

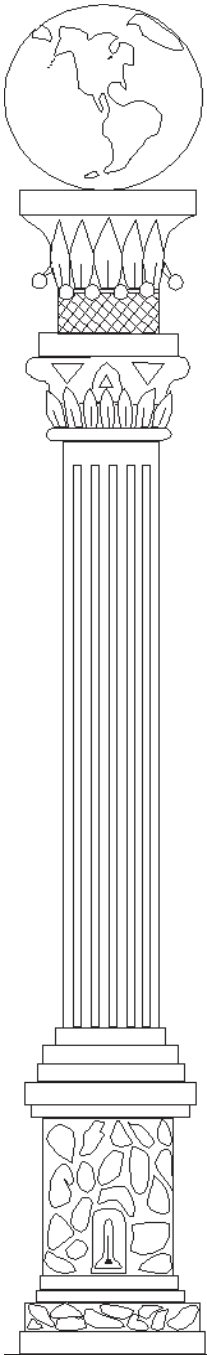
# The Trestleboard



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## From The East

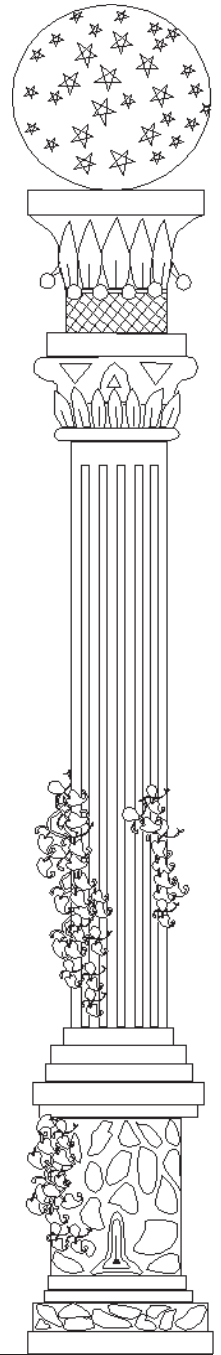


Brethren, what a wonderful year we have had at Lodge 12! We will be wrapping this year off with a bang! Before our next Stated Meeting, we will be presenting three \$1,000 scholarships to three very deserving students. We will also be presenting a Lamar Medal and a \$500 stipend to Maggie Smith, an instructor at the Scottish Rite Learning Center. The theme of this month's Stated Meeting will be "Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Appreciation Night", and we will be opening our Stated Meeting in the Entered Apprentice degree. ALL Masons will be welcome in this meeting, not just Master Masons. We will be electing our officers for the coming Masonic Year in this meeting. We will be having a Festive Board on Monday June 23rd in our dining hall. All Masons will be welcome at this event as well. The cost will be \$30 per person. Please note that we are charging in order to cover our expenses for the event, NOT to make any money. Please come in your tuxedo or dark suit and speak to Brother McKissick to reserve your seat. Finally, "Should Tradition Prevail", Brother Brengle's installation as Worshipful Master of Lodge 12 will be on Monday June 30. He is lucky enough to be able to be installed by his father. Please come and give him your support – he's earned it.

We were real busy this year. Our accomplishments as a Lodge were as follows: certification in all three degrees, two Past Masters' Nights, two Widows' Nights, two Date Nights, three Movie Nights, a Game Night, presentation of a Golden Trowel Award, presentation of a Community Builder Award, presentation of a Lamar Medal, presentation of three scholarships, a District Picnic, visitation of all the other Lodges in the District, a Festive Board, and a couple of Days of Light. In addition, we adopted a family at Christmas, had a couple of food drives, and adopted Matthews Elementary. We also had a wonderful Holiday Party, and who can forget Brother Mike Jones' talk on Prostate Cancer or our hilarious Comedy Night?

Thank you so much for allowing me to be at the helm of Lodge 12 this year. This has been one of the best years of my life. I wish to extend a special thanks to each one of my officers and the Past Masters for all of the help and good counsel I received. Y'all mean a lot to me! Finally, I also would like to thank the entire membership – if it wasn't for y'all none of us would be here.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Goldman, Worshipful Master, Signing Off



Next Stated Meeting: Monday, June 16, 2008

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## From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren,

Another Masonic year is drawing to a close and Austin Lodge 12 is going great.

We have raised Master Masons, certified in all 3 degrees once more, met the Grand Lodge Vanguard award requirements and most importantly, we have a great group of young inspired Masons.

Come on down to Lodge for the election of officers and to show your appreciation for a job well done to our soon to be Junior Past Master. Scholarship recipients and our Lamar Medal teacher will be there and you should be too.

For those of you who are waiting until the last minute to pay your dues. June 23 is your suspension date. Mail in that check. Just think, you won't have to put up with the Secretary nudging you for the next several months.

Finally, Brethren, I wish to thank each of you for your friendship and confidence in me.

Receiving the Golden Trowel award from Lodge 12 last month was a wonderful highlight in my years in Masonry. Thanks, Brethren.

See you at Lodge,

Victor

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## June Birthdays

Jared Christopher Freeman	6/1/1973	Daniel Prado Vasquez	6/11/1944
Raul C. Ornelas	6/2/1935	James Emerson Perkins	6/14/1925
Wesley James Moore, Jr.	6/2/1959	John William MacNamara	6/16/1919
David Lipscomb Houston, Jr.	6/4/1921	Joseph B. Berrong	6/18/1917
Lt.Col. Charles McManus	6/5/1928	Wesley James Moore, Jr.	6/2/1959
Roy Earl Walker	6/6/1917	James Edward Munro	6/20/1946
Joe E. Howard	6/6/1929	Marshall, Dale Tiner	6/20/1958
Henry James Gilmore	6/7/1927	William Darrell Buchalla	6/22/1951
Glenn Joseph Goulet	6/8/1958	William Joseph Craft	6/24/1933
Harry W. Deal	6/9/1921	Kirby William Perry	6/28/1937
Walter Allen Schlueter	6/9/1922	David Jesse Obed	6/29/1970
William Riley	6/11/1907	Archie William Scott	6/30/1924

## A View From The South

Brethren,

As this Masonic year comes to a close and we get ready to elect new Officers, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to live in a country with a Democratic form of government. Even before our great country was founded, the principles of self government were being practiced in the Masonic Lodge.

The set of rules used in self-governing organizations to allow orderly debate and action by an assembly is known as Parliamentary Procedure. These procedures originated in the tribes and clans of Northern Europe and Britain, who met in 'folk moots' where each man had a voice and a vote. The rules governing these assemblies became the basis of the English 'common law' practiced by the House of Commons of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, from which it derives its name. As in all of Masonry, there are certain rules of Etiquette pertaining to Masonic Parliamentary Procedure that should be followed.

One of the biggest differences in Masonic Parliamentary Procedure as compared to that practiced by other bodies is in the role of Master; in other bodies the Chairman or President does little more than moderate, where in the Lodge the Worshipful Master is the final authority on all decisions, and he should always be shown the respect due his office.

Business is brought before the Lodge in the form of a Motion. Before a member can address the lodge (to either make or second a motion, or to raise a point for debate), he should obtain the floor – that is, must rise to his feet and wait to be recognized by the Master. Once the maker has obtained the floor, he makes the motion. The Master may refuse to entertain the motion. Unless seconded, the motion fails. Once a brother has obtained the floor it is out of order (and bad etiquette) to stand until he finishes speaking and yields the floor.

The fact that a Motion has been made and seconded does not put it before the Lodge – only the Worshipful Master can do that. He must either rule it out of order or state the question so that Lodge knows exactly what is being considered for action. Once the question has been stated, the motion may be debated.

During debate, each brother has the right to speak twice on the same question, but cannot make a second speech as long as any brother who has not yet spoken desires to obtain the floor. No one should speak longer than 10 minutes without the permission of the Worshipful Master. The Worshipful Master may stop debate at any time.

When the debate appears to have closed, the Worshipful Master proceeds to put the question – that is, to take the vote. The Master will again state the question, and call for a vote. The master is the sole judge on the result of the vote – no appeal is allowed. In the case of a tie, the Master has the deciding vote.

This is a brief overview of Masonic Parliamentary Procedure. Next time you are in Lodge and voting on a Motion, remember that you are participating in the same methods of self government practiced by our Masonic Founding Fathers and upon which they modeled the government of our country.

- J. McKissick, Junior Warden, Austin Lodge #12

~ REMEMBER: YOU ARE SOMEONE'S IMAGE OF MASONRY! ~

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:

Samuel Baker  
Everett Bohls  
George Davis  
Marvin Feil  
Bill Fogle  
Herbert Jackson, Jr.  
John Kavanaugh, Jr.  
Gordon Kelso  
Claude King  
Robert Pugh  
John Sheffield, Jr.  
William Riley  
Walter Schlueter

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



# Lodge Schedule

June, 2008



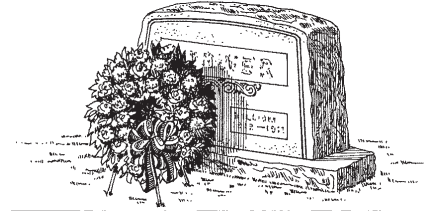
- Jun. 9:** Light supper .....5:30 P.M  
Certified Entered Apprentice Degree to follow
- Jun. 16:** Dinner, and Scholarship and Lamar Medal presentations  
6:30 P.M  
Stated Meeting - EA and FC Appreciation Night, Elections  
7:30 P.M
- Jun. 23:** Hors D'oeuvres .....5:30 P.M  
Festive Board Dinner – pls RSVP with Bro. McKissick
- Jun. 30:** **Installation of Officers (Open Meeting)** ..6:00 P.M  
Refreshments 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!*

You can also view the schedule online here:  
<http://www.austinlodge12.com/schedule.php>

# In Memoriam



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

Trestleboard Editor -- Steven Bach  
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Congratulations to William Riley, an Affiliated Past Master of our Lodge. He will celebrate his 101st birthday on June 11, 2008.



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