

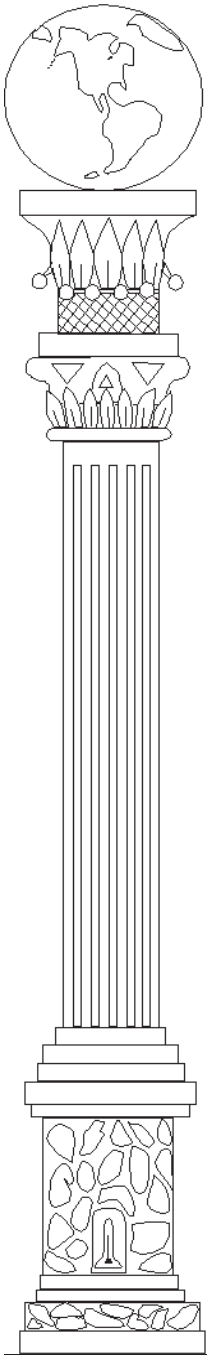
The Trestleboard



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From The East



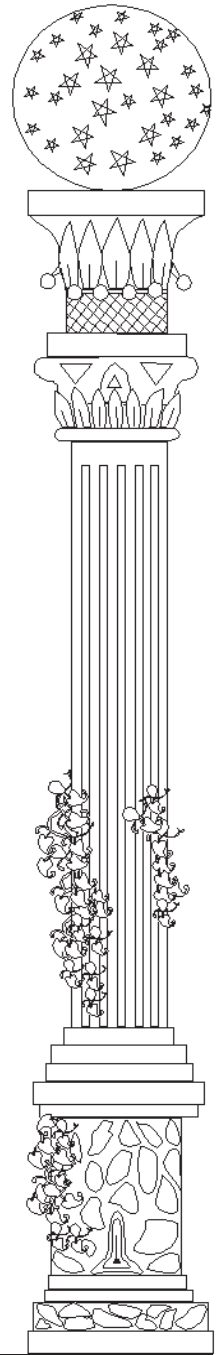
Brethren,

Congratulations to Brother Ron Harrison on receiving the Lodge 12 Golden Trowel award in April. Many feel this is the highest honor in Masonry. Thank you, Ron, for your years for service to Austin #12, Masonry's appendant bodies, and our community.

I was happy to see good attendance at our lodge picnic. It was nice to meet and visit with the families of our members. And it was nice to enjoy the fellowship without having to rush off to a meeting. We were fortunate to have a break in the unseasonably bad weather. The Spring weather, Zilker Park, and spending time with our brothers and their families reminded me why I live in Austin, Texas, am proud to be a Mason and a member of this lodge.

During the remainder of this Masonic year we have four events. First, we will vote on scholarships in May. Should you have nominations for scholarships, let Brother French or the Secretary know. Be sure to follow the prescribed application process. Secondly, we will have the Festive Board. For details see information elsewhere in the Trestleboard or check the website. Third, at the June stated meeting we will elect our officers for the upcoming Masonic year. Finally, we will have another movie night, this time with families invited. This is a fun event and our building is a perfect venue for this activity.

As we approach the end of this Masonic year and I see the next line of officers making plans for this lodge's future, I can report to you that the lodge will be in great hands. These men are dedicated Masons with a sense of urgency to improve the quality of the frater-



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Next Stated Meeting: Monday, May 14, 2007

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nity and our member's experience. At the same time they are particularly sensitive to preserve our wonderful history. Their thoughts and prayers and energy, to a man, are focused solely on how they personally can serve you and your lodge.

This is an opportune time for each of us to ask the same question of ourselves. It may be that we can offer them some commitment of our own time and resources to that end. If so, now, while they are planning, is a good time to offer to help them.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Brian A. Vance

May Birthdays

Laurens Brainerd Fish, Jr.	5/4/1932	Clahoun Clarke Straughan	5/18/1938
Ronald Kirk Slusher	5/4/1953	Robert Benson Dashman	5/19/1951
John Henry Kavanaugh, Jr.	5/9/1913	Kirt Edwin Reed	5/21/1943
Benjamin B. Franklin, Jr.	5/9/1934	Edward Andrew Balusek	5/23/1950
James Franklin Baker	5/11/1929	Charles D. Whitehead	5/24/1920
Terry Dean Hibbs	5/11/1959	Floyd Ralph Rich	5/24/1926
Nolan Edgar House	5/12/1925	David R. Estrada	5/25/1944
Eldon Luther Hill	5/13/1918	Wolf M. Metzner	5/26/1954
Tilmon J. W. Sanders	5/15/1921	David Wayne Benton	5/27/1950
Larry Walter Grosse	5/16/1942	Tommy Everett Robinson	5/28/1943
Silas Powell, Jr.	5/17/1958	Allan Richard Scholin, Jr.	5/29/1945
James Thomas Duff	5/18/1918	Columbus O. Jones, Jr.	5/30/1937

From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren, another year is winding down and the Lodge is doing well. As of this writing we have initiated 6 EA's and it looks like there will be 4 more before the end of this Masonic year. We have passed 3 FC's and raised 3 MM's and it looks like two or three more will soon be ready to advance. Our strength is in our youth and we have good young men joining and becoming interested and working members of our Lodge. It is our duty to support and encourage our new and young masons. You can do this by attending Lodge, letting the know you appreciate what they are doing for this fraternity that you care for and has meant so much to you.

Fifty percent (that is one-half, brethren) of our members are over 70 years of age and one will soon break the century mark. This should not be a deterrent, call the Lodge office and we will arrange transportation for you. Or call a brother and bring him with you. Together, we can fill the little Lodge room at the Scottish Rite.

There are still a few of you who have not yet paid their dues. Please write that check and drop it in the mail. You will receive another notice the middle of May and your final notice in early June. Save your secretary the work and the Lodge the postage and send in your dues today.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Victor Armstrong, Secretary

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
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 Brethren that should be on our prayer list, please call the Lodge office at 454-8009.



Lodge Schedule

May, 2007

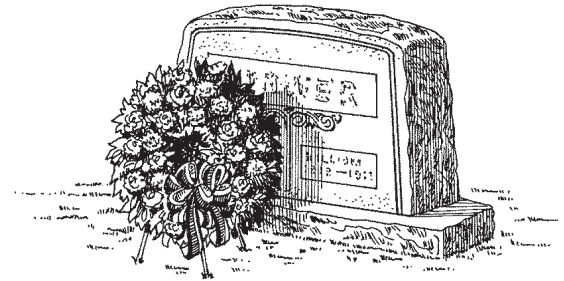


- May 3:** Visit University Lodge 1190
Supper and meeting to follow..... 6:30 P.M.
- May 7:** Light Meal..... 5:30 P.M.
Entered Apprentice and Fellowcrafts Degree to follow
- May 14:** Lodge 12 Festive Board
Social Hour with snacks and such 5:30 P.M.
Festive Board catered Dinner 6:30 P.M.
- May 17, 18, 19, and 26....**Scottish Rite Reunion
- May 21:** Stated Meeting (Scholarships and Awards Night)
Supper 6:30 P.M.
Open Meeting to follow.. 7:20 P.M.
Stated Meeting to follow 7:40 P.M.
- May 28:** Lodge will be dark for Memorial 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!”

Thomas Gilbert Bowen 4/20/2007

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