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**GRAND SECRETARY'S MONTHLY COMMUNICATION
 MAY 2024**

SECRETARIES and my Brothers All – Welcome to the May edition of the Grand Secretary's Newsletter. This edition includes the following:

- Grand Lodge Store: Featured Item
- Grand Secretary Office: Office Facelift, April Fool's winners, Lodge Spotlights
- Light Reflections – Education by Brad Kohanke
- Lone Star Aprons – Almost \$8,000 raised
- Zach Haston – Endowment Statistics (Part I)
- Livingston Law – Who Presides at Grand Lodge in the absence of the Grand Master....And more

PLEASE COMMUNICATE THIS INFORMATION TO YOUR MEMBERS, AS APPROPRIATE. I recommend you print this communication and bring it to your stated meeting for discussion. This communication is automatically provided electronically to all lodges with the capability to use the Grandview system. Individual Master Masons of The Grand Lodge of Texas can sign up by contacting the Grand Secretary's Office at (254) 753-7395 or gs@grandsecretaryoftx.org, or by registering your membership through [the Member Portal](#).



FEATURED ITEM

Upgrade your wardrobe with this 3 for \$30 deal including ties from 2021, 2020 and 2010!

* While supplies last, shipping costs are separate. *

Thanks to the 42 Brothers who purchased a coin starter pack last month!

THE 2024 GRAND MASTER'S Coin is now in stock and available!

For all these items and more please visit the store at

<https://masonic-grand-lodge-of-texas.myshopify.com/>

TX MASON APP

Please join the 4,466 Brothers currently using the TX Mason APP! This is separate from the GrandView App & has a searchable law book and monitor right at your fingertips. <https://grandlodgeoftexas.app/launch.html>

OFFICERS LEADERSHIP TRAININGS

Registration is now open for the 2023 Officer Leadership Trainings. All members wishing to attend can register through their member portal or by clicking [here](#). The dates and locations are as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Register by</u>	<u>Link</u>
Tyler.....	May 31 – June 1.....	05/25/2024.....	Tyler
Lubbock.....	Aug 23 - Aug 24.....	08/17/2024.....	Lubbock

GRAND SECRETARY OFFICE UPDATES



If you haven't stopped by the office in a while, it has changed a lot. Thanks to the staff, led by the efforts of do-it-all Dave McHam, this office is the cleanest it has been during my time as a Mason. We hope the office becomes a place you are proud to be associated with, especially when we entertain visitors from out of state. Next time you are in Waco, or just passing through, we'd love to have you stop by.

April Fool's

While the April Fool's joke was going to be that there was no April Fool's joke, several Brothers followed the rules and submitted errors or omissions. For their efforts in bettering our publication, I am offering each of them a \$50 voucher for PGM merchandise that they must claim in person at the Grand Lodge sometime this year. Be on the lookout for similar contests in the future! Congratulations to the winners Scott Wiseman, John E. Morehouse, Michael Hudson, Eric Wylie, Sean Rothberg, and Edwin Torres.

Lodge Spotlight

Is your Lodge doing something unique that is really driving attendance, encouraging participation, or making Masonry visible in the community? If so, we'd love to hear about it. The DCO of District 31-A, Mike Mistry, will be highlighting Lodges in our monthly Lodge Spotlight segment. If you believe your Lodge deserves the spotlight, please contact Brother Mistry at mikemmistry@gmail.com.

Service Awards and NPD

Service Awards are now open for request from the office. Likewise, the beginning of May marks the start of noting those Brothers who are close to being NPD in the Grandview system. Once marked, if not altered, these Brothers will be suspended at midnight on June 23.

Cornerstone Ceremony

You're Invited Masonic Cornerstone Ceremony



**New Patient Housing Facility
& Parking Garage**

Monday, May 20 – 2:00 p.m.

Please RSVP for parking considerations.
Instructions will follow to confirmed attendees.

**815 Market Street • Galveston, TX 77550
RSVP: TEX-PR@shrinenet.org/409-770-6536**



Check out the Cornerstone Schedule for more Cornerstone information.

MASONIC MINUTE

Can you imagine what it would be like if we could know all there is to know without having to go through the trials and tribulations of life. If we could just wake up one morning and say to ourselves, today I am going to learn everything. It doesn't sound very realistic. But many view enlightenment as this type of occurrence. You finally find that club or organization that promises to let you into the inner sanctum of knowing...that promises to reveal to you all of the mysteries of life. And once you go through initiation, you expect to be invested with this sacred knowledge immediately, without having to research it or put forth any effort. We need to look at enlightenment in a different way. It is a process of learning over time; and most of the joy is in the process itself. Think of the joy you feel when you read something for the first time...that "A-HA" moment. Or when dwelling on a problem, you suddenly find a solution...an answer to the puzzle. It is incredibly rewarding.

Masonry holds no secrets or sacred knowledge that are suddenly revealed to the initiate. Rather, it provides a framework on which to build...a guide for living. It offers a way to attain knowledge over time through learning, patience, and truth; and it does so without harming others in their search. This practice of perfecting one's self is ancient beyond record and is the true measure of success. The attainment of balance in one's life...achieving happiness with yourself, without interfering with the happiness of others, and proactively helping others in their search for balance in their lives; that is success. It is a noble quest, the objective of which can only truly be obtained by those who are worthy and true...to themselves and each other. Good luck on your quest, enjoy it.

Reference: *Excerpt taken from Light Reflections by Bradley Kohanke*

LONE STAR APRONS

A huge thank you to all Brothers and Lodges who purchased a Lone Star Apron. This one order brought in almost \$8,000 for the Grand Lodge of Texas! If your Lodge regularly purchases an apron for the immediate Past Master, please consider making the Lone Star Apron your tradition. If half of the Lodges in Texas would adopt this practice, we'd raise almost \$25,000 per year!

The next window for ordering will open on June 1st for *December (Christmas time) delivery*.

MONTHLY LAW READING

Albert G. Mackey provides on page 71 of his Text Book of Masonic Jurisprudence (1872) that "If at any Grand Lodge ... [Communication] ... the Grand Master and his Deputy should be both absent, then the present Master of a Lodge, that has been the longest a Freemason, shall take the chair, and preside as Grand Master pro tempore ... provided there is no Brother present that has been Grand Master formerly, or Deputy Grand Master; for the last Grand Master present, or else the last Deputy present, should always of right take place in the absence of the present Grand Master and his Deputy."

Article VI, Section 2 of our Constitution is slightly different. It provides that the duties of the Grand Master "will devolve upon the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden in due order of succession ... and in the absence of all of them the Master of the oldest chartered Lodge present shall preside as Grand Master pro tem, or he may call upon some Past Grand Master to preside as Grand Master pro tem."

According to Mackey, the eldest Master present would preside pro tempore. In Texas, it is the Master of the Oldest Chartered Lodge only if the Grand Senior and Junior Wardens are absent. Also, note that Past Grand Masters preside only if called upon by the Master of the oldest chartered Lodge present.

Chris Livingston, Chairman, Masonic Jurisprudence Committee

LAWBOOK AND GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS

The top five elected officers now have access to the 2023 Grand Lodge Law Book. You can access the book by logging into the member portal and clicking on the resources tab. *Proceedings of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Texas* from 2019 – 2021 can also be found in the Resources tab and are accessible by all members. Previous years' proceedings can be accessed through TX Mason App.

TEXAS FREEMASON MAGAZINE

The most recent edition of the magazine: <https://grandlodgeoftexas.org/texas-freemason-magazine>.

The Texas Freemason Magazine is published four times a year and is available in PDF format on the Grand Lodge website under the "MEDIA/MAGAZINE" tab. In addition to the digital format, The Winter and Spring issues are printed and mailed before and following the Grand Annual Communication. If you are not receiving the magazine in the mail, it is likely your address is not correct in the Grand Lodge database. You can correct this by visiting the Grand Lodge website and logging into the member portal where you can edit your profile as needed.

IRS FORM 990

All subordinate Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Texas must file either IRS Form 990, 990 EZ, or 990-N with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service in a timely manner.

It is the responsibility of the Worshipful Master to ensure that a completed IRS Form 990, 990-N, or 990 EZ, or such other form as may be hereafter defined by the IRS, in order to preserve the tax-exempt status of Lodges. The form must be filed every year on or before the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of the tax year. For example, if a Lodge tax year ends in June, its Form 990, 990-N, or 990-EZ is due by November 15 of that tax year.

It is also the responsibility of the Worshipful Master to provide the Grand Secretary's office with a copy of the Form 990, 990-N, or 990-EZ that is filed with the IRS, on or before November 15 of the tax year, and the Grand Lodge Finance Committee is directed to monitor the completion of the Forms required herein. **Please be aware that the Grand Secretary's office no longer has the ability to file 990s on your Lodge's behalf.**

WIDOWS & ORPHANS COMMITTEE

The Grand Lodge Committee on Widows and Orphans is requesting that all members of Texas Freemasonry get registered, and then update your spousal, and other family information on your Grand Lodge website, via the Grandview member portal. This is an important tool to assist Grand Lodge in identifying widows and potential orphans within our family in Masonry. Please reach out to Bro. Daniel Cloud (Chairman) or Bro. Jon K. Wych (Vice Chairman) with any questions or concerns.

VANGUARD AWARD APPLICATION

The 2023 – 2024 Vanguard Application is available on the Member Portal for all Master Masons to view. You can find it by [clicking here](#). Please remember to follow the instructions before submitting. Lodges that are applying for the Vanguard Award must have their application submitted to their District Deputy Grand Master no later than 8/31/2024. District Deputy Grand Masters must have the application submitted to the Grand Secretary's Office no later than 9/15/2024.

ENDOWMENT STATISTICS (PART I)

This month's overview of Texas Masonry statistics will touch on the topic of endowments. This is a topic too large to cover in one article, but for this one I'll provide a brief overview of where we are and how we got here.

In 1978, then Grand Master Furman Vinson proposed the creation of an endowed membership for Texas Masons. In this first iteration, the endowment was envisioned to be for the Mason, the cost was to be set by the Trustees, and transfers to other lodges were permitted. That Recommendation was not adopted as presented but was referred for further study. After many meetings and discussions on the topic, at the Grand Annual Communication in December 1979, the Trustees put forth an endowed membership plan, now with a fixed \$500 endowment cost, to become effective June 24, 1981. By vote of the Grand West, that report was adopted and the endowment system was born in Texas with the first major change from the 1978 recommendation being that the Grand West would decide on endowment costs instead of the Trustees. At the December 1980 Grand Annual Communication, the second major change occurred with the adoption of changes to Art 318a. Endowments were now for the benefit of the lodge and not transferrable except during lodge demise.

The first endowments were purchased a few months later on March 11, 1981 by a father and son. The son was a fairly new mason, 33yr old at the time, but he would go on to become WM and serve his lodge in various stations for 30 years. Today, 43 years later, he is still alive and enjoying the benefits of that \$500 endowment.

There are many like him. Grand Lodge started to push endowments, setting goals for lodges and generally encouraging people to buy them. Figure 1 shows the rapid growth in the program through the 80s as we tried to catch up and get everyone in who we could.

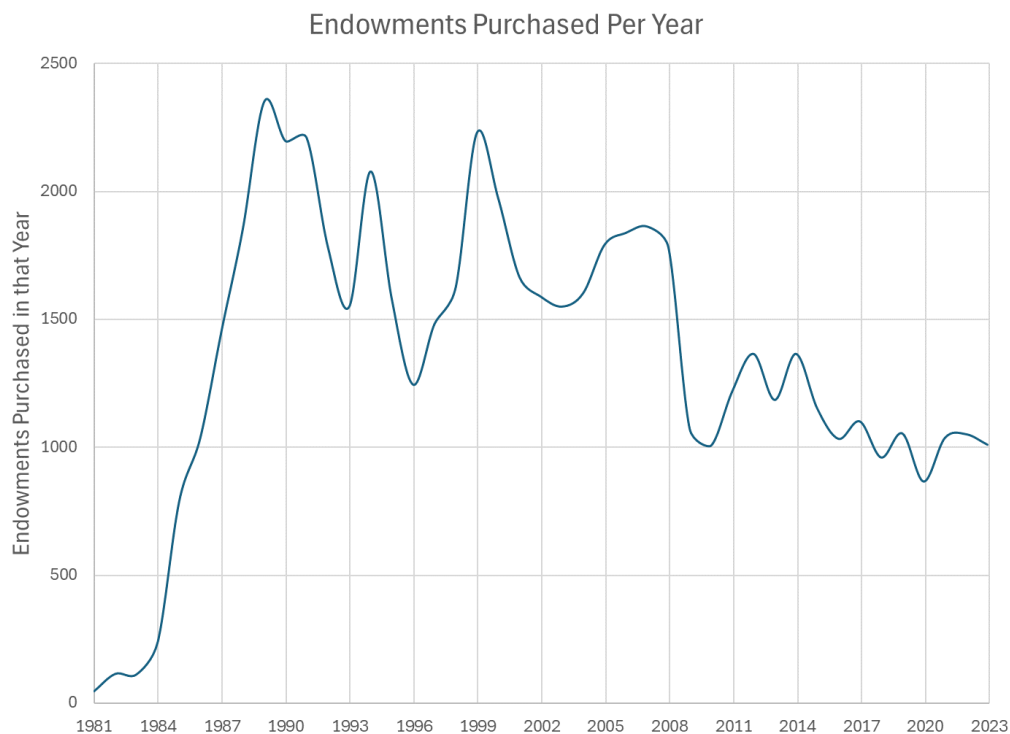


Figure 1. Endowments Sold in Texas Per Year

There have been many challenges to the endowment plan over the years, most of which concerned the topic of transferability and who the endowment was for. Changes on that topic have failed. Although it took a while, there has been a change on the financial side though.

The cost of endowments started to become a topic in 1997 when the Grand Master Recommended an increase in cost to \$600 "due to the continuous effects of inflation." He argued that, in 1997, \$500 was now the equivalent of \$936; however, the Grand West did not approve that Recommendation favoring to stay at \$500. In 1999, GM Rec 3 again tried to raise the cost to \$600 stressing that \$500 "is not sufficient to provide

ample return to the lodges.” Again, not adopted. In 2003, Resolution 38 would have gradually increased the cost to \$1000 in \$50/yr step increments, but it wasn’t accepted either.

By 2006, that 1979 vote for a \$500 endowment cost would be the equivalent of \$1316 when adjusted for inflation, yet the Grand West had rejected all increases to the 1979 cost. It was here that the next major change to the program occurred with the passage of 2006 Resolution No. 7 allowing lodges to set their own endowment prices. Votes to increase endowment costs had to be held at the time of lodge elections, and the first non-\$500 endowments began to be purchased in July of the following year, although they were few in number.

Today, the US Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation calculator shows that December 1979 \$500 cost to be the equivalent of \$2036; however, that \$500 endowment cost, first voted for in 1979, is still, 45 years later, the cost of an endowment in the majority of Texas lodges. Figure 2 shows the cost of endowments purchased in Texas in 2023, and Figure 3 shows them in terms of the number of years of dues. Yes, there are lodges with \$250 annual dues and \$500 endowment costs. Think about that. Obviously those lodges are still hoping those members will continue to contribute financially to the lodge, although in accordance with Art. 318a of Grand Lodge law, they are officially relieved of further payment of dues.

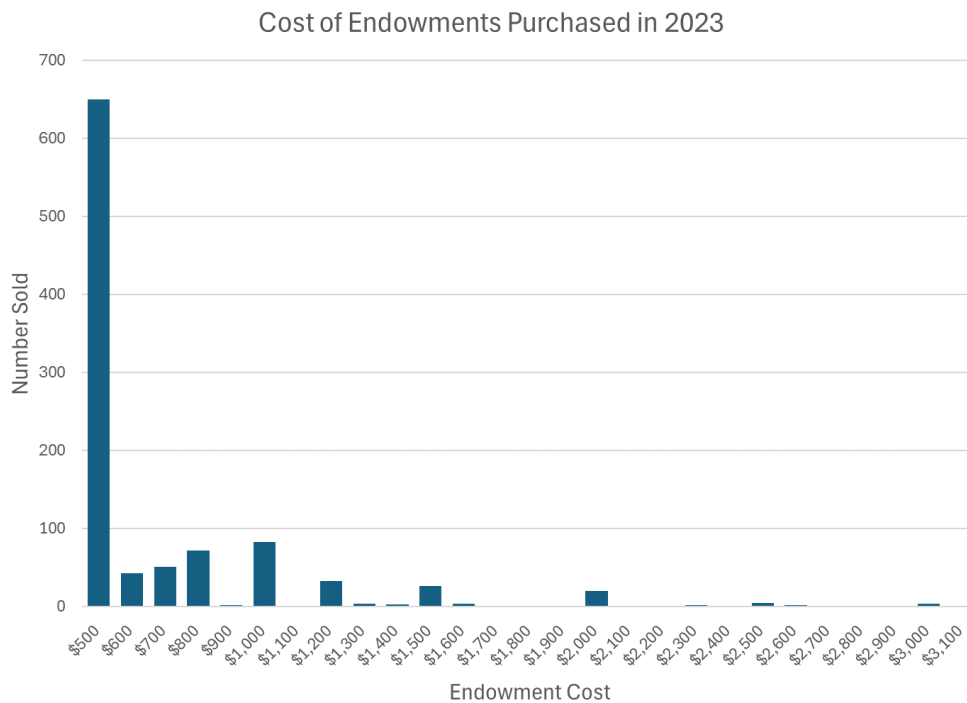


Figure 2. Cost of Endowments Purchased in 2023

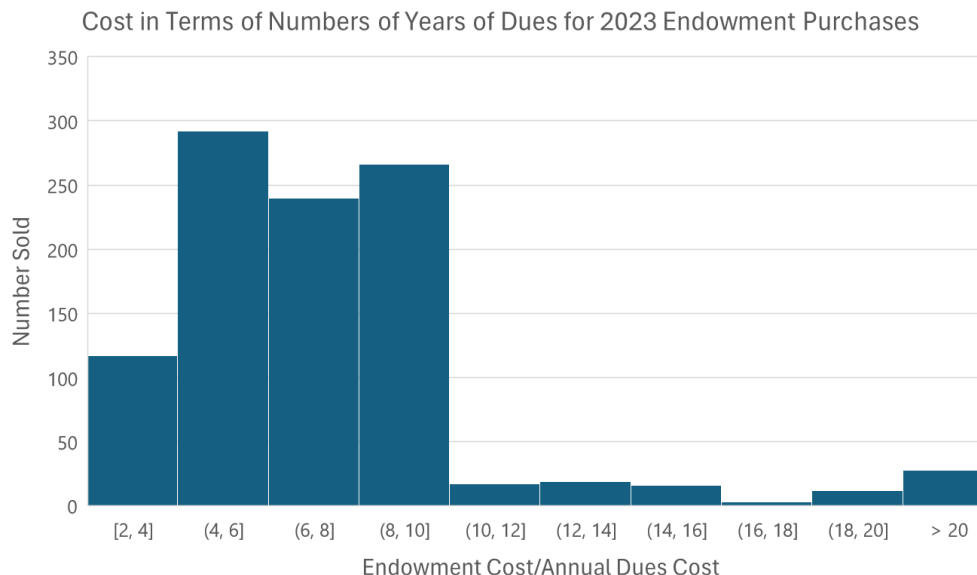


Figure 3. Cost of Endowments Purchased in 2023 in terms of number of years of annual dues

The \$500 endowments sold in Figure 2 will not cover those member's per capita; thus those lodges are losing money on those endowments every year until those members lay down their working tools. In addition to per capital expenses, speaking financially, lodges should also consider the number of years of dues that are being waived for that member. Two years is cheap. Most stay and would pay dues much longer than that. The age of 2023 endowment purchasers is shown in Figure 4. Memorial and honorary endowment purchases, as they were purchased by others, were excluded in this age chart, but they accounted for 4% of the endowments sold last year. Endowments sold last year were pretty evenly distributed to people between the ages of 35 and 75, with an overall average age of 56. Those Masons can expect to enjoy the benefits of that endowment for decades.

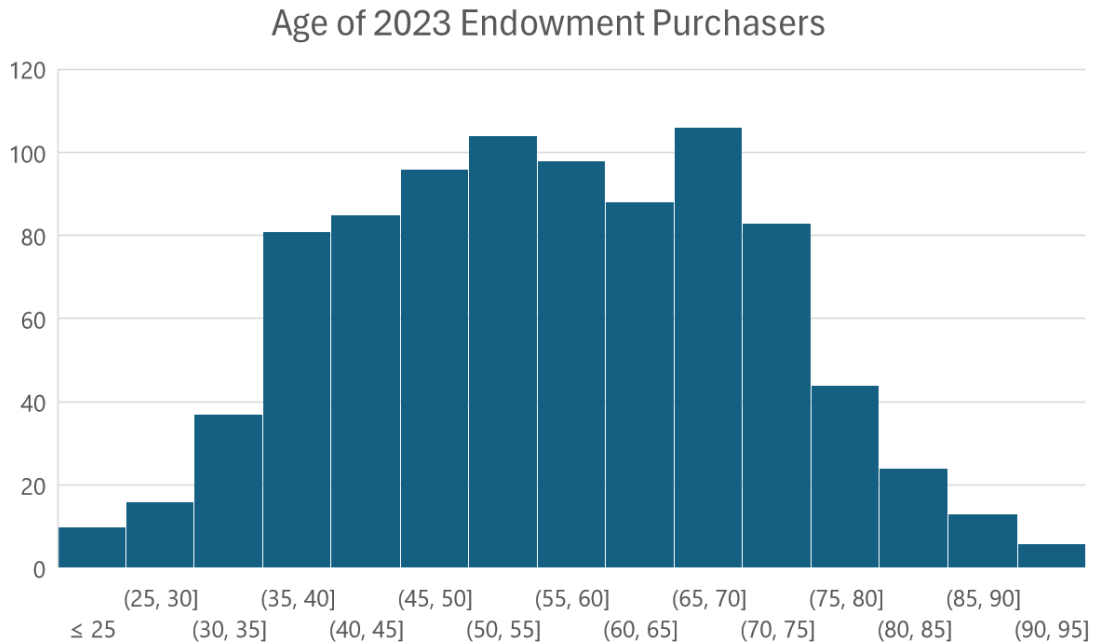


Figure 4. Age of 2023 Endowment Purchasers

The endowment system was never meant to replace the current dues income from members. Its financial benefit to the lodges lies in its perpetuity. It's short-term loss for long-term gain. How long until the lodge is financially positive from it and what the cost of an endowment should be are questions worthy of whole other discussion. Endowments also have the benefit of making it easier to bring people back, as there's no cost involved. That too is worthy of another discussion.

Today, 41% of our current, living members are endowed, 41% pay their dues annually, and 18% are exempt (mostly for 50 years of service). That's as many endowed as not. 45 years after it was born, the endowment system is widely popular in Texas. You're a Mason for life no matter what financial woes may come your way, and that provides a great sense of comfort. Endowments, which lodges now have the power to price right for themselves, provide many benefits to Texas Masonry, and I expect this program to remain and be popular long after I'm gone.

Zachary Haston

2024 MASONIC OAK PICNIC



MAY 19TH ~ MASONIC OAK PARK ~ BRAZORIA

Registration ~ 9AM Program ~ 10:30AM

**Devotional By
R.:W.: Danny Bowden, Grand Chaplain**

**Presentation of 50 Year Service Award
to J.W. Barber**

**BBQ Lunch Served at Noon
\$15 per person ~ tickets available on site**

Reenactment of Signing of the 1835 Petition

**Dedication of Memorial Stone for
A. S. Ruthven, PGM
With Remarks by
R.:W.: T. Chance Chapman, Grand Orator**

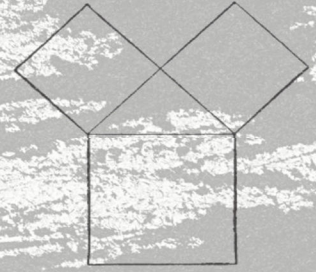
**Family Activities & Casual Attire
Enjoy a day with the Masons of Texas!**



With grateful appreciation to the Masonic Oak Park Committee
and the lodges and appendant bodies of District No. 31.



May & June 2024 Committee on Work Schedule



<u>Date</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Forum</u>	<u>Exam</u>
Kenneth Young						
Sat, 11 May 2024	Trinity	14	Livingston	27	9:00 AM	following
Sat, 18 May 2024	Lyons	195	Schulenburg	33	9:00 AM	following
Sat, 8 Jun 2024	Sam B Crawford	1418	New Caney	28	9:00 AM	following
Sat, 15 Jun 2024	Lake Jackson	1317	Lake Jackson	31-C	9:00 AM	following
Chuck Forsyth						
Sat, 4 May 2024	Abilene	559	Abilene	75	9:00 AM	following
Sat, 18 May 2024	Mineral Wells	611	Mineral Wells	113	9:00 AM	following
Steve Pepper						
Sat, 11 May 2024	Wichita Falls	1158	Wichita Falls	88	9:00 AM	1:00 PM
John Peters						
Sat, 4 May 2024	Valley	175	Burnet	49	9:00 AM	1:00 PM
Sat, 11 May 2024	Hardeman	179	Luling	35-A	9:00 AM	1:00 PM
Sat, 1 Jun 2024	Alamita	200	Kenedy	38	9:00 AM	1:00 PM
Sat, 8 Jun 2024	Laredo	547	Laredo	41	9:00 AM	1:00 PM
Cody Stewart						
Sat, 4 May 2024	Athens	165	Athens	17	8:00 AM	following
Sat, 11 May 2024	Cooke-Peavy	1162	Fort Worth	64-B	8:00 AM	following
Sat, 8 Jun 2024	Boston	69	New Boston	1-A	8:00 AM	following
Sat, 15 Jun 2024	Arlington	438	Arlington	64-D	8:00 AM	following
Sat, 22 Jun 2024	Bullard	785	Bullard	16	8:00 AM	following

For more information go to: <https://grandlodgeoftexas.org/committee-on-work>

The Grand Lodge of Texas Cornerstone Leveling Ceremonies 2024



For Information Contact:

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Effective 5/1/2024

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Grand Lodge Representative</i>
Saturday 5/4/2024	Coffee & Donuts @ 8:30 AM Open Brooklyn Lodge @ 9:00 Open Grand Lodge Representation @ 9:15 Cornerstone Ceremony @ 10:30	Brooklyn 386 103 E Hwy 80 & 740 Rd Forney, TX 75126	Ed Wilson Elementary School	Wendell P. Miller Past Grand Master
Thursday 5/16/2024	Coffee & Donuts @ 7:30 AM Open Pine Forest @ 8:00 Open Grand Lodge Representation @ 8:15 Cornerstone Ceremony @ 9:30	Pine Forest 1420 590 Sawmill Rd Vidor, TX 77662	Middle School 2500 TX-12 Vidor, TX 77662	Tommy F. Chapman Grand Master
Monday 5/20/2024	Gunsight Lodge will Open at some point before lunch Refreshments or lunch @ Noon Open a Representation of Grand Lodge @ 1:00 Cornerstone Ceremony @ 2:00	Gunsight 838 2128 Church St Galveston, TX 77550	Shriners Children's Texas Parent Housing Building 815 Market St. Galveston, TX 77550	Jim Rumsey Grand Senior Warden
Wednesday 5/29/2024	Refreshments @ 4:30 PM Open C.A. Fortner @ 5:30 Open Grand Lodge Representation @ 5:45 Cornerstone Ceremony @ 6:30	C.A. Fortner 1304 716 Sheldon Road Channelview, TX 77530	DeZavala Elementary School	Tommy F. Chapman Grand Master
Saturday 6/8/2024	Refreshments @ Noon Open Greenville @ 1:00 Open Grand Lodge Representation @ 1:20 Cornerstone Ceremony @ 2:00	Greenville 335 2615 Stonewall Greenville, TX 75401	New Lodge Building	Jim Rumsey Grand Senior Warden
Saturday 7/27/2024	Refreshments @ 8:00 AM Open Royse City @ 9:00 AM Open Grand Lodge Representation @ 9:15 AM Cornerstone Ceremony @ 10:00	Royse City 663 124-B. S. Arch St. Royse City, TX 75189	Paula Walker Elementary @ 10:00 New Police Station @ 11:00	Tommy F. Chapman Grand Master

Join the Texas Cornerstone State coordinator Kevin Binder's Facebook Group
<https://www.facebook.com/share/CiHNBBy12zSaqwVhh/?mibextid=K35XfP>

Checkout the new Grand Lodge Cornerstone page in the
TX Mason APP - <https://grandlodgeoftexas.app/launch.html>



2024 ANSON JONES LECTURE

Saturday, June 22nd ~ 6:30pm

Lee Lockwood Library & Museum ~ Waco, TX

Following the Statewide York Rite Festival

Untold Masonic Stories from the White House

Bro. Chris Ruli

Masonic Historian & Author

Open to Masons and Guests

\$60 per person

Choice of Prime Rib or Salmon

\$85 VIP Package includes a copy of

The Freemasons and the White House



RSVP Required to cdmoorecprp@gmail.com or 512-887-0775

Please include names of attendees and meal selections

VIP Package Deadline June 1st. RSVP Deadline June 15th.

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Legal Advice – Please DO NOT call our office asking questions on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That is a question for your DDGM.

The Internet Committee is partnering with the Grand Secretary's office to offer technical support in the following areas:

- Access to the Grandview Member Portal or password reset
- DDGM, DCO, & DEO access to District-wide tools
- TX Mason APP - including registering or downloading

To seek help with the preceding, send an email to internet@grandlodgeoftexas.org and please leave a mobile number and your ID so they can reach you.

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In-State Affiliations
Specialized Reporting
GL & Lodge Procedures
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Esoteric Record Maintenance
Form 71 Collection
IRS Form 990's Collection
Golden Trowel Awards
Community Builder Awards
Proxies for Grand Lodge

SECRETARY INSTRUCTIONS

The following information is intended primarily for the Secretary but may be meaningful to many of your members.

Lodge Suspense System:

Suspense Dates – Lodge Secretaries should create a suspense system (a reminder system) to alert the Lodge that certain documents are due. This list is offered as a “starter kit” for your consideration:

- a. January – The Worshipful Master should appoint a Committee on Members in Arrears (Article 319a).
- b. May 31 – W. B. and Brandon Carrell Award nominations may be submitted to the Grand Lodge Committee on Public Education for evaluation and recommendation to the Grand Lodge Trustees (Article 14b).
- c. Mid-June – Look for the Annual Returns Format from GL. (Downloaded from the Grand View System after June 24th. Notify the GS staff if you need the returns mailed as a printout).
- d. June 23 – Lodge elections must be completed at the last stated meeting prior to midnight of June 23 (Art. 292). Notify us of the new Lodge Officers immediately so they can be printed in the Directory of Constituent Lodges (do not wait for installation). Submission will be available on the Grand View System from May 24 through midnight June 23.
- e. June 23 – Endowed Membership checks must be in the Office of the Grand Secretary by June 23 to start earning interest in order to receive returns by the next year (Art. 318a). Changes to the amount of endowments must be voted on at the same meeting as the Lodge elections, and notification to the Grand Lodge must be before June 24th. Endowed Membership applications received at the Grand Lodge on or after June 24 must be for the amount that the Lodge reported.
- f. July 15 – Statements of Availability due GS Office. (6a).
- g. July 31 – Lodge installations must be performed from June 24 to prior to midnight July 31 (Art. 298).
- h. August 15 – Annual Returns Report due to Grand Lodge (Art. 493).
- i. August 15 – Resolutions due in GS Office (Art. 172).
- j. September 15 – Lodge Minimum Audit Report 71 is due to the GS Office NLT September 15 (Art. 284).
- k. August 31 & September 15 – Vanguard Applications are due to the DDGM NLT September 15 and to the Grand Secretary NLT September 30 (refer to Vanguard Application Instructions).
- l. October 1 – Lodge By-Laws that must be reviewed by the GL Committee on By-Laws due the GS Office NLT October 1 (Art. 219).
- m. Nov 15 – Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard), must be filed with the IRS by Lodges that have gross receipts of \$50,000 or less or do not meet the requirements for filing the IRS 990 or IRS 990EZ. (Lodges must file the appropriate Form 990 no later than the 15th day of the fifth month following the close of the organization’s fiscal year.)
- n. Dec. 28 – Proxy Certificates are due the GS Office NLT December 28 (Art. 4). You should always appoint a Proxy (in case of an emergency) but he would not vote if any of the top three officers were available. Remember, each brother can have no more than four votes. Therefore, a sitting Worshipful Master cannot be a proxy for another Lodge.