



Texas City Masonic Lodge No. 1118 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons



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Brethren

We are about five months into this Masonic year. This has been a busy time for your Lodge and your Lodge officers. Our Junior Warden, Warren Wilder, attended the Wardens retreat for leadership at Waco August 1st. Warren Wilder, Gene Silvertooth and I attended a parliamentary procedure lecture at League City Lodge on August 15th. September 1st we delivered school supplies to Heights kindergarten. On November 14th, we held our service awards celebration. There were eight -25 year, two-40 year, two-50 year, and two-60 year recipients. Right Worshipful Mike Osteen, District Deputy Grand Master, District 31B, presented those who were there with their lapel pins and certificates. This was done after a very good meal prepared by Robert Chesson. November 21st, we held our Community Builders Award dinner. This year's award was presented to Mr. Joe Pizzuto for his many years of service in youth baseball.

For those of you who haven't heard, our Lodge was broken into in October. There was some money stolen and damage done to the back door and quite a bit of damage to the inside doors and file cabinets. We now have a new alarm system and our metal doors have deadbolts installed. If you have a key to the Lodge and do not know the new codes, you will set off the alarm at the Police Station.

Texas City 1118 has again qualified for the Vanguard award. Past Master Danny Woods, will accept this award at Grand Lodge December 3rd and 4th.

This coming Grand Lodge will mark the end of RW Mike Osteen's year as District Deputy. RW Mike has had a very, very busy year and our Lodge owes him a "big hand" for a job well done!

See you at Lodge.
Fraternally,

Ben Arnold W.M.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Texas City Lodge has been very active this past year. We have 334 members as of this date. We Raised 6 new Masters and one reinstatement this Masonic Year. We also lost three members that have passed away since July 1st of 09.

We have 36 Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft and some of those have missed the one year mark. If you are among those with lapsed time, you can continue to study and turn in your work and apply for advancement. It is a simple process. If you do not have a teacher or don't know who your teacher is, contact the office and I will get you in touch with a teacher. We really need to get the E A's and F C's raised as Masters.

The Dues for 2010 have been coming in and they are due by December 31st. Since last year I have made 41 address changes and I'm still getting some returns on dues cards sent out. If you change your address, please contact the secretary's office and report that change. If you have an e-mail address or have changed your e-mail address and are not receiving our communications, contact the office to have it corrected.

We had 13 members of our Lodge attend grand Lodge this year. There are a few changes that were voted on and that information will come from Grand Lodge as soon as it can be printed. How about you members coming to the Lodge and bring a buddy. You will enjoy the meal and enjoy fellowship and renew old acquaintances.

Fred S. Foreman, Secretary

No Mason Left Behind

Brethren we are restarting the program aimed at our Entered Apprentices, Fellowcraft, and newly raised Master Masons. It will be open to all Masons that want to attend. We will include Masonic Symbolism and "The Work" in the sessions. The work shop will be held each Wednesday night at 6:30 P.M. beginning Jan 20, 2010. We have light snacks and drinks for those that attend. We realize that Wednesdays conflict with two of our District 31B activities which are Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries monthly meeting in Alvin, and the District Instructors Forum in Hitchcock.. We encourage our M, W, and S's to attend the M-W-S's meeting and our MM's to attend the District Instructor Forum.
Luke Sterling Jr., P.M

Appreciation Dinner

Texas City Chapter #626 extends an invitation to the members of Texas City Lodge and their wives to join us for an evening of fellowship on Saturday, Jan 23, 2010. We will serve supper at 6:30 p.m. and have some special entertainment. We appreciate all that you do for us and would really like you to attend. Please RSVP by Jan 15, 2010 at 409 948 2257.

Thanks and Fraternaly,

Judy Cotton, Sect. O.E.S. Chapter #626

Lodge of Sorrow

George A. Graham Passed away in Louisiana July 2, 2009 and did not request a Masonic Funeral. He was a 39 year member.

Hugh Stanley Morton Passed away in Houston on November 13, 2009. His daughter knew a Mason, Robert M. Sanchez in the Gray Lodge # 329 in Houston and we found out about his death on Monday after he passed away on Friday 13th. As time was short, he and his Lodge agreed to do a courtesy funeral for us and he was buried in Houston National Cemetery. He was a fifty plus member of our lodge

Sam T. Russ passed away on January 31, 2009 and we were not aware of his death until I sent our new dues notices. He was a Thirty Nine year member.

Assistance Program

If you need help call Fred Foreman, P.M. at 409 935-2923 or the Lodge at 409 945-9091. Remember all you have to do is call and we can get you some help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

6:30 P.M. except when otherwise stated

Dec.. 19, 09	Annual Christmas Party. O. E. S. and Lodge
Jan. 23, 10	O. E. S. Appreciation Dinner
Feb.. 13, 10	Widows Night and Sweetheart Dinner
Mar. 6, 10	Golden Trowel Award
Apr. 12, 10	Grand Masters Official Visit
May 8, 10	Past Masters Night
June 5, 10	Scholarships and Foundation for the Future Awards
July 17, 10	Installation of Officers
7:00 p.m.	

CALENDAR

Stated meetings 2nd and 4th Mondays at
7:00 Fellowship and meal are at 6:30 P.M.
(OVER)

Woodsheds will be on the 1st and 3rd Mondays unless needed for Degree work
Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries the 2nd Wed of Each month meeting 6:30 Alvin, TX
District Instructors Forum open to all MM, Hitchcock, TX the 4th Wed of Each month at 6:30

e-mail Addresses

Send the secretary your e-mail address to **tlodge1118@sbcglobal.net** so that we can add you to our electronic Mason flash news and newsletter to the address book. We also need it for the Grand Lodge data base. I assure you that we will keep your e-mail address in strictest confidence. Your mails will be sent to: Undisclosed-Recipient:

NEWSLETTER FLASH

We will begin sending the Newsletter totally electronic on the next issue. We are doing this to help save on labor, the cost of publishing, and postage. Almost all of our members and friends have the means to receive the newsletter via e-mail on pdf format. We are making an allowance for those of you that don't. Just send us a note that you need to receive the newsletter via regular mail and we will put a 44 cents stamp on one and gladly send you one. If you are ok with a electronic version send us an e-mail to **tlodge1118@sbcglobal.net** and we will add you to our e-mail list. If you currently receive e-mail from the Lodge no action is required.

Bring a Brother

When you are out and see a brother invite him to Lodge and ask him if you can pick him up. If each member could just bring one member then our attendance would double. Why not leave a little early and bring a brother with you.

Our web site

TexasCityMasonicLodge.org

The website has been rebuilt.

Luke

Support for Newsletter

Thanks for your generous contribution that help support our newsletter
 Any financial support for the Newsletter will be greatly appreciated. This helps offset the cost of postage and printing.
 Send your donation to the Lodge.
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 Luke Sterling

REMEMBER

*Christmas Party on Dec 19th, Bring the children to see Santa and get their picture on Santa's lap.
 After Santa's visit there will be entertainment.*

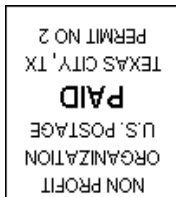
Thanks to Valero Corner Store
 at the corner of 25th and Loop 197 for donating ice for our meetings this year.

Officers 2009-2010

Worshipful Master	Ben Arnold, P.M.
Senior Warden	Lonnie Wiles
Junior Warden	Warren Wilder
Treasurer	Roger Whitener, P.M.
Secretary	Fred Foreman, PM
Chaplain	Phil Osburn
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Junior Deacon	Gene Silvertooth
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