

# The Trestleboard



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## From The East

Brethren,

The year is already off to a quick start! By the time you will have read this, we will have already made three new Masons, performed a Fellowcrafts degree as a courtesy for the Grand Lodge of England, and raised a Master Mason. We also will have continued our Lodge Visitation Program by visiting Hill City #456 for their Stated Meeting and attended a Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association meeting. Wow!

We will be having our first Ladies' Night on Saturday September 1, at the Tree House Italian Grill, which is at South Congress and Live Oak, and is owned by Hill City's Chaplain. This will be a great opportunity for you to become better friends with your Brothers, and to get your significant others involved as well. Please come – you'll (and we'll) be glad you did. Our Junior Warden, Jay McKissick, is organizing this event, so please RSVP to him via email at [jam@austinlodge12.com](mailto:jam@austinlodge12.com) or via phone at 828-7701.

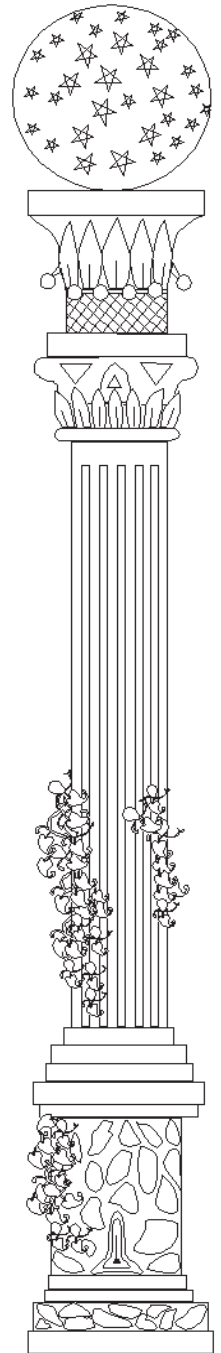
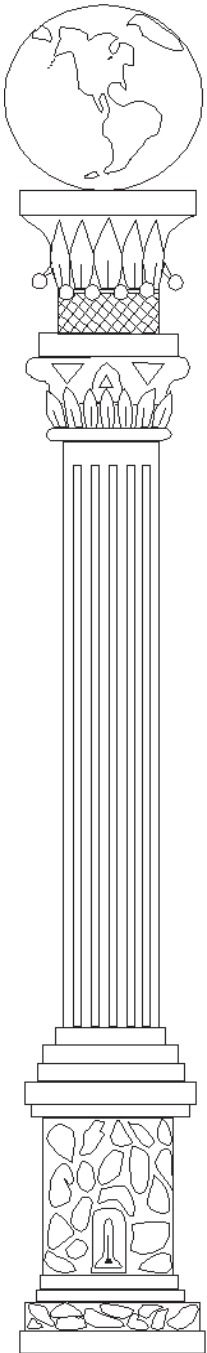
Our Stated Meeting this month will be the first of two Past Masters' Nights. Each of us owes a debt of gratitude to all the men who have served Austin 12, and this will be one of the occasions where we get to thank them and honor them. Please come and help make this a night to remember.

We are still hammering out the details of advertising in the Trestleboard. We want to make sure that we are in compliance with Grand Lodge law before we roll this out. Expect to see an announcement in next month's issue.

Finally, each Lodge in the district is energized for the year and has many great programs planned. When you have a chance, you should take the time to go and visit another Lodge. Each of the Lodges in this district (and in the surrounding districts) has got a great membership and great members. Visit, and make new lifelong friends.

Long Live Austin Lodge 12 and Long Live Central Texas Masonry!

S & F,  
Jeff Goldman, WM



Next Stated Meeting: Monday, August 20, 2007

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## From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

We are off to a fast start for the 2007-2008 year. In the first 6 weeks or less, we will have conferred a Master Degree, a Fellowcrafts Degree and 3 Entered Apprentice Degrees. Two of our young Master Masons have turned in their proficiencies. Ten of our members have become Endowed Members.

The Lodge 12 Office is receiving 2 to 3 inquiries about Masonry a week. Many of these men are joining us for our Stated Meeting suppers and we are getting to know each other.

Masonry is in the fast lane at Austin Lodge 12.

If you wish to receive your Trestleboard via email rather than in hardcopy delivered by the US Postal system, send an email to the Secretary at lodge12@austin.rr.com and we will respond to your wishes ( by email, by snail mail, or both).

Our Junior Warden/website guru has added the Trestleboards for 2007 to our website. Go to austinlodge12.com or .org and click on Trestleboard. The Lodge Librarian, Stephen Penn, is working hard cataloging our book and looking for new acquisitions to our collection. If you have any books of Masonic interest or history which you would like to donate to the Library and Museum, call the Lodge office and we will find a way to take them off your hands. Come join us at the Stated Meetings for fellowship and brotherhood and at the Called Meetings to support our new initiates who are the future of Masonry.

See you here at Lodge,

Victor

## August Birthdays

Hilton Temp Norwood	8/1/1924	James Edward Waldrop	8/16/1933
James Reginal Monaghan	8/3/1921	Jerry Arnold Cotton	8/17/1955
Wade Roger Marcrum	8/4/1923	Jason Edward Valdez	8/19/1974
Richard E. Farrow	8/6/1931	Noyes W. Willett	8/23/1924
Jerry Carson Comegys	8/6/1939	Adam David Kessler	8/23/1963
George W Schalles IV	8/6/1972	Avron Carl Huitt	8/24/1937
James R.W. Medina	8/7/1940	Melvin Eugene Johnson	8/24/1948
Floyd V. Pritchett	8/7/1926	Ronald Jeffrey Harvey	8/25/1960
William R. Stebbins, Jr.	8/7/1927	Osborne Allen Cain, Jr.	8/26/1937
Mace Baxter Thurman, Jr.	8/8/1918	Richard P. Smith	8/28/1943
J.H. Walker	8/11/1926	Donald Wayne Toler	8/28/1937
John Wesley French	8/11/1936	David Robert Dochen	8/28/1922
Edward David Cox	8/13/1944	Ronald Lee Means	8/29/1953
David Alan Jacobs	8/13/1976	Grover C. Nibouar, Jr.	8/29/1916
Harvey Quackenbush, Jr.	8/16/1931		

## To Labor Brethren

Brethren,

Let me start by saying how pleased and excited I am to have been elected Junior Warden of Austin Lodge No. 12. I am truly humbled, and will endeavor to fulfill the duties and obligations of the Office to the best of my ability, and to merit the honor that you have reposed.

Brethren, this is an exciting time at our Lodge. We have had many visitors joining us for dinner and inquiring about Freemasonry, which has resulted in a lot of new petitions. We currently have many new Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts – all fine men who are enthusiastic about Masonry and diligently applying themselves to learning the Work. I think they will all make excellent Master Masons and are all fine additions to our Lodge. Truly, the Sun is rising towards its meridian height, which is “the Beauty and Glory of the day” here at Austin Lodge 12!

As happy as I am to see all these new Brethren, I can’t help but note the many other fine Masons I have NOT seen for a long time. To all you Brethren who haven’t been to Lodge lately - we miss you and want to see you back with us! From my Station in the South, I observe that it is time to call the Craft to Labor. This is a call to YOU, my Brethren, to return to Lodge and pick up your Masonic working tools, if within length of your Cable-tow. Your Lodge needs you and misses your presence! We all have busy lives, and our necessary vocations are, on no account, to be neglected. But if you find that you are free one Monday night – come to Lodge. Even if you can only come once a year, please, come and reconnect with your Brethren, who would love to see you!

We are enjoying a renewed sense of Masonic Fellowship at our Lodge, and we want all the Brethren to be involved. Our Worshipful Master has a lot of great programs planned this year to help promote fellowship within the Lodge, such as our Lodge movie nights, quarterly poker night, lodge visitation program, and annual events like the Lodge Picnic and Festive Board. One of his big mottos this year is “In order to be Brothers, we must first be friends” and he is putting that motto into action.

We have picked up our working tools, and are spreading the cement of Brotherly love and affection at Lodge 12 – “that cement, which unites us into one sacred band, or society of friends and Brothers...” I encourage you to come and be a part of it!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bro. J. McKissick  
Junior Warden, Austin Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren,

The following Lodge # 12 Brethren remain on our prayer list as they are either ill at home or staying in nursing facilities. I am sure they would appreciate hearing from any of you, either by phone, personal visit or a card:

John Ashby  
Samuel Baker  
Everett Bohls  
Don Cox  
George Davis  
Joe Del Rio  
David Dochen  
Marvin Feil  
Bill Fogle  
Herbert Jackson, Jr.  
John Kavanaugh, Jr.  
Claude King  
John McNamara  
Robert Pugh  
William Riley  
Walter Schlueter  
Jonas Silberstein

If you know of any other Brethren that should be on our prayer list, please call the Lodge office at 454-8009.



## Lodge Schedule



August, 2007

- Aug. 13:** Light Meal ..... 6:30 P.M.  
Entered Apprentice Degree to Follow
- Aug. 23: Stated Meeting - Past Masters' Night**  
Meal Served ..... 6:30 P.M.  
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- Aug. 27:** Light Meal ..... 5:30 P.M.  
Entered Apprentice Degree to Follow

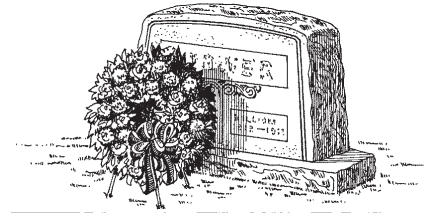
September, 2007

- Sept. 1:** Ladies Night - Tree House Italian Grill
- Sept. 3:** Lodge Will Be Dark - Labor Day

Schedule is subject to change based on the availability and schedule of candidates.

For the latest, most up-to-date information on what is scheduled to occur at the lodge, please call 454-8009. The answering machine message is updated every Monday evening. We invite all interested brethren to attend our floor work and degree work sessions! **Remember, all stated meetings are Family Night!**  
*We hope you will all bring a dessert for everyone to share!*

## In Memoriam



“Well done, thou good and faithful servant! Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!”

**Carlos Paredes      April 9, 2007**

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