



# The Trestle Board



**MWSA**

6<sup>th</sup> Masonic District in Texas

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT.....**

The month of October had a flurry of degree conferrals. We have had Degree work going in every Lodge and at a rate I haven't seen in several years. Lodges have experienced some minor problems in scheduling these Degrees due to the numbers and Masons available to work in the Degrees.

The Fantastic Teeth Program is in full swing with every Lodge in the District participating in the project from putting the kits together to taking them to schools and passing them out. The Masons from David Elliot Lodge teamed up with their Shrine Brothers and worked at a Bucket Brigade in Omaha that brought in \$2223.07 for the Shrine Hospital system. The brethren from Frank Sexton are participating in the local Trunk or Treat program sponsored by the City of Pittsburg. All the Lodges are beginning to discuss Holiday plans for their members and any plans they may have for helping less fortunate families during the Season. The ladies of the Eastern Star are talking about their Christmas Chapter parties as well as the plans for helping the needy. The Omaha Chapter is looking forward to a Fraternal visit at the December Stated meeting from their Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Melissa Hudman.

There are numerous other activities taking place in the District and are covered in separate stories spread across the pages of this newsletter.

The Old Union Community Center was sporting a new outside paint job when Masons arrived for their October Stated meeting of the Masters, Wardens & Secretaries Association. The Community Center considers it an honor to provide meeting space and support to the several old & honorable organizations that call the community center their official meeting facility.

Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on November 11 that honors military

veterans; that is, persons who served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I; major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. The United States previously observed Armistice Day. The U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954. With the division we are facing in our Country today it is important to remember those veterans who served, fought and possibly died to preserve the freedoms we have in the United States of America as well as preserving the framework of our freedoms-----The CONSTITUTION.

Our next MWSA meeting normally would be the fourth Thursday of November, however that is Thanksgiving Day and the MWSA has voted to remain DARK that month so that Masons can stay home with their families. We wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving Day.

The MWSA Newsletter wants to print news from your Lodge or OES Chapter, but we need it reported to us so we can give the activities coverage. This would apply to happenings in the future that your Lodge would like to announce or reporting completed activities you would just like everybody to know about. You may contact me at 903/577-3233 or [alvinrexmccgee@hotmail.com](mailto:alvinrexmccgee@hotmail.com) or Joe Reynolds, Newsletter Editor, at the "contact us" button that appears on the MWSA#6 website to report the news. If you choose to communicate by email make sure you also leave a good phone number so we can reach you in case we need to clear anything prior to publishing.

*Rex McGee*  
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## Frank Sexton Lodge participates in City of Pittsburg Trunk or Treat festival.

*by Rex McGee*

The City of Pittsburg sponsors a program aimed at keeping children safe on Halloween Night. Merchants and organizations pitch in handing out treats to kids. This year the festival is on October 31, 2017 in the late afternoon before dark. Parents bring their children down the streets of Pittsburg and they are given treats by those participating in the program. It is a safe environment as streets are blocked off and adult supervision is constantly on guard for any issues that might arise. There have been as many as 3000 children in attendance at these activities. Some children have come by bus from other towns to participate.

Frank Sexton Lodge has been participating for several years in this event and generally has a dozen or so Masons and some of their families participating at the Masonic table located outside the lodge on the corner touching the Main Street in town. The Masons thoroughly enjoy their participation in this project and look forward to it every year.

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## THIS MONTH'S RIDDLE

### **The Grip**

Q. Why do Masons have a secret handshake?  
A. So they don't mistake each other for penguins.

### **The Illuminator**

Q. Who is the most enlightening person in the Lodge?  
A. The Director of Ceremonies, because DC power is electrifying.

### **The King is Dead**

Q. What did the Israelites say when their first King (before David and Solomon) died?  
A. That's Saul folks.

### **The King's Limo**

Q. What kind of car did King Solomon's father drive?  
A. According to Scripture, the roar of David's Triumph was heard throughout the land.

### **The Staircase**

Q. Why did the Worshipful Master fall down the stairs?  
A. Because the Entered Apprentice had taken the first step.

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## WHY ARE WE LOSING MEMBERSHIP AT AN ALARMING RATE?

*By Rex McGee*

We often hear about the dwindling number of lodge members and inevitably we hear someone begin lamenting that old age & death is taking its toll on our noble society. But, as we learn in our degrees that at certain points we have earned the privilege of receiving additional light which is the light of knowledge. We have come to that time in the study of membership loss. Our Fraternity does suffer losses of membership from death which diminishes our number, however when one looks past the obvious we find a world of other data and reasons for our continued loss of membership.

Let's look at membership in Texas between June 2013 & June 2014 and evaluate what that data tells us. One thing I want to impress upon you, the reader, is that this year is not dissimilar from most other years. The numbers may vary and sometimes shift from one category to another, but for the past thirty years, one could assume there was a constant occurrence in the phenomenon of lodge membership loss over this period.

- 1. Total Membership June 24, 2013-----90,683**
- 2. Total Increase-----Plus 4068**
- 3. Total Deaths-----Minus 3454**
- 4. Total other losses ----- Minus 3460**  
(From demit, NPD, other suspensions & misc. losses)
- 5. Total Membership June 24, 2014-----87,837**
- 6. Total Loss for year------(2846)**

According to the Grand Secretary's Office the data indicates the number of members in **May 2017 stands at 73,500**. From these numbers it does not appear to be getting better.

As one can easily deduce from looking at line 2 we had an increase of 4068 Masons. Line 3 shows the loss of membership due to the number of deaths at 3454. What this figure tells us is that the time honored & over simplified theory of death is not totally explaining the loss of membership. Keep in mind that the figures may vary from year to year, but the established decline continues. Another issue we hear is that is not the problem "in our Lodge". That could be accurate but highly unlikely. Losing membership at this rate in the State will eventually impact every Lodge in the State. The raw numbers on line 2 & 3 indicate, considering no other data, that the State could have experienced a modest increase of 600+ Masons for the year. We all know that is not the case because things are not that simple. However, these figures do indicate over the long run we have an ability, as an organization, to replace those members lost by death. That, in itself, is very positive. The sad fact is that over the next two to five years we will lose a large number of our "new" Masons for varying reasons.

Where do the above facts leave us? One place is the fact that we are still losing approximately 3000 masons, give or take a few, each year. This is where we see the real decline in our numbers. There are various reasons such as demits, Non Payment of Dues (NPD), other suspensions, & miscellaneous losses. We appear to have a somewhat tenuous handle on replacing Masons through death, but we are not adequately addressing losses for other reasons. Extensive research has been completed over the years to address this issue and various causal factors have been documented. Some of the more prevalent causes are listed below and cover the loss of members who have long Masonic service as well as some of the newer "replacement" Masons discussed earlier. There are some jurisdictions that report losing twenty-five to thirty percent of "New" Masons before their five year anniversary.

Where does the staggering loss of membership leave the Masonic Fraternity? One Masonic writer and researcher, Stephen Da Foe, discusses this issue in one of his published articles called "A hole in our Masonic bucket". He sees Masonry membership becoming

statistically insignificant by the mid 2030's if the rate of membership decline is not reversed

These are not necessarily the "top ten" issues, so to speak, because there is so much research indicating similar issues and some completely different issues. These are some of the ones I read about, have heard from members or have been given to me as a result of polls over the past fifteen years. I currently have no less than 3000 pages of published research on the subject of declining membership, the reasons for the phenomenon, and proposed actions to make positive changes in this area.

### **Prevalent Issues among newer Masons.**

1. Too much time & money involved in the process of making it to the degree of Master Mason.
2. Masonry just isn't what I thought it would be.
3. Regular business meetings are extremely boring.
4. Very little training other than some places have ritual study clubs which involves less than one to two percent of Masons in any given area.
5. There are such a small percentage of people who actually participate in anything including attendance at meetings.
6. Too many "clicks" in local Lodges and those clicks determine whether you are accepted as anything other than a paying member. Past Masters, Past District Officers, Past Grand Officers & High appointed Appendant Body representatives appear to look down upon the common Mason and makes them feel unwelcome in the Lodge. They actively let you know that your voice is of no concern to them in the administration of "their" Lodge.
7. There has to be more to Masonry than Opening & Closing the Lodge in an antiquated & boring manner and then bickering over paying bills or what the Lodge will be doing this year---which is generally very little, if that much.
8. Being told every time you turn around that you or some other hapless person has just violated some innocuous Masonic Law, courtesy or tradition.
9. The Masonic Lodge has become mired down in boring & antiquated Ritual which is of nothing but a passing concern for ninety-five per cent of the members of the organization. The other five per cent claim total ownership and management of the organization while everyone else is considered subservient to the elitist. Along with this issue is the fact that administrative issues continue to hold down changes and progress to seeing a growth of Masonry. Paper work and the accompanying bureaucracy has been the death of many

organizations and Masonry is quickly heading down the same path.

### **Consistent Issues among longer tenured Masons.**

10. Management issues at the Grand Lodges involving the Grand Master, Office Staff, and Grand Lodge Committees that forget they are the servants of the membership not vice versa.
11. Personal relationships between Masons souring and the subsequent creation of conflicts within the Lodge. Meeting upon the level and brotherly love seems to have been ushered out the back door.
12. "Clickish" behavior.
13. Lodge meetings are boring and there are no regular programs presented to entice members to show up for a meeting.
14. Every Lodge has a small group that runs the Lodge with an iron hand and routinely ostracizes anyone who dares to offer an opinion contrary to the opinion or desires of the group.
15. Lodges no longer address health issues of aging Masons by offering transportation to them or holding fellowship activities when they would be available to participate.

As one can see numerous issues have been identified. Along with those issues we find theoretical causal factors expressed by membership and possible solutions. Somewhere in all this data is information that could possibly set us on a direction of changing course in our declining membership.

As one can see a big part of this equation is not getting replacements for those Brothers that have passed on to their just rewards, but figuring out a way to keep those Masons we already have in the Fraternity. How do we get them to the Lodge? How do we keep them interested in attending? How do we meet the needs of the younger Mason while not neglecting the needs of the older Masons? How do we establish mutually inclusive goals? Looking strictly at the statistics it appears our dwindling numbers do not necessarily support the age old fall back theory of losses due to death, rather a combination of reasons, including death, but the overlooked reasons for the abandonment of Masonry by those who are have been Brothers for years. The one fact we can safely assume we have absolutely no control over is death; the other issues leaves some room for hope.

Some jurisdictions have started projects to try and curtail these losses. These are just a few.

Provide transportation to Masons in Nursing Homes or no longer able to drive, especially at night.

1. Start up a phone chain to call Masons who don't have the opportunity to get out as easily as they once did. Find out & assist with their needs.
2. Have a committee to visit Masons who are home bound or in Nursing Homes.
3. Have social affairs more often at the Lodges.
4. Have some daylight lodges or festive lodges where transportation is furnished to Lodge.
5. Consider Lodge waving dues for long term members that can no longer afford dues.
6. Calling members who are going NPD to determine if they are aware of it and if the Lodge could assist them keep their membership active.
7. I see two things that would go a long way toward solving many of the issues listed above. They are:
  - a. Learning and practicing the real meaning of Brotherhood, and
  - b. Developing programs that will make Lodge meetings interesting and a good investment of ones time.

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### **A BIT OF JOHN HANCOCK**

John Hancock was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, Massachusetts. He was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence. He wrote in a bold flourishing style. When asked why his signature was so large, he replied: "So that George III may read it without putting on his spectacles."

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### **THIS MONTH'S HUMOR**

On the subject of humor you have probably heard this one: whilst visiting a newly initiated brother at home one day, his wife took me to one side and said her husband had started behaving very strange since joining. I enquired in what way? He locks himself in the toilet for hours on end mumbling to himself with his little blue book. As the evening proceeded I turned the talk to lodge, and asked him how he was getting on. Oh fine was his reply. I asked him about his behavior and was there any thing wrong No was his reply. So why read the book there? Well he said "Its the only TYLED room in the house"....

## A MASON LOSES A BET AND NEW YORK GAINS

Paul Boynton, during the 1832 political campaign, lived in the Green Mountain country of Vermont. Those were dark days for the Craft. Andrew Jackson, a past Grand Master of Tennessee, was the candidate for the Presidency against William Wirt, a Mason running on the Anti-Masonic ticket. Brother Boynton was a devoted Freemason and did not recant or hide his association with the Craft while the storm was brewing and many members deserted. He made an election vow that if Vermont went for Wirt he would move "out west". In those days "out west" meant St. Lawrence Country, New York, to New Englanders.

When Wirt won in Vermont (the only state in which he won), Brother Boynton kept his word and moved. At the end of an eighty day journey on horseback, Brother Boynton settled down in Canton New York. He swapped his horse for a watch and a gun shop. He became the best gunsmith in the area and his gun stocks are now collector's items. He invented many things, such as eight day clocks and a pedometer. In 1835 he built what is now known as The Royal Arch House, located at 12 Pine Street, as a constant reminder to friend and foe alike, that he was a mason. Emblems familiar to the Royal Arch Mason are on the front of the building. It is said that he dug his own grave and made his own marker, except for the date. He died on July 13, 1851.

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### Frank Sexton Lodge # 206 confers Entered Apprentice Degree on Candidate

Frank Sexton Lodge # 206 was the scene of an Entered Apprentice Degree being conferred on a Candidate On Monday, October 09, 2017. A pot luck luncheon was served prior to the Degree and gave everyone attending an opportunity to visit and meet the new candidate.

Brother Rhett McCullough, PM, conferred the Degree and gave the Charge after the Degree; Brother Tim Hall, PM, served as Senior Deacon; Brother Bruce Carpenter, PM, served at his current station of Senior Warden; Brother Joe Reynolds, Current Master of the Lodge, served as Junior Warden; Brother Paul Davis served his current office of Secretary; Serving as Junior Deacon was Brother Charlie Pelezo PM; Brother Rex McGee

served as Master of Ceremonies. Brother Bo Davis, PM, gave the Lecture.

Attendees included four Past District deputies and 9 Past Masters (PM). Members representing four Lodges participated in the Degree.

*Rex McGee, PM*

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### David Elliott Lodge # 364 honored Past Masters at the October Stated Meeting

David Elliott Lodge # 364 honored Past Masters at its stated meeting on October 03, 2017. Fred Holcomb, Mike Goforth, and Odis Cline cooked fish to serve prior to the meeting to honor Frank Sexton Lodge Past Masters and other visiting Past Masters. Several wives of the Past Masters and current members attended the meal also to help honor the Past Masters.

During the meeting Worshipful Master Rex McGee, PM, asked for a show of the hands of Past Masters present and we had fifteen who attended to be honored. Past Masters from David Elliot also includes Past Masters from Belden Lodge that consolidated with David Elliot several years back. The Worshipful Master thanked all of the Past Masters for their past services and continuing to serve as Officers, and other positions important to the success of the Lodge.

Without Past Masters and their efforts it would be impossible for area Lodges to be successful in its operations, conferring degrees, and mentoring new Masons. Past Masters are an indispensable asset to every Lodge.

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### David Elliott Lodge confers Fellowcraft Degree

David Elliott Lodge # 364 in Omaha conferred a Fellowcraft degree on Friday, October 20, 2017. Brother Jodie Harris, PM, conferred the Degree on the Candidate. Brother Joel Bumpass, PM, served As Senior Deacon; Brother Jerry Rook, PM, served as Master of Ceremonies; Brother Scott Brock, current Senior Warden, served as Senior Warden; Brother Fred Holcomb, PM, served as Junior Warden; Brother Ken Kennedy, PM, gave the Lecture and Brother Rex McGee, PM, & current Master of the Lodge gave the

Charge. Brother Billy Williams set up the Degree and served as Chaplin for the event.

After the Degree the newly initiated Fellowcraft was given the opportunity to say a few words as well as those in attendance were given an opportunity to congratulate the new Fellowcraft Mason.

Prior to the conferring of the Degree those members in attendance were treated to light refreshments in the dining hall and participated in a period of good fellowship.

Three Lodges in the District participated in the conferring of the Degree and there were members present from each Lodge in District 6. There was six Past District Deputies and ten Past Masters present at the conferring of the Degree. These days most Lodges require assistance putting on Degrees and most of the brethren are ready, willing, and eager to assist in conferring a Degree.

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## SICKNESS & DISTRESS

*By Rex McGee*

### **Nursing Homes, Assisted living, and Retirement Homes**

Jim Clifton -----Nursing Home in Hughes Springs  
Bennie Stevens-----Nursing Home in Hughes Springs  
Sybil Walton-----Nursing Home in Daingerfield  
Ray Burgin-----Nursing Home in Mt. Pleasant

### **Illness, Injuries, Surgery, & Rehabilitation**

Henry Moles-----Treatment  
Randy Brock-----Treatment  
Bobby Goswick & Wife-----Illness  
J.N. Duck-----Ongoing illness  
J.D Baumgardner-----Illness  
Tommy G. Heard-----Convalescing  
Joann Floyd-----Tests & Treatment in Dallas  
Lilma Godsey-----Tests & Surgery in Tyler Hospital  
Glendle Lange-----Home in Mt. Pleasant  
Burnis Covington-----now living with son, Gary

### **Deaths**

Jerry Green-----member of Temple #70

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## Oasis Lodge # 79 confers a Master Mason Degree on Candidate.

Oasis Lodge # 79 in Daingerfield on October 09, 2017 was the sight for the conferral of a Master Masons Degree on a young and enthusiastic Mason. Refreshments were served to the hungry Masons that gave them time to fellowship with the candidate.

Ken Kennedy acted as Master in the first section and Gary Rockefeller handled the job in the second section. Marty Thomas served as Senior Deacon and performed the Apron presentation. Ken Kennedy gave the lecture while Jodie Harris presented the Bible.

Oasis Lodge # 79 also conferred the first degree in Masonry, the Entered Apprentice Degree, on a candidate on October 23, 2017. Oasis Lodge and many of its members are well known for their commitment to conferring excellent degrees, in part due to their knowledge of Ritual work.

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A salesman breaks down in a remote country lane, a farmer in the adjacent field comes over and they discover that they are "Brothers". The salesman is concerned as he has an important appointment in the local town: "Don't worry says the farmer you can use my car, I will call a friend and get the car repaired while you go to the appointment" Off goes the salesman and a couple of hours later he returns but unfortunately the car is awaiting a part which won't arrive until the next morning. "It's not a problem," says the Farmer, "use my telephone and re-schedule your first appointment tomorrow, stay with us tonight and I'll see that the car is done first thing!" The farmers' wife prepares a wonderful meal and they share a glass of fine single malt during an excellent evening, the salesman sleeps soundly and when he awakes there is his car, repaired and ready to go. After a full English breakfast the salesman thanks them both for the hospitality. As he and the farmer walk to his car he turns and asks "my brother, thank you so much but I have to ask, did you help me

because I am a Mason?" "No" was the reply, "I helped you because I am a Mason" Travel well my Brothers.



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## Meeting of the Deputies of Section 1, District 9, Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Chapter of Texas

*by Rex McGee*

The stated meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 of Omaha Chapter # 997 was an exciting night for the attendees because the Deputy Grand Matron of Section 1, District 9 made her Official Visit. The night also carried an air of significance because the yearly meeting of the Deputies of Section 1, District 9 took place on this visit. Eleven of the Past Deputy Grand Matrons of Section 1, District 9 were in attendance.

Everyone reported a wonderful meal, a good meeting and excellent fellowship. There were thirty seven Stars in attendance which makes for a great meeting.

District 1, Section 9 is composed of Border Chapter # 211 in Texarkana, Avery Chapter # 252, Pittsburg Chapter # 381, Linden Chapter # 576, New Boston Chapter # 700, Daingerfield Chapter # 906, and Omaha Chapter # 997.



1st Row, Sitting, L to R: Barbara Hill, Gloria Terry, Ann Blanton, Pat Washington

2nd Row, Standing, L to R: Judy Harris, Carole McGee, Virginia Wolfrum, Treaca Huston, Current Deputy Grand Matron Gina King, Diann Norton, Ann Clifton, Erma Brookshire

Not Present: Laura Brooks, Lin Johnston, Molly Willey, Hellen Ray, Lilma Godsey

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Frank Sexton Lodge #206, Monthly Stated Meeting

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** – Oasis Lodge #79, Training and Practice Session

**November 7<sup>th</sup>** – David Elliott Lodge #364, Monthly Stated Meeting

**November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Border Chapter #211, OES, Monthly Stated Meeting

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** – Daingerfield Chapter #906, OES, Monthly Stated Meeting

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** – Avery Chapter #252, OES, Monthly Stated Meeting

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** – Oasis Lodge #79, Training and Practice Session

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** – Iron Bluff Lodge #1376, Monthly Stated Meeting

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** – Pittsburg Chapter #381, OES, Monthly Stated Meeting

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** – Mt. Vernon Lodge #691, Monthly Stated Meeting

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** – Oasis Lodge #79, Training and Practice Session

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** – Oasis Lodge #79, Monthly Stated Meeting

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** – Linden Chapter #576, OES, Monthly Stated Meeting

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** – Omaha Chapter #997, OES, Monthly Stated Meeting

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** – North East Texas Shrine Club, Monthly Meeting

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** – New Boston Chapter #700, OES, Monthly Stated Meeting

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** – Oasis Lodge #79, Training and Practice Session

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** – Temple Lodge #70, Monthly Stated Meeting

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## The Fantastic Teeth Program ushered in during October

The Fantastic Teeth Fan Club is a program created by Masonic Home & School of Texas to help children and parents learn to prevent dental problems and avoid expensive treatment. Thousands of children across Texas have received free prevent tooth decay kits. The tremendous success of this program depends on Masonic Lodges launching this service in their communities with free kits provided by the Masonic

Schools & Home of Texas. Lodge members assemble the kits and deliver them to participating schools. The Masonic Home & School coordinates with local schools and provides press releases about the project to local news organizations.

Local Lodges began delivering the Fantastic Teeth Kits to schools in mid October and participated in programs at the school generally presented by the School nurses and in some cases by the Masons themselves. Some of the children have told the Masons that this was their first tooth brush. Every Lodge in District 6 participates in the Fantastic teeth Program and is one of the favorite activities of the Masons that participate delivering the kits and programs. Masons are delivering almost 1400 kits to first grade students in District 6 this school year.

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### **Masons & Shriners team up to help Shrine Hospitals**

*by Rex McGee*

David Elliott Lodge # 364 Masons & Shriners conducted a bucket brigade to collect donations for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Saturday, October 21, Masons and Shriners gathered at the four way stop signs at the crossing of HWY 67 and HWY 259 in Omaha Texas to collect donations for the Shrine Hospital system.

We had eight Masons & Shriners to participate along with several family members who came out to volunteer for the cause. Billy Williams & Bill Swafford handled the administrative end of getting the required approvals and insuring staffing to cover the project.

Local residents are always generous and open their wallets to support the Shrine Hospital system. This year local Masons and Shriners will be able to forward \$2223.07 in donations to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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### **Shrine Club has visit by Illustrious Potentate & his Divan**

*by Rex McGee*



The Shrine Club held its monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at Herschel's Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Shrine Club President, Paul Dempsey welcomed members and nine members and wives of members, from Hella Temple including the Potentate Bob Moore & His Lady, Diane.

Potentate Moore presented a program on upcoming activities at Hella Temple and was assisted by other members of the Divan. One of the events of particular interest to the youngsters in our families is the Shrine Circus. This year it will be held at the Mesquite Arena November 17 through 19, 2017. Shrine Club President, Paul Dempsey, has tickets for sale at \$10.00 per ticket. He can be reached at 352/322-6875.

The Northeast Texas Shrine Club will have its next stated meeting at 6:30 p.m. on November 21, 2017 at Hershel's Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. You need not be a member to attend. Bring your wife or a friend as we always enjoy having visitors.

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