be on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 PM unless needed for Degree work

Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries the 2nd Wed of Each month meeting 6:30 Alvin, TX
District Instructors Forum open to all MM, Dickinson, TX the 4th Wed of Each month at 6:30

O.E.S. Texas City Chapter # 626

First Thursday at 7:30 P.M.

Starlight Gala

O.E.S Chapter 626 has a **Major Fund Raiser** dinner at St George's Episcopal Church on 2/18/12 at around 6:00 P.M. This will be a sitdown dinner on real china and silver.

Tables are hosted by a OES Ladies Limited seating so make your reservations A.S.A.P.

The tickets are \$18.00 each. For information contact the Vicki Hertenberger @ 409 771 5450

Assistance Program

If you need help call Fred Foreman, P:M: at 409 935-2923 or the Lodge at 409 945-9091. Remember all you have to do is call and we can get you some help.

Bring a Brother

When you are out and see a brother invite him to Lodge and ask him if you can pick him up. If each member could just bring one member then our attendance would double. Why not leave a little early and bring a brother with you.

Support for Newsletter

Thanks for your generous contribution that help support our newsletter

Any financial support for the Newsletter will be greatly appreciated. This helps offset the cost of postage and printing. Send your donation to the Lodge.

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"It is seldom that liberty of any kind is lost all at once".

-- David Hume

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at the corner of 25th and Loop 197 for donating ice for our meetings.

Officers 2011-2012

Worshipful Master	Warren Wilder
Senior Warden	Ysidro Cantu
Junior Warden	Gene Silvertooth
Treasurer	Roger Whitener. P.M.
Secretary	Fred Foreman, PM
Chaplain	Phil Osburn
Senior Deacon	Michael Stultz
Junior Deacon	Ron Phillips
Senior Steward	Aaron Willingham
Junior Steward	Arlie (Joe) Aucoin
Marshall	Luther E Sterling Jr., P.M.
Master of Cer.	Pat McMahan, P.M
Tiler	Larry Smith

The Lodge

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Gene Silvertooth
Roger Whitener. P.M.

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771 2340
996 6756
771 0933
H 935 2923
256 3743
H 945 3050
739 3710
H 281 337 4358
281 831 8717
945 4551
776 0910
H 945 0276
771 8970
739 3010

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