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FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

The month of June saw the Masters, Wardens, and Secretary's Association dark as our usual members were busy putting on degrees and working with their respective Lodges to insure that the Installations of new Masonic Lodge Officers and Order of the Eastern Star Officers went off as planned. This is an extremely busy time of year as our members, both Masons and Stars, have children and grandchildren engaged in school and summer functions that keep everyone busy. Everyone has been busy with these varied tasks that are all a normal part of life this time of year.

The District has seen an unusual flurry of petitioners this year resulting in an unusually high number of Degrees. Frank Sexton Lodge has conferred more Master Mason Degrees this year than in any year in recent memory. Temple Lodge # 70 in Mt. Pleasant isn't far behind while David Elliott Lodge # 364 in Omaha has put on a good number of degrees this year. Masonry has had a couple of good years in our District and we hope this is a sign of a propitious outcome for problems with declining membership.

Please remember these future happenings as we attempt to get back to a less hectic period for a while.

- **July 04, 2018**---Independence Day is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. This will mark our 242nd year as the greatest nation on earth. From those of us who have followed our great flag during times of peace and war we hope everyone reflects upon the old idiom that "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE". Remembering someone had to pay for the freedom and security you enjoy---guard it carefully. Have a safe and happy holiday. Pray that the division we now see in our country comes to a quick end or we may not see the 243rd year of freedom.
- **July 26, 2018**---Election of new MWSA Officers and installation of said Officers at same stated meeting.
- **August 23, 2018**---Brother Don Comedy of the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation will present a program related to the services and purposes of the Foundation at our August stated meeting.
- **September 27, 2018**---Right Worshipful Jim Rumsey's re-scheduled program will be presented on this date. The meeting will be held at Temple Lodge # 70 in Mt. Pleasant beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a meal and the meeting starting thereafter.

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 alvinrexmcgee@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.

History Topic 7 – Resolutions

Resolutions are the essential vehicle to change the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas (Article 172). A model for their submission are the previous printed Proposed Resolutions...to be Considered at our Grand Annual Communication...pamphlets distributed at the Grand Annual Communication in January. Proposed changes to the Monitor of the Lodge can also be made by resolutions following these guidelines.

The basic format is a preamble to explain the reasoning and need for the Law change (the Whereas statements) and the specifics of the Laws that must be changed, amended, or added (the Be it resolved statements). Please type the Resolution with the Times New Roman font 12 with line spaces between each “Whereas” statement and line spaces between paragraphs of the “Be it resolved” statements.

If you are attempting to amend the Law you must identify the Article to be changed, type the part of the wording that must be deleted with a line through the words and type the wording in italics that needs to be put in the Article. If you want to add a new Article, type the information in italics and give the new Article the number that would be logical to be printed in the Laws.

Discussion Questions:

1. What changes if any would you like to see made to Grand Lodge Law?
 2. Who can sponsor a Resolution?
 3. Who can ballot on whether or not a Resolution is adopted?
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THIS MONTH'S RIDDLE

Past Masters and Politicians

- Q.** What's the difference between Past Masters and politicians?
A. Politicians want to change things.

Rhinoceros

- Q.** What's the difference between a Freemason and a rhinoceros?
A. Well, if you can't tell them apart you wouldn't make a very good Tyler.

Rough Stuff

- Q.** How did the ruffians try to steal the Master Mason's secrets?
A. They served Hiram Abiff in the temple.

The AGSW and the Funeral

- Q.** What does an Assistant Grand Superintendent of Workings have in common with a body at a funeral?
A. The show wouldn't be the same without them, but nobody expects them to say very much.

The Fellowcraft and the Tiger No.1

- Q.** What would you get if you mixed a Fellowcraft and a tiger?
A. A tiger.

The Fellowcraft and the Tiger No.2

- Q.** What happened to the Fellowcraft?
A. He's gone into the middle chamber.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- July 2nd** – Oasis Lodge #79, Training and Practice Session
July 3rd – David Elliott Lodge #364, Monthly Stated Meeting
July 3rd – Border Chapter #211, OES, Monthly Stated Meeting
July 5th – Frank Sexton Lodge #206, Monthly Stated Meeting
July 7th – Frank Sexton Lodge #206, Open Installation at 10:00 a.m. – Refreshments
July 9th – Avery Chapter #252, OES, Monthly Stated Meeting
July 9th – Oasis Lodge #79, Training and Practice Session
July 10th – Iron Bluff Lodge #1376, Monthly Stated Meeting
July 10th – Pittsburg Chapter #381, OES, Monthly Stated Meeting
July 12th – Daingerfield Chapter #906, OES, Monthly Stated Meeting

July 12th – Mt. Vernon Lodge #691, Installation at 6:00 p.m. – Refreshments.
July 15th – Oasis Lodge #79, Open Installation at 6:00 p.m – Fish Fry prior to installation.
July 16th – Oasis Lodge #79, Training and Practice Session
July 17th – Mt. Vernon Lodge #691, Monthly Stated Meeting
July 17th – Oasis Lodge #79, Monthly Stated Meeting
July 17th – Linden Chapter #576, OES, Monthly Stated Meeting
July 17th – Omaha Chapter #997, OES, Monthly Stated Meeting
July 17th – Northeast Texas Shrine Clubs, Monthly Meeting
July 23rd – New Boston Chapter #700, OES, Monthly Stated Meeting
July 23rd – Oasis Lodge #79, Training and Practice Session
July 24th – Temple Lodge #70, Monthly Stated Meeting
July 26th – 6th District MWSA, Monthly Stated Meeting
July 30th – Oasis Lodge #79, Training and Practice Session

THIS MONTH'S HUMOR

A little before Lodge is about to open an old man totters up to the Tyler and says, "I'm here to receive my 2nd degree." Well, they all look at this guy, who really is older than dirt, and they ask him to explain. "I was entered on July 4, 1922. Now I'm ready for my 2nd degree." So they go scurrying for the records, and sure enough, there was his name, entered on July 4, 1922. "Where have you been all these years? What took you so long to be ready for your 2nd?" they ask. Reply: "Learning to subdue my passions!"

Frank Sexton Lodge Members Laboring at making new Masons

by Rex McGee

In June of this year Frank Sexton Lodge has been laboring hard making new Masons to fill the ranks of their Lodge. These candidates for the Degrees show a real desire to learn about Masonry and apply the efforts

required to advance to the ultimate goal of becoming a Master Mason.

The great thing about most of the additions this past year is that these Masons are young men compared to the membership age of the members in the Lodge. One new member is just eighteen years of age and four are thirty years of age or younger. The balance of the new Masons are still younger than the average age of a Lodge member.

In June the Lodge has examined one Master Mason for his proficiency, conferred two Fellowcraft Degrees, examined two Fellowcraft for their proficiency and conferred two Master Masons Degrees. This time of year, it is not an easy task getting enough Masons together to confer Degrees, especially at the Master Mason level.

The Lodge has had to reach out to Brother Masons on several occasions to pull together the skill set to confer these Degrees.

This past year we have lost more Masons to death in our Lodge than we have gained, even though we have had a great year, by traditional standards, as far as gaining new members is concerned. These younger Masons will prove to be the life blood of our Fraternity over the next fifty years. This month and this year have certainly been instrumental in the future of Frank Sexton Lodge and we wish to thank all who have participated in this process.

District 6 Masonic Lodge Installations for 2018

by Rex McGee

Installations Held in June 2018

Iron Bluff Lodge #1376 held their installation on June 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Marty Thomas was installed as Worshipful Master.

David Elliott Lodge # 364. held their installation on June 30, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Scott Brock was installed as Worshipful Master.

Temple Lodge # 70 held their installation on June 30, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Gary Oliver was installed as the Worshipful Master.

Installations to be Held in July 2018

Frank Sexton Lodge # 206 will hold its installation on July 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Mount Vernon Lodge # 691 will hold its installation on July 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Oasis Lodge # 79 will hold its installation on July 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

A GOOD STORY

A young man passed a pawnbroker's shop. The money lender was standing in front of his shop, and the young man noted that he was wearing a large and beautiful Masonic emblem. After going on a whole block, apparently lost in thought, the young man turned back, stepped up to the pawnbroker, and addressed him: I see you're wearing a Masonic emblem. I'm a Freemason too. It happens that I'm desperately in need of \$25 just now. I shall be able to repay it within ten days. You don't know me; but I wonder whether the fact that you are a Freemason and that I am a Freemason is sufficient to induce you to lend me the money on my personal note.

The pawnbroker mentally appraised the young man, who was clean-cut, neat and well-dressed. After a moment's thought, he agreed to make the loan on the strength of the young man being a Freemason. Within a few days the young man repaid the loan as agreed and that ended the transaction.

About four months later the young man was in a Lodge receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree; he had not really been a Mason when he borrowed the \$25. After he had been admitted for the second section of the degree, the young man looked across the Lodge room and saw the pawnbroker from whom he had borrowed the \$25. His face turned crimson and he became nervous and jittery. He wondered whether he had been recognized by the pawnbroker. Apparently not, so he planned at the first opportunity to leave the Lodge room and avoid his benefactor. As soon as the Lodge was closed he moved quickly for the door, but the pawnbroker had recognized the young man, headed him off and, to the young man's astonishment, approached him and greeted him with a smile and outstretched hand.

Well, I see you weren't a Freemason after all when you borrowed that \$25, the pawnbroker commented.

The blood rushed to the young man's face as he stammered, No, I wasn't, but I wish you'd let me explain. I had always heard that Freemasons were charitable and ready to aid a Brother in distress. When I passed your shop that day I didn't need that \$25. I had plenty of money in my wallet, but when I saw the Masonic emblem you were wearing, I decided to find out whether the things I'd heard about Freemasonry were true. You let me have the money on the strength of my being a Freemason, so I concluded that what I had heard about Masons was true, that they are charitable, that they do aid Brethren in distress. That made such a deep impression on me that I presented my petition to this Lodge and here I am. I trust that with this explanation you will forgive me for having lied to you.

The pawnbroker responded, don't let that worry you too much. I wasn't a Freemason when I let you have the money. I had no business wearing the Masonic emblem you saw. Another man had just borrowed some money on it, and it was so pretty that I put it on my lapel for a few minutes. I took it off the moment you left. I didn't want anyone else borrowing money on the strength of my being a Freemason. When you asked for that \$25, I remembered what I had heard about Masons, that they were honest, upright, and cared for their obligations promptly. It seemed to me that \$25 wouldn't be too much to lose to learn if what I'd heard was really true, so I lent you the money and you repaid it exactly as you said you would. That convinced me that what I'd heard about Masons was true, so I presented my petition to this Lodge. I was the candidate just ahead of you.

From the January 1977 New Mexico Freemason

Shrine Club News

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.

This month we had a larger than usual attendance and we gained a new member, David Davey, the new Senior Warden of Temple Lodge # 70 in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. David was accompanied by his Lady, Barbara Davey. We look forward to having them in the Club and making regular meetings.

Miss Alice Dempsey, who is the wife of our Past President Paul Dempsey, and who he refers to as his “blushing Bride”, presented a program on her trip to the Holy Land. The program was very interesting, and Alice had a lot of interesting support material which she allowed people to look at and read after her presentation. She said that it was a very inspiring trip and really did make a difference in her life. Again, we thank you Mrs. Alice for the great program.

Jerry Rook and Jim Alford are attempting to secure speakers for the upcoming months.

The Northeast Texas Shrine Club will have its next stated meeting at 6:30 p.m. on July 17, 2018 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.

THE LEVEL AND THE SQUARE

(circa August 1854)

Dr. Rob Morris, LLD, Masonic Poet Laureate 1818-1888

WE MEET UPON THE LEVEL, AND WE PART UPON THE SQUARE,

What words of precious meaning those words Masonic are!

Come, let us contemplate them; they are worthy of a thought,

With the highest and the lowest and the rarest they are fraught.

We meet upon the Level, though from every station come

The King from out his palace and the poor man from his home;

For the one must leave his diadem without the Mason's door,

And the other finds his true respect upon the checkered floor.

We part upon the square, for the world must have its due;

We mingle with its multitude, a cold, unfriendly crew;

But the influence of our gatherings in memory is green,

And we long, upon the level, to renew the happy scene.

There's a World where all are equal,—we are hurrying towards it fast,

We shall meet upon the level there when the gates of death are past;

We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there,

To try the blocks we offer by His own unerring Square.

We shall meet upon the level there, but never thence depart;

There's a Mansion,— 'tis all ready for each zealous, faithful heart;

There's a Mansion, and a welcome, and a multitude is there,

Who have met upon the level and been tried upon the square.

Let us meet upon the level, then, while laboring patient here,

Let us meet and let us labor, tho' the labor seem severe;

Already in the western sky the signs bid us prepare

To gather up our working tools and part upon the square.

Hands round, ye faithful Ghibilimites, the bright, fraternal chain;

We part upon the square below, to meet in Heaven again!

O what words of precious meaning those words Masonic are,

WE MEET UPON THE LEVEL, AND WE PART UPON THE SQUARE.

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- Must be a Master Mason to attend unless an open meeting is declared. This is due to training that may occur at each meeting of the MWSA

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You do not have to be a member of the Shrine or the
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