

# The Trestleboard



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## From The East

Brethren,

We enjoyed our Past Master's Night and the Official Visit of DDGM David Smith at our February. I applaud his message from our Grand Master that emphasized the mentoring of our newer members.

We have completed certification of our Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degree teams. Our Master's team will certify this month. Brother Jay McKissick has given the lodge stellar performance in his duties as Senior Deacon in coordinating the practices and forming the degree teams. His love of the ritual and its lessons is evident as he consistently confers outstanding degrees. Our Secretary and District Instructor, Victor Armstrong, continues to commit his time and special esoteric expertise to this and all our lodge endeavors. Thank you, brethren.

You may remember that our Widow's Night was postponed due to the ice storms in January. We will have this function the night of the March 19 Stated Meeting. While I always urge participation in our events, I believe this event goes to the core of our tenets. Please make a special effort to participate in this. Your participation could include attending the meeting, encouraging some of our widows to join us, and providing transportation to some of these ladies.

Senior Warden Jeff Goldman's multiyear effort at chairing the Communications Committee is providing another fine Masonic service to our lodge. Members of the committee and other volunteers meet monthly on a Saturday morning for a member calling session. Their function is to check on our members, let them know their lodge is thinking about them, update records, and just visit. Some you have expressed you cannot get to the meetings on a week night. Why not consider volunteering for this privilege? It is a on a Saturday morning, Jeff brings in breakfast tacos and he emphasizes that it is one his most fulfilling Masonic experiences.

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Next Stated Meeting: Monday, Mar. 19, 2007

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Often when looking for a good Masonic message to share, I look to our ritual. Often I find things I have only read or heard but a few times but whose message is timeless. Today I rediscover the last message in the long form Entered Apprentice lecture:

“Justice is that standard, or boundary of right, which enables us to render every man his just due, without distinction. This virtue is not only consistent with Divine and human laws, but is the very cement and support of civil society; and as justice in a great measure, constitutes the real good man, so should it be the invariable practice of every Mason never to deviate from the minutest principles thereof.”

Sincerely and fraternally,

Brian Vance  
Worshipful Master

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## Lodge Picnic

Brethren, we will be having our annual picnic on Sunday April 15th from 1:00 – 5:00 at Zilker Park in the Pecan Grove picnic area. Please come and bring your family and friends!

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## Mar. Birthdays

Thomas McCauley Alvis	3/1/1954	Kenneth James Aune	3/15/1946
Billy Ken LaRue	3/2/1935	Gary L Jones	3/15/1962
Melvin Rosser Mason	3/5/1927	Milton Joseph Simons	3/16/1917
Clifford A. Estes	3/6/1939	Floyd L. C. Hopkins	3/16/1927
Donald O'Neal Cox	3/7/1929	Tory Benjamin Bond	3/18/1972
James Riley Wise	3/9/1922	Claude Everett King	3/19/1932
Thomas Charles Singer	3/9/1951	Wayne E. Denton	3/19/1943
Jose Ramon Pena	3/10/1966	Fred Henry Heidemann	3/19/1948
Richard Allen Bohls	3/11/1924	C. Keith Orrison	3/19/1962
Morris Shapiro	3/12/1925	David Bennett Garing	3/21/1952
Joshua Gresham Gunn	3/13/1973	George Harold Davis	3/22/1933
James Wesley Moore	3/15/1914	Felix Monroe Ware	3/26/1968

## Library Committee

We have recently formed a Library Committee for Austin Lodge #12. The Library is a vital part of our Lodge. It is a place where Brethren gather for Masonic study. It is a resource for Brethren to utilize to further increase their Masonic knowledge, as well as a place for Brethren to gather to socialize and enjoy fellowship together. It is a repository for our Masonic records and a link to our Lodge history.

The purpose of the Library committee is to maintain and improve our Masonic Library and to ensure that our Masonic records are kept in an orderly fashion and are preserved using the best practices for archiving old documents.

One of our first initiatives is to increase the number of books we have in the library on Masonry and related topics, and to make them available to all the members of our Lodge to use. If you have any books on Masonry just lying around the house collecting dust, that you would be willing to donate or loan to the Lodge, please bring them down to the Lodge next time you come, and leave them with our Secretary, Victor Armstrong.

If you are interested in serving on the Library committee, please contact our Senior Deacon, J. McKissick at 512-750-5405 or email [SeniorDeacon@AustinLodge12.com](mailto:SeniorDeacon@AustinLodge12.com).

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### From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren, spring is upon us, the days are getting longer, and almost 30% of our dues have not been paid. If you have not paid your dues, you should have already received a friendly reminder that you are in arrears. Please write that check and send it to the Lodge.

It is a pleasure to see the activity on the patio, in the library, and spilling over into the downstairs lobby as Brethren gather to study, to learn their work, and enjoy good fellowship. Come on down and join us. Brush up on your work and assist in conferring degrees. We are busy and you should be a part of the activities in Lodge 12

See you at Lodge,

Victor

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 E Baker

Don Cox

George Davis

Joe Del Rio, Jr

David Dochen

Marvin Feil

Bill Fogle

Jack Hightower

Herbert Jackson, Jr

John Kavanaugh, Jr

Claude King

John MacNamara

Robert Pugh

William Riley

Tilmon Sanders

Walter Schlueter

John Sheffield

Jonas Silberstein

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



# Lodge Schedule

Mar., 2007



**Mar. 12 :** MM Degree Practice ..... 6:00 P.M.

**Mar. 19:** Widows Night  
Supper ..... 6:30 P.M.  
Stated Meeting..... 7:30 P.M.

**Mar. 26:** Certification in the Masters Degree  
Lite Supper ..... 5:30 P.M.  
Degree to Follow

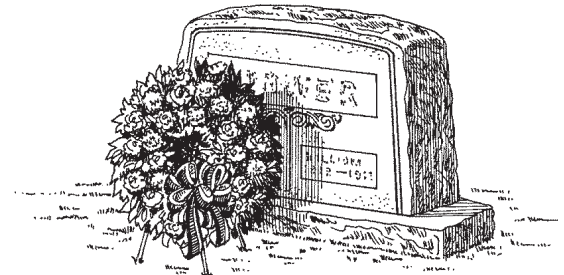
**Apr. 3:** Grand Masters Conference..... 3:00 P.M.

**Apr. 15:** Lodge 12 Family Picnic..... 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.  
At at Pecan Grove in Zilker Park

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!”

**Richard Long Wilbur                      11/19/2006**

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