

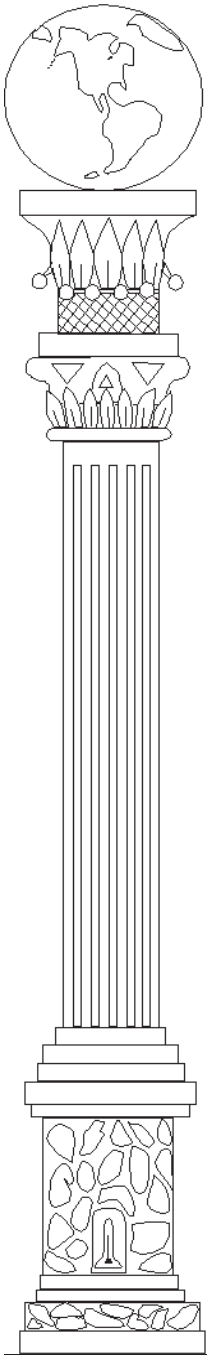
The Trestleboard



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From The East



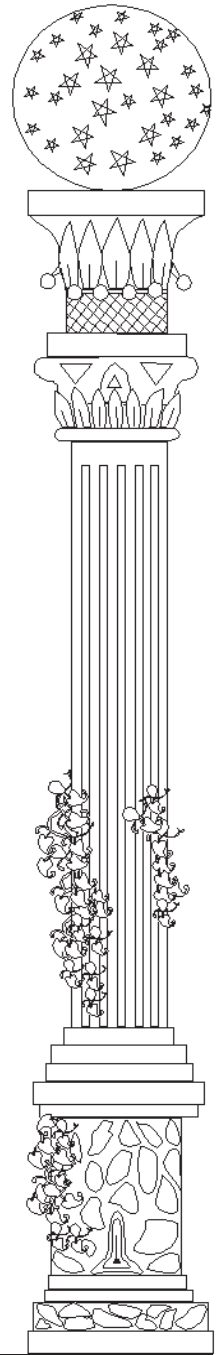
Brethren,

I can't believe how quickly this past Masonic year went! It seems like just yesterday that Brian Vance was installed as Worshipful Master (for the second time) of Austin Lodge 12. What a wonderful year we had. This year saw us certifying in all three degrees for the second consecutive year. We also started to get to know each other a little better by taking part in some social activities like the picnic, Festive Board, and Movie Nite. In addition, we started getting to know members of other Lodges in District 50 a little better by starting our Lodge Visitation program and via the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association meetings. This year we brought the Traveling Gavel back home to Lodge 12 and challenged the other Lodges in the district to come get it.

We also took steps to place Lodge 12 on a firmer footing. We voted to raise the price of an Endowed Membership to \$800. We also started on our Lodge 12 roadmap to insure that Lodge 12 continues to run smoothly well into the future. Finally, we started looking at our charitable giving in order to try to come up with ways to be able to make a bigger impact.

I think this past year will go down in history as one of the best years in our history, and I think that Past Master Vance will be remembered as one of the best and most effective Worshipful Masters Lodge 12 has had. Lodge 12 owes him a debt of gratitude. A few years ago when Lodge 12 was having a leadership crisis, Brian agreed to get back into line to help shore up the Lodge. I hate to think of the precarious situation we would be in had he not stepped up and did what needed to be done.

A lot of the programs that we did last year we will continue to do.



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Next Stated Meeting: Monday, July 16, 2007

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We will make Movie Nite a quarterly event, and include our families and friends. We just had one this past month and we had thirty six people attend the showing of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" on the big screen in the Theatre. We will have another picnic and another Festive Board. In addition, for those of you who like to play poker, we will have a quarterly Poker Nite which will take place on a Saturday night once a quarter in the Lodge 12 Library. We will continue our Lodge Visitation program and cement the Brotherly (and friendly) ties between the Lodges in our District. It is my opinion that before we can be Brothers we must first be friends, and this is one of the things we will be emphasizing this year.

Other items of note – we will get certified in all three degrees once again this year. If you have an interest in the degree work or if you wish to help impart Light to a Brother, come on down on Mondays and/or Thursdays and we'll tune you up and get you ready. We will also be looking at doing some fundraising this year. Please let me know if you have any ideas as I would love to hear them. We are also going to start accepting advertising from our members in the Trestleboard. We will be selling business-card sized ads so that our brethren can advertise their businesses. We are still working on pricing. Finally, if you have any ideas for activities or if there is something that we are not doing that you would like for us to be doing, please let me know.

Lodge 12 is in good hands as we have a great group of officers – good Masons and good men. Thanks once again to Past Master Vance for his service.

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

S & F,
Jeff Goldman, WM

A Mason And A Man

My Brother, Masonry means much more
Then the wearing of a pin.
Or carrying a paid-up dues receipt
So the Lodge will let you in.

You may wear an emblem on your coat
From your finger flash a ring.
But if you're not sincere at heart
This doesn't mean a thing.

It's merely an outward sign to show
The world that you belong
To this great fraternal brotherhood
That teaches right from wrong.

What really counts lies buried deep
Within the human breast
Till Masonic teaching brings it out
And puts it to the test.

If you practise out of Lodge
The things that you learn within
Be just and upright to yourself
And to your fellowmen.

Console a brother when he's sick
And assist him when in need
Without a thought of personal reward
For any act or deed.

Walk and act in such a way
That the world without can see
That only the best can meet the test
Laid down by Masonry

Be always faithful to your trust
And do the best that you can
Then you can proudly tell the world
You're a Mason and a Man

-Anonymous

Brethren,

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

Samuel E Baker

Don Cox

George Davis

Joe Del Rio, Jr.

David Dochen

Marvin Feil

Bill Fogle

Herbert Jackson, Jr.

John Kavanaugh, Jr.

Claude King

John MacNamara

Robert Pugh

William Riley

Tilmon Sanders

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



July, 2007

July 16: Meal served 6:30 P.M.
Stated Meeting 7:30 P.M.

July 23: Masters, Wardens, Secretaries Meeting
Hosted by T. Neal Porter at the York Rite Building
(7th and Lavaca)
Meal Served 6:30 P.M.
Meeting to Follow
All Master Masons Encouraged to Attend

July 30: Light Meal 5:30 P.M.
Masters Degree to Follow

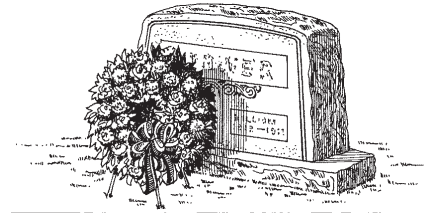
August, 2007

Aug. 6: Light Meal 6:30 PM
Fellowcraft Degree to Follow

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!”

Tilmon J. W. Sanders 6/22/2007

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