

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
M.:W.: GRAND MASTER,
R.:W.: GRAND TREASURER,
R.:W.: GRAND SECRETARY,
and
GRAND LODGE TRUSTEES
of the
M.:W.: GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS,
A.F & A.M.

Also the
REPORT OF THE MASONIC GRAND LODGE
LIBRARY AND MUSEUM OF TEXAS



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GRAND MASTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

M.: W.: Tommy F. Chapman, Grand Master

INTRODUCTION

Brethren,

I appreciate the honor of serving as the Grand Master of Texas in 2024. I want to thank the Masons of Texas for all that you do to make Freemasonry function in our jurisdiction. It has been my sincere wish for all Texas Masons to enjoy and promote Peace, Harmony, Unity, and Brotherly Love in our lodges and the Grand Lodge of Texas. It is my opinion that we belong to the greatest fraternity and contribute to our communities.

Please remember the membership program from this year:

- A** - Attract
- R** - Retain
- R** - Reinstate
- O** - One Aim
- W** - Way of Life

We are "the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God." Simply put: Freemasonry is a way of life. This year was designed to inject renewed energy and enthusiasm for the history and future growth of our great Craft in Texas.

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGES

First Official Visit Message

Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren:

I bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Tommy F. Chapman. He has asked me to spend a few minutes with you this evening (morning) to bring his message for 2024.

Brethren, Grand Master Chapman believes that Freemasonry is the greatest fraternal organization in the world and that we all have an integral part in the functioning of the fraternity. There are no unimportant parts or members of our fraternity. We all must do our part to make our fraternity function. No one else can do your part, my part, or the Grand Master's part. Freemasonry is judged by our communities, by our contributions to society. We can be proud of the contributions we have made and are still making to society. Freemasonry makes good men better men. While not a charity, Freemasonry contributes about three million dollars a day to charitable causes in the United States of America. Freemasons come from all walks of life, and we meet "on the level."

In 2024, there are 8 Grand Master Conferences strategically located across the State of Texas. These conferences are open to Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, Master Masons, ladies, children, and interested friends who you think would be good Masons, can attend.

At the Conference, we will be discussing Attraction, Retention, and Reinstatement of members as well as plans for 2024. Please attend the conferences. The current Grand Lodge programs will be continued in 2024.

Grand Master Chapman believes continuing Masonic Education is one of the key components to the success of our fraternity, and he urges and encourages every lodge in Texas to participate in the “LEO Masonic Light Program of 2024.”

In 2024, the District Service team will consist of the following team members:

(Introduce them if present)

District Deputy Grand Master:

District Instructor:

District Education Officer:

District Communications Officer:

The District Deputy Grand Master is the “captain” or “quarterback” of the team. Each one of the team members has specific duties to assist lodges if needed. The District Instructor is available to assist each lodge in his district with learning all aspects of the esoteric work at the request of the lodge. The District Education Officer will assist in the delivery of Masonic Education and Programs in his district. The District Communications Officer will assist in the delivery of internal and external communications in his district, increase member and public awareness, and other programs in his district. You will hear more from the District Service Team about their duties and plans for 2024 at a later date.

Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren, Grand Master Chapman knows that you are proud members of our fraternity. We are “the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God.” We are a society of friends and brothers banded together for mutual improvement, to help each other in our journey through life, and to make the world a better place in which to live. Grand Master Chapman would love to see you at the conferences to go over more in depth plans to attract quality and qualified men to our fraternity, retain members we have, and reinstate some of the members we have lost.

As stated in the Installation Ceremony, we should have but “one aim,” to unite in the Grand Design of being happy and communicating happiness. Freemasonry is a way of life for our Grand Master, and he hopes it will be a way of life for all Texas Masons. Remember this acronym for the Grand Lodge year in 2024: ARROW.

A – Attract

R – Retain

R – Reinstate

O – “One Aim”

W – “Way of Life”

Grand Master Chapman believes that we, as Masons, are people’s impression of Masonry. He feels the best way to attract good men to become members is to live the teachings of our fraternity in our daily lives.

Also stated in our Installation Service are the following sentences:

“The Level demonstrates that we are descended from the same stock, partake of the same nature, and share the same hope; and though distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, yet no eminence of station should make us forget that we are brethren; for he who is placed on the lowest spoke of fortune’s wheel, may be entitled to our regard; because a time will come, and the wisest knows not how soon, when all distinction but that of goodness, shall cease; and Death, the grand leveler of human greatness, reduce us to the same state.”

“Brethren, such is the nature of our Constitution that some must, of necessity, rule and teach, while others must, of course, learn to submit and obey. Humility in both is an essential duty.”

“May you and your associates long enjoy every satisfaction and delight which disinterested friendship can afford. May kindness and brotherly affection distinguish your conduct as men and as Masons.”

Grand Master Chapman would also like all Masons to reflect on the following from the Sam Canteley Revised Masonic Burial Service:

“Let us see to it, and so regulate our lives by the plumbline of justice, ever squaring our actions by the square of virtue, that when the Grand Warden of the Heaven shall call us from our labors, we may be found ready. Let us cultivate the noble tenets of our profession – Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Then when our summons draws nigh, let us with joy obey and go forth from our labors on earth to eternal refreshment in the presence of an ALL WISE GOVERNOR, where because of an unshaken faith in the merits of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, we shall gain admission into the celestial lodge above where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.”

Grand Master Chapman believes it is our duty as Masons to preserve Freemasonry so future generations can enjoy this great fraternity as much as we do. Our Masonic forefathers handed it down to us, and we should do the same for future generations of Masons. Let us work hard and enjoy Masonry. The Grand Master sends a sincere wish for your future happiness and success to you and your lodge. Worshipful Master and brethren, thank you for your hospitality tonight (this morning). I met with the officers earlier to examine the books and find them in good shape. (Note: if books are not in good shape, offer to assist lodges to get them in good shape and stop at previous sentence.)

Freemasonry is “a way of life” to the Grand Master, and he recommends it be “a way of life” for all Masons. Thank you for your time, attention, and hospitality.

God Bless you all.

Second Official Visit Message

Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren:

I bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Tommy F. Chapman.

He has asked me to spend a few minutes with you this evening (morning) to bring his message for the second half of 2024 and the beginning of the new Masonic year for your Lodge.

Brethren, Grand Master Chapman would like to personally congratulate the new officers on their elected and appointed positions within your Lodge. It is the Grand Master’s sincere wish for the success

of your Lodge and the happiness of its members. The Grand Master would like to also remind you that the success of the lodge and happiness of its members will depend on how the concerns of the lodge are managed and the support of the membership. The following charge to the brethren of the Lodge is taken from the Installation Ceremony and the Grand Master would like for us to reflect on these words this evening (morning).

“Brethren such is the nature of our Constitution that some must, of necessity, rule and teach, while others must, of course, learn to submit and obey. Humility in both is an essential duty. The officers who are elected and appointed to govern your Lodge are sufficiently conversant with the rules of propriety and the laws of Masonic order, to avoid exceeding the powers with which they are entrusted; and you are of too generous dispositions to envy their preferment.”

Grand Master Chapman would like to announce that two more Conferences have been added to the schedule for 2024. One of the Conferences will be held in Lubbock on August 24, 2024 at the Scottish Rite. Registration will be at 3pm and the Conference will begin at 4pm. The other Conference will be held in the Rio Grande Valley on September 7, 2024. More details will be sent later regarding the Valley Conference.

Grand Master Chapman would like to offer Lodges a chance to participate in two programs if they choose to do so. The first is Wreathes Across America. For information regarding Wreathes across America please contact the Worshipful Master of Anahuac Lodge Randall Decker at (210) 749-3239. The other program is Toys for Tots. Please contact Past Master Armando Soto of Alamo Lodge at (210) 365-9574.

The Grand Master would also like for the Master Masons of Texas to reflect on the Charges of all three degrees. He would like you to read them carefully and pay close attention to the words contained in them.

Grand Master Chapman would like to remind you of the A.R.R.O.W Program:

A- Attract good quality men to the fraternity.

Good men of quality character can be found in all of our lives. We can find them in our places of Worship, the workplace and in our neighborhoods. We can attract them to our fraternity by living the kind of life that brings credit to our fraternity. In our Installation Ceremony part of the Charge to the Worshipful Master states to the Master to Charge to the brethren of his Lodge to “practice out of the lodge, those duties which they have been taught in it: and by amiable, discreet and virtuous conduct, to convince mankind of the goodness of the Institution; so that when a person is said to be a member of it, the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour out its sorrows, to whom distress may prefer its suit; whose hand is guided by justice and whose heart is expanded by benevolence.”

R- Retain the members we have. Make the meetings interesting and all Lodge functions inclusive to all so that “you and your associates long enjoy every satisfaction and delight which disinterested friendship can afford.” In short, make your Lodge and Lodge functions a place where those who attend want to be there because that’s where their friends are.

R- Reinstatement of those to membership who express interest in reinstating if they are worthy and qualified to be reinstated. Conduct in ourselves in the paragraphs above (A and First R) may encourage reinstatements.

O- One Aim, which is so eloquently stated in our Installation Ceremony “to try to please each other and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness.”

W- Way of Life. Freemasonry is many things but if we live by its teachings, it is A Way of Life. The Grand Master highly recommends Freemasonry to be a way of life to all the Masons of Texas.

Grand Master Chapman has said many times that he prefers quality members over a quantity of members, but he would never complain about a larger quantity of quality members. Masonry is important and the Grand Master believes that we are all someone’s impression of Masonry and we should all strive to live the kind of lives to bring credit to our beloved fraternity.

Some of the Grand Master’s favorite quotes are from Theodore Roosevelt and the Grand Master believes that they can be applied to Masonry. Here are a couple of these Roosevelt quotes:

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” The Grand Master believes we can apply this quote to our fraternity by saying do what you can, with what you have, where you are for Masonry. “Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”

Grand Master Chapman believes we can apply this quote to Masonry also because he believes the work of our fraternity is work worth doing.

The Grand Master would like for us to reflect on these quotes and for each of us to do our part for the fraternity.

Grand Master Chapman would also like for us to remember to support our youth. He believes that every young person is our Masonic youth. Remember, the opportunity to support the young people will always be present through scholarships, the Honesty and Integrity Program and through our Masonic Youth Groups: the Order of DeMolay for young men and the International Order of Rainbow Girls for young ladies. These are premier organizations for young people. If your Lodge is interested in sponsoring one or both Masonic Youth Groups, the Grand Master would be happy to assist you in getting started. The Order of DeMolay is for young men between the ages of 12 and 21. The International Order of Rainbow for Girls is for young ladies between the ages of 11 and 20. Young people are the future of our world and the future of our Fraternity, and the Grand Master therefore feels that every young person is our Masonic Youth. Young people are our greatest resource for our fraternity and the world at large.

Grand Master Chapman hopes that all Masons and Lodges are working hard and enjoying the Fraternity. He hopes that our lodges will flourish and be a “Happy resort of Piety, Virtue and Benevolence” as stated in the Monitor of the Lodge in the Ceremony For The Dedication Of A Lodge Building or Temple. It is the sincere wish of Grand Master Chapman that Peace and Harmony will prevail in our Fraternity through cultivating the noble tenets of our profession - Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

In Closing Grand Master Chapman would like for you to reflect on the words of the Charge to the members of the Lodge during the Installation Ceremony:

“Brethren, such is the nature of our Constitution that some must, of necessity, rule and teach, while others must, of course, learn to submit and obey. Humility in both is an essential duty. The officers who are elected and appointed to govern your Lodge are sufficiently conversant with the rules of propriety and the laws of Masonic order, to avoid exceeding the powers with which they are entrusted; and you are of too generous dispositions to envy their preferment.

I, therefore, trust that you will have but one aim, and that will be, to try to please each other and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness.

Finally, my brethren, as the business of this Lodge has been conducted in peace and harmony, so may it long continue. May you and your associates long enjoy every satisfaction and delight which disinterested friendship can afford. May kindness and brotherly affection distinguish your conduct as men and as Masons. Within your peaceful walls may your children’s children celebrate, with joy and gratitude, the annual recurrence of this auspicious solemnity. And may the tenets of our profession be transmitted through your Lodge, pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation.”

God Bless The United States of America, God Bless the Great State of Texas, God bless Freemasonry and God Bless each and every one of you.”

Fraternally,

Tommy F. Chapman

Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas AF&AM

Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren I would like to thank you for your hospitality this evening (Morning) and I would like to recognize the District Service team at this time, (if present).

Texas Freemason Magazine Articles

Spring 2024

Brethren, As we begin the 2024 Grand Lodge year, I want to thank you for the honor you have given me to serve you and the Grand Lodge of Texas as Grand Master. I am very humbled by this opportunity, and I will serve to the best of my ability.

Our theme this year is “Freemasonry: A way of life.” Freemasonry is a way of life for me, and I recommend the same for all Texas Masons. We all have an integral part in the functioning of our fraternity. Every member is important, but we must all do our own part in making Freemasonry function.

As stated in our Installation Ceremony “I therefore trust that you will have but one aim and that will be, to try to please each other and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness.” My hope for this year is unity and for peace, harmony, and brotherly love to prevail.

I look forward to seeing you as I travel around the great state of Texas. Let’s work hard and enjoy Masonry. “Let us cultivate the noble tenets of our profession – Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.” I sincerely wish you and your Lodges much success and happiness this year. May God Bless the United States of America, the Great State of Texas, Freemasonry, and each and every one of you.

Fraternally,

Tommy F. Chapman
Most Worshipful Grand Master 2024

Summer 2024

Brethren of Texas,

My Brethren,

We are fast approaching our Installation season and some of the most encouraging words for the officers and members of lodges can be found in the Monitor of The Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Texas. I encourage every Mason in our Texas lodges to read the Installation Ceremony For A Constituent Lodge found in our monitor and reflect on the words and charges to each officer contained in the beautiful ceremony. Below is the charge to the members given by the Installing Officer just prior to the proclamation of our Installation Ceremony. Please read this beautiful passage and reflect on the words. At the Installation of Officers of your lodges please listen to them again along with the entire ceremony. The words of our Installation Ceremony are very meaningful and helpful as we begin a new Masonic year filled with excitement and with goals for our lodges for a new year.

May God Bless The United States of America, the Great State of Texas, Freemasonry, and each and every one of you.

Fraternally,

Tommy F. Chapman
Most Worshipful Grand Master 2024

Fall 2024

Greetings Brethren,

A new Masonic year has begun, and I would like to congratulate all of the newly elected and appointed officers of the Lodges. I know that by the time of this reading you are well into the programs of your Lodges for this Masonic year, and I hope you are all working hard to accomplish your goals and objectives. I also hope that you are enjoying the fraternity and making great memories which will last a lifetime.

I often reflect on quotes from President Theodore Roosevelt and think about how they apply to life in general and also how they can apply to our great fraternity. One of Theodore Roosevelt's quotes which I think apply to reaching goals and objectives in our lives and our fraternity is the following:

"Believe you can and you're halfway there."

What a profound statement this is. When setting goals, plans and objectives we have to believe that we are able to make them come to fruition. We have to work hard sometimes to make them happen and I believe we should also enjoy the work we are performing and believe in the cause in which we are engaged.

Another quote from Roosevelt, which is one of my favorites is:

“Far and away the best prize life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”

Brethren, I believe that all the work of our fraternity is work worth doing.

Do not be afraid to try new things. As long as it is not illegal, immoral, or unethical, and does not violate Federal, State, Local, or Masonic Law, and is not immoral or unethical it is ok to try something different. It may turn out to be a great success story for you or your Lodge.

I think of another Roosevelt quote which I feel applies to the above statement:

Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.”

Brethren, it is my sincere wish for the happiness and success of all Masons of Texas, their families, and their Lodges. It is also my sincere wish for peace and harmony to prevail as we cultivate the noble tenets of our profession, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

May God Bless The United States of America, The Great State of Texas, Freemasonry, and each and every one of you.

Fraternally,

Tommy F. Chapman
Most Worshipful Grand Master 2024

Winter 2024

Brethren,

I hope you are all doing well and enjoy the holiday season with your families and friends.

I have long used many Theodore Roosevelt quotes in my talks and so I thought I would share this one with you all. It has a powerful message, and it has helped me in life and in my Masonic journey. I hope you will appreciate this quote as much as I do and apply it to your own life and Masonic journey. I am asking you to reflect on the words of Theodore Roosevelt.

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive

to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt

It is my sincere wish for peace, harmony, and brotherly love to prevail in our lodges and among all Texas Masons.

God Bless The United States of America, God Bless The Great State of Texas, and God Bless each and every one of you!

Tommy F. Chapman
Grand Master 2024

GRAND MASTER’S EMBLEMS



The Grand Master's emblem for 2024 demonstrates his belief that we as Freemasons should teach and practice Freemasonry in our daily lives.

The Star on the Front of the Emblem has 3 meanings; the State of Texas, the 5 Points of Fellowship, and the Grand Master’s former occupation.

The Back of the Emblem stands for “The Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.”
“Freemasonry is a Way of Life” to the Grand Master and recommends it to be a way of life for all Masons.

2024 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

M.:W.: Tommy F. Chapman	Grand Master
R.:W.: Raborn L. Reader, Jr.	Deputy Grand Master
R.:W.: Jim Rumsey.....	Grand Senior Warden
R.:W.: Justin B. Duty.....	Grand Junior Warden
R.:W.: Richard C. Townsend	Grand Treasurer
R.:W.: Bradley S. Billings	Grand Secretary
R.:W.: Daniel M. Bowden	Grand Chaplain
R.:W.: T. Chance Chapman	Grand Orator
R.:W.: Billy A. Rhea.....	Grand Marshal
W.: Raul J. Scully	Grand Senior Deacon
W.: Ronald C. Wise	Grand Junior Deacon
W.: Terry W. Metreyeon	Grand Senior Steward
W.: Seth W. Alston.....	Grand Junior Steward
W.: Stanley C. Parker*	Grand Pursuivant
W.: Michael J. Cote, II	Grand Musician
W.: Charles A. Broussard	Grand Photographer
W.: Ricky D. Cox	Grand Tiler

*W. Stanley C. Parker passed away on September 15, 2024. We honor him for his service to this Grand Lodge.

ACTIVE PAST GRAND MASTERS

R.:W.: W.M. "Mike" Gower	1999	R.:W.: Jerry L. Martin	2014
R.:W.: W. Vernon Burke	2000	R.:W.: Michael L. Wiggins	2015
R.:W.: Michael Nanny	2002	R.:W.: Wendell P. Miller	2016
R.:W.: M. Boyd Patterson	2003	R.:W.: Jerry N. Kirby	2017
R.:W.: Reese L. Harrison	2004	R.:W.: Tommy F. Chapman	2018
R.:W.: Elmer Murphy III	2005	R.:W.: Terry W. Stogner	2019
R.:W.: Brian R. Dodson	2006	R.:W.: Paul D. Underwood	2020
R.:W.: Donny Broughton	2007	R.:W.: Kenneth C. Curry	2021
R.:W.: Thomas F. Griffin	2008	R.:W.: Bradley S. Billings	2022
R.:W.: T.E. "Gene" Carnes	2011	R.:W.: G. Clay Smith	2023
R.:W.: Walter W. Rogers	2013		

2024 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

1-A.....John Michael Ball	Simms	2	John Richard Berquist.....	Paris
1-B.....Brandon Harold Peek.....	Texarkana	3	Gaylon Chad Pasley	Trenton

4-A.....Jimmy Don Cravens.....Denison
4-B.....David Rance Lowry.....Pottsboro
5James David Frost Naples
6James Dowell Sterrett..... Denton
7Robert William Moore Mount Vernon
8Craig Allen Smith..... Greenville
9-A.....Dennis Charles DlabajAllen
9-B.....James Bruce Weaver.....Carrollton
10-A..... William Lynn Huggins.....Longview
10-B.....Lyle Melvin Potter..... Ore City
11Jason Everett Waldon Como
12Charlie Dee Ellis.....Wills Point
13John Albert Gordy Royse City
14-A.....Royce Glenn Smith..... Dallas
14-B.....R. B. Miller.....Arlington
14-C.....Richard Martin Gilman.....Richardson
14-D.....David Ray Fitzgerald.....Sachse
14-EJames Edward Fulcher Dallas
14-FDaniel Todd Hill.....Argyle
14-G.....Donald Ray Dewberry Desoto
14-H.....Robert William Weston..... Waxahachie
15Jimmy Harroll Wagstaff..... Joaquin
16Jeff Felix Cummings..... Tyler
17Kim Ray Ferguson..... Athens
18Charles Wayne Fulton Ferris
19Kennie Lee Passmore Broadus
20James William McGuire Garrison
21-A.....Wendell Lee Blackburn Beaumont
21-B.....Dana Lynn Ashby..... Henderson
22William A. Noland Teague
23Michael James Moffett Trinity
24Davis Lee Vaughn lola
25-A.....Anthony Riley Bingham..... Orange
25-B.....Phillip George Tharp Kirbyville
26-A.....Robert Owen Leger Nederland
26-B.....Gary W. Toups.....Nederland
26-C.....Fred William McGallion.....Silsbee
27Steven Neal RichHuntsville
28Darrell Steven MayMontgomery
29-A.....James Heath Gibson..... Madisonville
29-B.....William John Moody Navasota
30-A.....Kazimir I. KarwowskiRichmond
30-B.....Richard Paul WildSpring
30-C.....Ronald Wayne Ellis.....Porter
30-D.....Michael Edward Hepner Tomball
30-EChad Wesley Cornelius Houston
30-FJames Alfred McCormickBaytown
30-G.....Jeffrey Alan Lewis..... Houston

30-H David Allen LanmonPasadena
31-A..... Wesley Wayne Hemphill..... Rosharon
31-B..... Robert John Ballard Bayou Vista
31-C..... Jason Neil Martin..... Lake Jackson
32 Craig Louis Pietzsch..... East Bernard
33 Lonie Seth Mercer Magnolia
34 David Clay Derrick..... La Grange
35-A..... George Vinson McGrew..... Lockhart
35-B..... Robert David Oestreich Seguin
36 Russell D. Comstock..... Victoria
37-A..... Bobby Ray Lindley.....Corpus Christi
37-B..... Joe Gabriel Quesada Portland
38 Jesus R. Ramos..... Floresville
39-A..... Francis M. Gollahon..... San Antonio
39-B..... Alexander Edward Blue Helotes
39-C..... Stuart Dunlop Shaw San Antonio
40-A..... **Robertino Solon*** **McAllen**
40-B..... Gilberto Rodriguez..... Pharr
41 Enrique Ceballos Laredo
42 Dexter Scott Begines..... Jourdanton
43 Mark Ayers..... San Antonio
44 Juan Mendoza..... Houston
45 James George Cummins Temple
46 Paul Milton Todd Smithville
47 Wayne Karl Walker Killeen
47 Juan Rogelio Nunez..... Copperas Cove
48 Douglas Jay Lohman Harker Heights
49 William Franklin Teague Burnet
50 Garrett Douglas Moxley..... Pflugerville
51 Raymond Herbert Hempel..... Lakehills
52 William Lee Wilkin Wimberley
53 Carl Ray Braker Uvalde
54 Herbert Clay Simon..... Junction
55 Phil Eugene Edmiston Eldorado
60 Barry James Boetto..... El Paso
61-A..... Lloyd Lee Coffman Mc Gregor
61-B..... Michael Lee Crawford..... Aquilla
61-C..... Samuel David Moody..... Waco
62 Charles Lance Henkelman..... Whitney
63 Jackie Wayne Morgan..... Cleburne
64-A..... John Thomas Powers Weatherford
64-B..... Royce Neal RoseSaginaw
64-C..... Wilson Edward Lewark Weatherford
64-D Henry C. F. HackbuschSaginaw
65 Roger A. Nelson Weatherford
67 Tracy Dale Hudson..... Burleson
68 Max A. Bench..... Meridian
69 James Carl Johnsen Copperas Cove

70Thomas M. Thogmartin..... Lampasas
 71Paul Jacob Weller Kingsland
 72Jon Michael Boles De Leon
 73Joe Parker Francks Cisco
 74Bobby Frank Estes Clyde
 75Jody Aurelio Murillo.....Abilene
 76Calvin Scott Peters Brownwood
 77William C. Ware San Angelo
 78Sheldon Claborn..... Maryneal
 80Leslie Neal Montgomery Big Spring
 81Paul Wayne Jones Midland
 82Nathan Alan Rivera Odessa
 83Wesley Jay Jamison.....Andrews
 84Charles Brian Springer..... Fort Worth
 85Martin Wesley Eldridge.....Era
 86Danny Charles Mercer Bowie
 87William Robert Nash Azle
 88Ernest George Terry Wichita Falls
 89Adam Lee Cumbie Bowie
 90Jimmy Dean WerleyCrowell

91Toby HinesSeymour
 93-A..... Steven Ray SperryLubbock
 93-B.....Joseph GhandourLubbock
 94Justin SpradleyLubbock
 95Kevin Lee Brendle Dickens
 97Eric Bryant Turpen Littlefield
 98 Ben Allen Watson Pampa
 99 Lanny M. CoveyAmarillo
 100 Truitt Logan BradlyHereford
 102 Ryan Scott Swain Dalhart
 104 Donald Glynn ShuffieldRockdale
 105 Carl Boyd Goodwin San Angelo
 106 Michael Eugene Sipes Graham
 107 Edward Bruce Mintz Liberty
 108 Carter Ray Sharbrough Katy
 110 John Henry Bailey Corsicana
 113 Johnny Ray Whitley Santo
 117 Harold Wayne Glover Palestine
 121 David Lance Boughan Silsbee

*R.:W.: Robertino Solon passed away on July 11, 2024. We honor him for his service to this Grand Lodge.

2024 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS AT LARGE

James Lesley Abbott.....Canyon
 Joseph Russell Barron Tyler
 Russell Clay Brown Henderson
 Michael Scott Calhoun Goliad
 Michael Joyal CotéGranbury
 Jimmy Don Emmons..... Grand Prairie
 Ricardo Diego Gonzalez El Paso
 David Wynn Hefner.....Rockwall
 Douglas M. HudsonSpring
 Donald R. Keasler Corsicana
 Casey Lee Maxwell.....Nederland

Charles Don McCarver Burnet
 Stephen Lynn McCoy Somerville
 Stanley S. McGowen Weatherford
 Hugo MonDragonSpring Branch
 Robert W. Royall..... Crosby
 William E. Schroeter* Beaumont
 Aaron Wayne Tyksinski..... Houston
 Raymond Mark Wiggins.....Nacogdoches
 Shawn Michael Woelk Fulshear
 William Lundy Wyatt Judson

*R.:W.: William E. “Bill” Schroeter passed away on November 14, 2024. We honor him for his service to this Grand Lodge.

2024 DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS

1-A.....Douglas Alan Anderson Seguin
 1-B.....William David RozellBogata
 2Roger Bruce Landry.....Carrollton

3Jason Rostell BrantnerGreenville
 4-A.....David R. HarrisonSherman
 4-B.....Nicolas DeVincentisSherman

5James Scott Cornett Jefferson
6Jodie Ralph HarrisAvinger
7Clay Justin Bartley Yantis
8William Daniel MyreNevada
9-A.....Michael Taylor Malone Dallas
9-B.....Donald Keith Stephens..... Wylie
10-A.....William Lynn Huggins.....Longview
10-B.....Travis Neil Covin..... Gilmer
11Ricky Joe Gaddis.....Alba
12James Ronald Fields Canton
13James Clifton GreenForney
14-A.....Darrell Clyde Hefley Dallas
14-B.....Jeffory Brian Frayser Frisco
14-C.....Scott David Stanton Dallas
14-D.....Richard Lyle Troutte..... Rowlett
14-E..... Joe Robert BennettSouthlake
14-FTerrence Anthony Maxwell.....Carrollton
14-G.....Billy Ray Bell Grand Prairie
14-H.....Jimmy Don Emmons..... Grand Prairie
15Leland Vance Jordan Joaquin
16Dwayne Ray Cooper..... Whitehouse
17Wallace Grey Newman .. Gun Barrel City
18Randall Scott Wall Ennis
19Larry Franklin Whitehead..... Pineland
20Daniel Steven Ward Lufkin
21-A.....Leslie Wade Bradshaw Nacogdoches
21-B.....Russell Clay Brown Henderson
22Jimmy Carl Roe.....Thornton
23Charles Allen Bennett Grapeland
24Steven Duane Odom Centerville
25-A.....Marshall Earl Hodges Orange
25-B.....Ronald F. Meriwether Burkeville
26-A.....George Colby Bridges..... Beaumont
26-B.....Donald Eugene Willis Nederland
26-C.....Robert Edward Snyder Beaumont
27David Ray Vest Cleveland
28Arthur F. Galloway Conroe
29-A.....James M. Bracewell Madisonville
29-B.....Randal Kerry Smallwood Plantersville
30-A.....Emile Adolph Bussemey..... Houston
30-B.....Aaron Wayne Tyksinski Houston
30-C.....George William Fortney Spring
30-D.....Albert Anthony Pinto Humble
30-EDouglas Andrew Brown Houston
30-FAlvin Lee Holomon Baytown
30-G.....Maynard Banaag Fernando..... Houston
30-H.....Dennis Duane Reader Pasadena
31-A.....David Walter Matzas.....Pearland

31-B.....Jack O. Burdick..... Alvin
31-C.....John George Guillott..... Brazoria
32Stephen Ray Baylor.....Sweeny
33Kevin Todd Binder..... Houston
34Michael Scott Calhoun..... Goliad
35-A.....Curtis Alan Gilgan Austin
35-B.....Raul Davila Seguin
36Russell D. Comstock.....Victoria
37-A.....James Larry OwensCorpus Christi
37-B.....Richard Michael KingCorpus Christi
38Richard Owen King.....Floresville
39-A.....Roland Gene Havens..... San Antonio
39-B.....Joshua Adam Miller Cibolo
39-C..... Donald Roy Carnes..... Bulverde
40-A..... David Eugene KellyHarlingen
40-B.....Jesus Guillermo Morales.....Harlingen
41Charles A. Whitfield Laredo
42David Wayne Maddox La Coste
43Frank Reyna Torres.....Del Rio
44Clark E. DumesnilHempstead
45Lowell Kevin Wilbourn..... Temple
46Brian Lee Hohle..... Paige
47Kervin W. Warnken..... Round Rock
48Timothy Thomas Fleischer..... Salado
49Rickie Lee Allen Bertram
50George Duke Moxley Austin
51David Keith Bruton..... Boerne
53David McCutchen..... Uvalde
54Daniel Raymond ButtsBandera
55David Blanton Archer..... San Angelo
60John Earl Wood..... El Paso
61-A.....Gerald Thomas Dawson..... Lorena
61-B.....Anthony Dale Marmino Whitney
61-C.....Douglas James Fitzjarrell Waco
62Justin Taylor Jones.....Grandview
63Martin Lee Dalby Joshua
64-A.....William Rhitland Moore Burleson
64-B.....Wilfred O. Pimentel Fort Worth
64-C.....Donald E. Webb Ft Worth
64-DZachary C. Haston Mansfield
65Don Paul Payton Weatherford
67Ivan Othel Stephens..... Stephenville
68Rex Daniel Johnson..... Waco
69James E. Woodul..... Killeen
70Carlos Don JohnsonStar
71Robert Eugene Leonhart..... San Antonio
72James Edward Morgan De Leon
73Bobby Jay Woodward Abilene

74Otis Ray Purvis Cross Plains
 75Harold Eugene Allee..... Tuscola
 76Delbert L. Keas Brownwood
 77Herman H. McGill..... San Angelo
 78Charles Memron Rice..... Colorado City
 80Joe Don Melton..... Odessa
 81James Gary Parrish..... Midland
 82Charles Robert Forsyth Odessa
 83Harvey Lee Acker Monahans
 84Larry Michael FitzPatrick. Flower Mound
 86Julian William Gaston..... Springtown
 88Jerry Ray Sybert Wichita Falls
 89Edward Andrew Johnson Azle
 90Felix W. Taylor.....Crowell
 91John Wallace Singleton Munday
 93-A.....John Heath MorganShallowater

93-B..... Charles Anthony SmithLubbock
 94 Russell Oliver Roberts..... Denver City
 98 Cole Garrett Tefertiller Pampa
 99Johnny Roland SmithAmarillo
 100Joseph Michael Archer Tulia
 102 Kevin Wayne Smith..... Dumas
 104 Henry Robert Clore Cameron
 105 Brandon Kyle Poehls Winters
 106 Curtis Calvin Johnson..... Weatherford
 107 Terry Neal Valmain Mont Belvieu
 108 Cody Matthew Cockroft Fulshear
 110 Kevin Dean Moss Arlington
 113 Alan Lee Jackson Santo
 117 Charles Lee Steen Palestine
 121 John Edward Sutton..... Warren

2024 DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS AT LARGE

Harry Morgan Clark..... Caddo Mills
 Michael Roy Cain..... Marfa
 Don Forest Whan Wichita Falls
 Larry C. McDonald..... Gatesville
 Lewis M. EldridgeEra
 Timothy Wayne Smith..... Lubbock
 Samuel Beasley Holden..... Arlington
 Walter Allen Wilson Hemphill
 Daniel Miles Bowden Beaumont
 James Alfred Beale El Paso

Francis A. Alexandre Abilene
 Charles Milton Rue Longview
 Henry Eugene HousourLubbock
 Joseph Lance RunnelsMontgomery
 Herbert Garon.....Dallas
 Mickey Ray Sargent Brownwood
 Warren Irwin Winger Port Isabel
 Donald L. Parker.....Amarillo
 Thomas S. Ferguson..... Chico
 David D. Turner..... Crowell

2024 DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICERS

1-A.....Ronald Lee Farrington..... New Boston
 2Tommy Allen TappPowderly
 3Michael Loren Posey Bonham
 4-A.....Timothy Forrest NealDenison
 4-B.....Todd Christopher RumseyDenison
 5Brian C. Cloninger Atlanta
 6Rhett M. L. McCullough Pittsburg
 7Clay Justin Bartley Yantis
 8John Laney Shannon Commerce
 9-A.....Raymond James Vinson IIMcKinney

9-B..... Robert Brian Cook..... Richardson
 10-A..... Christopher Chad LaGrone Longview
 10-B..... Robert Allen Cromley..... Gilmer
 11 Standlee Bryant Spencer Mineola
 12 Charles Steven Gentry Tyler
 13 Luke Andrew Corley..... Rockwall
 14-A..... Matthew Todd Cason Allen
 14-B..... Collin Michael Wilson Houston
 14-D James Eugene WrightSunnyvale
 14-E..... Matthew Steven Parmerlee.....Dallas

14-F Ronald Gene Radford Richardson
 14-G..... Donald Ray Dewberry Desoto
 16 Randall Wayne Morris Tyler
 17 George Nolian Hull Athens
 18 Cecil Ray Curry II Ennis
 19 Roy Gene McCroskey Jasper
 20 Charles Michael Allen Lufkin
 21-B..... Bill Manley..... Gladewater
 22 Clinton Wayne Flatt Mexia
 25-A..... Barry Cornel Foster Bridge City
 25-B..... Robert Wade Peek Kirbyville
 26-A..... Tommy Chance Chapman Nederland
 26-B..... James L. McCutcheon Port Neches
 26-C..... Kenneth Richard Shifflett Silsbee
 27 David Britt Mangum..... Surfside Beach
 28 Steven Neal Rich Huntsville
 29-B..... Joshua Warren Reinbolt..... Bryan
 30-B..... Gary Richard Krzywicki..... Richmond
 30-C..... Kenneth Ray Shockley..... Tomball
 30-D..... Robert Clinton Coleman..... Houston
 30-E Martin Van Middleton Liberty
 30-F Christopher Richard Sellers..... La Porte
 30-G..... Jeffrey Robert Holder..... Pasadena
 30-H..... Thomas Gregory Merchant..... El Lago
 31-A..... Patrick John James Callaghan ... Houston
 31-C..... Henry Samuel Chambless Brazoria
 33 Ronald Ray Beard Fayetteville
 34 James Kevin Williams... Ganado
 35-A..... Jerry Lynn Iserhardt Luling
 35-B..... Jason Eugene Reichenberg Seguin
 36 Kenneth Allen Booth Sr..... Nursery
 37-B..... David Jude Vickers Odem
 38 James Ray King..... Floresville
 39-A..... Scott Joseph Mikos New Braunfels
 39-C..... Carlos Aaron Cantu San Antonio
 42 Dean Norman Cuellar..... Somerset
 44 Cecil Emris Brown Jr..... Katy

45 Jeremy Ray Johnson Euless
 46 Kevin Dean Woehl Bastrop
 47 Craig Alan Hammons Leander
 48 Matthew Paul Fisher..... Temple
 49 Billy Paul Baty Horseshoe Bay
 50 Byron Gordon Webster..... Austin
 51 John Edward Tittle Kerrville
 60 Ernesto Rodriguez..... El Paso
 61-A..... Jimmie Lawrence Shannon Jr. Hewitt
 61-B..... Jon Stefan Spann Lorena
 63 Kenneth Scott Castoe Blum
 64-A..... Cody J Neal Cox..... Benbrook
 64-B..... Jerome Q. Weilmuenster..... Grapevine
 64-C..... Daniel Edward Queen Fort Worth
 64-D Joseph Leonard Perrin Richland Hills
 65 Robert Christopher Brunk.. Hudson Oaks
 69 Raymond Sidney Young Gatesville
 72 Sammy D. Seale Hamilton
 73 William W. Woodrich Jr. Eastland
 77 David Blanton Archer..... San Angelo
 80 Ross Allen Thompson..... Big Spring
 82 David Lee Pearson Andrews
 83 Jerry Wayne Coggins..... Monahans
 84 Lance Christopher Candler Denton
 86 Chase Duwayne Fenoglio..... Nocona
 87 Michael Leon Hazel..... Bridgeport
 88 Mark Alan Bridges..... Wichita Falls
 89 Daniel Mack Cloud..... Paradise
 90 David D. Turner..... Crowell
 93-A..... Eddie Karl Harris Lubbock
 93-B..... Christopher Lynn Bates..... Petersburg
 100 Truitt Logan Bradly Hereford
 104 Casey Dee Stanislaw Cameron
 107 Robert R. Roggenbuck Jr. Anahuac
 108 James Michael Spencer Katy
 110 Herman John Goodnight..... Corsicana

2024 DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS

1-A..... Brian Nease Freeman..... Avery
 2 Larry Keith Slagle..... Reno
 3 Gaylon Drake Pasley Trenton
 4-A..... Braeden Myles Wright Denison
 4-B..... Richard Kenneth Berry Denison
 5 Jonathan Matthew Cornett..... Jefferson

6 Bryan Christopher Vaught Pittsburg
 7 Dirk Anthony Wilson Balch Springs
 8 Terry Lane Carpenter Lone Oak
 9-A..... E. David Aldape Prosper
 9-B..... Lance Richard Goff..... Wylie
 10-A..... William Joseph Farmer Longview

10-B.....William Joseph Farmer.....	38.....Joseph Paul Hunt Jr.Stockdale
11.....Danny Lee Lonsberry..... Hawkins	39-A..... Oscar Salazar Reyes Jr. San Antonio
12.....Tony Ray Morgan.....Wills Point	39-B..... Victor M. Ochoa..... San Antonio
13.....Tyler Allen Rowe.....Richardson	39-C.....Miguel H. Rodriguez..... San Antonio
14-A.....Nicholas Austin Jones..... Dallas	42.....Jarrett Jonathan Potter.....Jourdanton
14-D.....Daniel Merrill Dutton..... Mesquite	44..... Carter Ray Sharbrough..... Katy
14-E.....Smitty Fitzgerald Colbert..... Desoto	45..... Edward Murry Hamilton.....Marlin
14-F.....Benjamin Scott Waits.....Carrollton	46.....James Gary Braswell.....Bastrop
14-G.....Marvin Dean Krebsbach, Jr. Maypearl	47..... Thomas Edward Macaluso.....Austin
14-H.....Gerald Arvine Peck..... Red Oak	48..... Steven Allen Nelson..... Kempner
16.....Kenneth Eugene Lottman Jr. Lindale	49..... Lance Henry Weir.....Gustine
17.....Michael David Burton..... Athens	50..... Robert Louis Eschenburg.....Austin
18.....Gregory Truett Burdette..... Waxahachie	51..... Rodney J. Risemas.....Kerrville
19.....Dennis Rodney Bishop..... Hemphill	60..... Juan Manuel Navarro.....Canutillo
20.....Ernie F. Battle.....Lufkin	61-B.....Joyce Lester Taylor Sr.Robinson
21-A.....Paul Daniel Vann.....Lufkin	62.....Justin Wayne Schulz.....Malone
21-B.....John H. Waldie.....Henderson	63.....Martin Lee Dalby.....Joshua
22.....Jimmy Carl Roe.....Thornton	64-A.....Jeremy Raymond Gwin.....Fort Worth
25-A.....Aaron Craig Girouard.....Groves	64-B.....Christopher Earl Shockey.....Hurst
25-B.....Robert Edward Hopkins.....Jasper	64-C.....Garland Dale Miller Jr.Kennedale
26-A.....Christopher Lyons.....Beaumont	64-D.....Chad Lewis McMinn.....Fort Worth
26-B.....Bradley W. Corley.....Groves	65.....Ricky D. Cox.....Azle
26-C.....Kenneth Leon Holmes.....Silsbee	69.....Barry W. Kellerman.....Gatesville
27.....John-David Smith.....Livingston	72.....David Kemp Perry.....Gorman
28.....Chance Emery Crane.....Montgomery	73.....Henry H. Satterwhite III.....Breckenridge
29-B.....Michael Curtis Reeves.....College Station	77.....King Philip Walker Jr.San Angelo
30-C.....Jack Douglas Vance.....Houston	80.....Robert Glenn Smith.....Big Spring
30-D.....Ray Lelon Owens Jr.Humble	83.....Jonathan Howard Madison.....Midland
30-E.....Tommy Dale Overton Jr.Houston	84.....Christopher Kyle Rebecok.Hickory Creek
30-F.....Hector Castillo.....Beach City	86.....Austin James Hager.....Henrietta
30-G.....Benny Pena Hernandez.....Pearland	87.....Michael Charles Range.....Decatur
30-H.....Christopher Richard Sellers.....La Porte	88.....David Patrick Lawson.....Wichita Falls
31-A.....Cyrus K Mistry.....League City	89.....Carl Newel Fox.....Springtown
31-B.....Steven Thomas Lamb.....Santa Fe	90.....Colton Edward Daniel.....Truscott
31-C.....Matthew Scott Henderson.....Brazoria	93-A.....Joey Don Powers.....Lubbock
32.....Justin Ray Harris.....El Campo	93-B.....Zakary Wayne Wyatt.....Lubbock
33.....Jerald Wayne Meek.....West Point	98.....Curtis Dean Farmer.....Pampa
34.....Jason Alan Ward.....Moulton	100.....Roger Lynn Edwards.....Hereford
35-A.....Stanley Walter Kozik.....Luling	104.....Gasper Thomas Puccio Jr.Rockdale
35-B.....Larry Clay Newman II.....New Braunfels	107.....Delbert M. Richardson.....Humble
36.....James Kevin Williams.....Ganado	108.....Cody Matthew Cockcroft.....Fulshear
37-A.....John Irvin Hollowell II.....Corpus Christi	110.....Elmer L. Ledbetter Jr.....Blooming Grove
37-B.....Timothy Thomas Schroeder.....Portland	113.....Elmer L. Ledbetter Jr.....Blooming Grove

GRAND LODGE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Elected Boards and Committees

	Work
Chairman	
Charles R. Forsyth	2026
Secretary	
Steven R. Pepper	2027
Members	
Kenneth D. Young	2025
Cody A. Stewart.....	2028
John L. Peters	2029

Directors of the Grand Lodge Library & Museum

President	
Russell C. Brown.....	2029
1st Vice-President	
Brian R. Dodson.....	2028
2nd Vice-President	
Robert M. Loflin	2025
Secretary	
Don Paul Payton.....	2027
Directors	
W. Scott Leopold, Sr.....	2026
Gary N. Martin	2030
B. Don Comedy.....	2031

Directors of the Home & School

John Robert Clements, President.....	2025
Zachary C. Haston, Vice-President.....	2027
John D. Denson, Treasurer.....	2028

Bradley E. Kohanke Secretary.....	2026
RW Kenneth C. Curry, PGM	2029

Texas Masonic Youth Foundation

President	
Brian R. Dodson	
Treasurer	
J. Weldon Clampitte	
Secretary	
Paul E. Wunsche	
Members	
M. Boyd Patterson	
Tommy F. Chapman	
Michael L. Sampson	
Marlene Dibrell	
Jo Ann Weaver	

Texas Masonic Charities Foundation

President	
Cody Cockroft	
Vice-President	
Craig Enderli	
Treasurer	
Ronald Wise	
Secretary	
Richard Daniel	
Members	
H. N. Chip Green, Jr.	
John Hollowell	
Jerry Bob Daniel	
Samuel R. Gibbins	

Permanent Committees

	By-Laws
Chairman	
Dennis D. Reader.....	2030
Vice-Chairman	
John A. Hughes.....	2025
Members	
Harry M. Clark.....	2026
Michael J. Palkowetz.....	2027

Joe R. Bennett.....	2028
Robert M. Randklev	2029
Donelo G. Lopez, Jr.	2031

Civil Law

Chairman	
Allan R. Lazor	2027
Vice-Chairman	

Robert M. Park	2026
Members	
Leonard T. Bradt.....	2025
Joseph R. Messa	2025
Wesson H. Tribble.....	2026
Matthew W. Brown.....	2027
Frank Svetlik.....	2028
Bradley H. Rice	2028
Jonathan B. Cluck	2029
Andrew Anderson	2029
Charles E. Fiscus	2030
Terry M. Vernon.....	2030
Chase C. Parsons	2031
Mike Wallech	2031

Communications

Chairman	
Christopher M. Holder	2028
Vice-Chairman	
Jaems D. Kirkpatrick.....	2031
Members	
Don F. Whan.....	2025
Ricky D. Cox.....	2026
W. L. Rusty Garrett, Jr.	2027
Russell R. Booth	2029
C. Stan Madden.....	2030

Credentials

Chairman	
Mark D. Dieckmann.....	2028
Vice-Chairman	
Matthew T. Cason.....	2030
Members	
Darrin I. Pitts	2025
Dennis R. Wiggins.....	2026
Robert E. Bain, II.....	2027
Jimmie L. Shannon, Jr.....	2029
Kevin T. Binder	2031

Finance

Chairman	
Ronald C. Wise	2029
Vice-Chairman	
Guy W. Anderson	2027
Members	
Barry D. Brunk, Sr.....	2025
Kenneth L. Cochran.....	2026

Wade G. Richards	2028
Jeffrey P. Modzelewski	2030
Jack T. Peebles	2031

Fraternal Relations

Chairman	
Pierre G. Normand, Jr.	2025
Vice-Chairman	
Christian D. Moore.....	2029
Members	
Gregory Jacobs.....	2026
Salomon Lahana.....	2027
Frank R. Brown.....	2028
Travis G. Normand.....	2030
T. Chance Chapman	2031

Gift of Life

Chairman	
Michael S. Calhoun	2027
Vice-Chairman	
Michael O. Sevilla.....	2028
Members	
W. Dave McHam	2025
Donald E. Hoover, II	2026
Maynard B. Fernando	2029
Justin A. Winch	2030
Christpher T. Adams	2031

Grievances & Appeals

Chairman	
Michael L. Sampson	2025
Vice-Chairman	
Eric D. Stuyvesant	2028
Members	
Alvin L. Holomon.....	2026
Aaron W. Tyksinski.....	2027
Raymond M. Wiggins.....	2029
Wilfred O. Pimentel	2030
Casey L. Maxwell.....	2031

Internet

Chairman	
A. Craig Enderli, Jr.....	2029
Vice-Chairman	
Justin C. Bauer	2025
Members	
Dusty L. Piper	2026
Timothy W. Smith	2027

Francisco X. Garcia	2028
Bradley R. Marrs.....	2030
B. Scott Ledbetter	2031

Investments

Chairman

John David Ashley	2026
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Vice-Chairman

Fred R. Smith.....	2028
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Members

Robbie A. Tedford, Jr.....	2025
Dennis A. Burleson.....	2027
Justin T. Jones	2029
Adam G. Frey.....	2030
Everett E. Williams	2031

Masonic Education

Chairman

Christopher J. Galloway	2030
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Vice-Chairman

W. R. Rhit Moore.....	2029
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Members

C. Joshua Wilder.....	2025
Adam Sanchez.....	2026
James M. Spencer	2027
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K. Kerr Morton	2031

Masonic Jurisprudence

Chairman

Charles Kinsey	2031
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Vice-Chairman

Charles E. Maddox	2028
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Members

Stephen F. Cross.....	2025
Dan W. Turner.....	2025
Wendell P. Miller.....	2026
Brack Jones, Jr.	2026
James E. Morgan	2027
Zola B. Blicher.....	2027
James L. Abbott, Jr.	2028
M. Boyd Patterson, Jr.....	2029
Christopher D. Livingston.....	2029
XXXXXXXXX	2030
David B. Griffin	2030
Michael S. Prejean.....	2031

Masonic Service

Chairman

William R. Jacobs	2030
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Vice-Chairman

R. Carlton Newberry, Jr.....	2029
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Members

Curtis D. Farmer.....	2025
Edward M. Hamilton.....	2026
Marvin D. Krebsbach	2027
William C. Ware	2028
Allen L. Bettis, III	2031

Masonic Widows & Orphans

Chairman

Daniel M. Cloud	2028
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Vice-Chairman

Jon K. Wych.....	2029
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Members

Gary W. Toups	2025
Royce N. Rose	2026
William E. Schroeter, Sr.	2027
Rogert L. Dimick.....	2023
Robert C. Walworth.....	2024

Mediation #1 (West)

Chairman

Jimmy D. Emmons	2028
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Vice-Chairman

J. W. Irick.....	2030
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Members

Billy W. Dormady	2025
Calvin W. Smith.....	2026
Albert W. Wiggers.....	2027
Johnny D. Davis.....	2029
Clifton C. Walsh	2031

Mediation #2 (East)

Chairman

Douglas M. Hudson.....	2029
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Vice-Chairman

Robert W. Royall, Jr.	2026
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Members

Jon W. Dunn.....	2025
Armando G. Caceres, Sr.....	2027
Jeremy R. Johnson	2028
Shawn M. Woelk.....	2030
Beau M. Burris.	2031

Membership	
Chairman	
Scott G. Hill.....	2025
Vice-Chairman	
Seth W. Alston.....	2026
Members	
Jeffrey C. Hershberger	2027
Kyle D. Wahlquist.....	2028
Charles E. Ivy.....	2029
C. D. Siems.....	2030
James P. Smith, Sr.	2031

Public Education	
Chairman	
H. N. Chip Green, Jr.....	2026
Vice-Chairman	
R. Jayson Moore.....	2029
Members	
Nicholas L. Phillips.....	2025
Herman D. Cole.....	2027
Roberto A. Flores	2028
David C. Berndt	2030
John M. Wilkerson	2031

Purposes & Policies	
Chairman	
Thomas F. Griffin.....	2025
Vice-Chairman	
Lawrence E. Tucker	2029
Members	
Scott L. Mills.....	2026
Jason L. Jackson.....	2027
Russell C. Eberley	2028
E. Jason Rabe.....	2030
Donald W. Broughton	2031

Real Estate	
Chairman	
Joseph C. Moses	2030
Vice-Chairman	
David A. Gower	2029
Members	
Lewis E. Marchbanks, Jr.....	2026
Clayton F. Estrems	2027
David M. Baskin	2028
J. Lance Runnels.....	2030
William F. Teague	2031

Texas History	
Chairman	
George D. Moxley	2026
Vice-Chairman	
Jeremy D. Hogan.....	2025
Members	
Robert W. Marshall.....	2027
Corey M. Harris.....	2028
Gregory M. Wright.....	2029
Gary D. Stretcher	2030
Raymond Beall, Jr.	2031

Youth Activities	
Chairman	
L. Joe Jones, Jr.....	2029
Vice-Chairman	
Jason P. Coffelt	2028
Members	
Steven W. Seymour	2025
Michael A. Huemoller	2026
Michael J. Cote, II.....	2027
Paul E. Wunsche	2030
W. David Melear	2031

2024 Temporary Committees

Audio/Video	
Chairman	
Christopher M. Holder	2025
Vice-Chairman	
A. Craig Enderli, Jr.	2025
Members	
Donald L. Daniels.....	2025
Charles E. Ivy.....	2025
Jeffrey R. Holder.....	2025

D. Lee Kinser, Jr.....	2025
James E. Fisher.....	2025

Audit	
Chairman	
Thomas W. Ellison.....	2025
Vice-Chairman	
Christopher M. Chaot	2025

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Gary D. Smith..... 2025
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Vice-Chairman

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Mehmet Cakmak 2025
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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

No changes from previous year.

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No changes from the previous year.

ANNIVERSARY LODGES

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS

Liberty No. 48..... 1849-01-30
St. John’s No. 51..... 1849-01-19

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

Snow River No. 385..... 1874-06-07
Brooklyn No. 386..... 1874-06-09
Granbury No. 392..... 1874-06-06
James A. Smith No. 395..... 1874-06-06
George R. Reeves No. 396..... 1874-06-06

Frio No. 399.....	1874-06-06
Elkhart No. 400	1874-06-06
Lone Star No. 403.....	1874-06-06
Longview No. 404.....	1874-06-04
Iredell No. 405.....	1874-06-06
Cuero No. 409	1874-06-06
Blessing No. 411.....	1874-06-08
Blazing Star No. 413.....	1874-06-08

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

East Bernard No. 817	1899-07-20
Angleton No. 829	1899-12-07
Lemond No. 832.....	1899-12-07
Burke No. 833	1899-12-07
Riesel No. 835	1899-12-07
Santo No. 836.....	1899-12-07
Lebanon No. 837	1899-12-07

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Harlandale No. 1213	1924-12-06
Richardson No. 1214.....	1924-12-06
Irving No. 1218.....	1924-12-06
Blue Bonnet No. 1219.....	1924-12-06

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF MASONS IN NORTH AMERICA

For 2024, the annual gathering of the COGMNA was held in Seattle, Washington, on February 17-21. It was attended by your Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Appear in Public

1. Tucker No. 297 wear aprons as they present a certificate of appreciation to the City of Galveston on January 25, 2024
2. Laredo No. 547 wear aprons and jewels during George Washington celebration parade on February 17, 2024
3. Wolfforth Frenship No. 1447 wear aprons and jewels during 4th of July parade
4. Snow River No. 385 wear aprons during their 150th Anniversary Celebration at Spurger First Baptist Church Family Life Center on April 27, 2024

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5. Webb No. 1454 wear aprons in public at the Arlington Fourth of July Parade
 6. OSO Naval No. 1282 wear Masonic regalia in public at the USS Lexington on September 7, 2024
 7. Pasadena No. 1155 wear aprons and regalia in public at the Pasadena Rodeo Parade on Saturday September 7, 2024
 8. Gonzales No. 30 wear aprons and Masonic regalia at the annual Come and Take It celebration in Gonzales, TX on Saturday October 5, 2024
 9. Live Oak No. 304 wear aprons and Masonic regalia at a special event to recognize and memorialize 9-11 on Wednesday September 11, 2024 at 8am at Heros Memorial Park in Kyle, Texas
 10. Guadalupe No. 109 wear aprons at the Juan Nepomucindo Seguin celebration on October 26, 2024 at the Juan Seguin Burial Site at 789 S. Saunders St. Seguin, TX 78155
 11. Allen No. 1435 wear aprons at Annual Allen Rotary Christmas Parade on December 8, 2024
 12. Henrietta No. 454 wear aprons and regalia in a ceremony with the local American Legion Post honoring veterans on November 11, 2024
 13. Brahan No. 226 wear aprons and regalia in a Veteran's Day Observance in the La Vernia City Park on November 11, 2024.
 14. J.H. Gurley No. 337 wear aprons and regalia in the annual Veteran's Day parade on Monday, November 11, 2024, in downtown Waco at 11:00 am
 15. Old River No. 1442 wear aprons and regalia in the Mont Belvieu parade on December 8, 2024
 16. Tomball No. 1096 wear aprons and regalia in the Tomball Holiday parade on Saturday, November 23, 2024
 17. Anahuac No. 995 wear white aprons at a Wreath Laying Ceremony at Anahuac Cemetery on December 14, 2024, as part of the Wreaths Across America Program
 18. Mart No. 636 wear aprons and regalia in public at the Mart Christmas Parade on Dec. 7th at 6:00pm and at the Axtell Christmas Parade on Dec. 14th at 9:30am

Lodges to Permanently Move Charters

1. Greenville No. 335 permanently move Charter to new building located at 2603 Canton Ave, Greenville, TX 75402
2. North Shore No. 1353 permanently move Charter to Galena Park No. 1290 Lodge building at 603 Baca St., Houston, TX 77013

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3. East Houston No. 1299 permanently move Charter to Galena Park No. 1290 Lodge building at 603 Baca St., Houston, TX 77013
 4. Hurst No. 1387 permanently move Charter to 1909 Central Drive No. 306 Bedford, TX 76021
 5. George N. Denton No. 24 permanently move Charter from Bellmead Lodge No. 1329 to the Grand Lodge Building
 6. Taft-Diaz No. 1297 permanently move Charter from the current location at 1340 Murchison Dr. El Paso, TX 79902 to a new location at 103 Geisler Ct. El Paso 79907 as of January 1, 2025

Lodges to Temporarily Move Charter for Degree Conferral

1. Taft-Diaz No. 1297 move Charter to the El Paso Scottish Rite on February 19, 2024, for a Master Masons degree
2. Bellaire 1336 move Charter to George Ranch Historical Park on February 15, 2024, for an outdoor Master Masons degree
3. Pine No. 642 move Charter for an outdoor degree on March 23, 2024, at Scott Lewis Ranch located at 15415 FM 943 in Livingston, Texas
4. Wolfforth Frenship No. 1447 move Charter to Roswell Lodge No. 18 in Roswell, NM on March 2, 2024, for a Fellowcrafts degree
5. Wells No. 915 move Charter for an outdoor degree on April 13, 2024, at the Bonner Farm, 3358 Old Bonner Rd, Lufkin TX
6. Rising Star Ranger No. 429 move Charter to 950 Moose Lodge Rd Somerville, TN on June 1, 2024, under the auspices of Somerville Lodge No. 73 of the Grand Lodge of TN and confer an outdoor Master Masons degree on a Texas candidate
7. Coleman No. 496 move Charter to a location approximately 10 miles NE of Lodge 496 in Coleman County for two outdoor Master Masons degrees on May 18, 2024
8. Blue Ridge No. 490 move Charter to 14411 County Road 618 Farmersville, TX on Saturday, April 20, 2024, for an outdoor Master Masons degree
9. Wolfforth-Frenship No. 1447 move Charter to Shoemaker ranch located 1284 CR230 Ralls, TX 79357 for their annual Hilltop event on May 4, 2024, for an outdoor Master Masons degree. In case of bad weather, the plan is to move to Crosbyton No. 1020
10. Orphan's Friend No. 17 move Charter for an outdoor Master Masons degree on May 4, 2024. In case of bad weather, the plan is to move to Crosbyton No. 1020

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11. Mars Hill No. 1440 move Charter to Rains County Road 4240 Emory Texas 75440 on June 1, 2024, at 10am for an outdoor Master Masons Degree
 12. Greenwood No. 779 move Charter to 1679 CR 2740 Decatur, TX for an outdoor Master Masons degree on June 22, 2024
 13. Perfect Union No. 10 move Charter to Nat M. Washer No. 1270 to confer an EA degree
 14. Freedom No. 100 move Charter to the Camp Alzafar Shrine degree area for two outdoor Masters Masons degrees on Saturday July 6, 2024
 15. Sugar Land No. 1141 move Charter from their current location to the Morton Lodge No. 72 for a FellowCrafts degree on July 19, 2024
 16. Waco No. 92 move Charter to the Grand Lodge Building to hold a Called Meeting on August 17, 2024, and Initiate a Candidate
 17. OSO Naval No. 1282 move Charter to the USS Lexington for a Master Masons degree on September 7, 2024
 18. Iredell No. 405 move Charter for an outdoor Master Masons degree on September 7, 2024, at the annual Kenneth Word Memorial Mountain Top degree. The address is close to 958 County Rd 2139, Meridian, TX 76665
 19. Bandera No. 1123 move Charter to the Texas Rangers Heritage Center in Fredericksburg, TX for an outdoor Master Masons degree
 20. Farmersville No. 214 move Charter for a Master Masons degree on October 26, 2024, at 14411 County Road 618, Farmersville, TX 75442
 21. Salado No. 296 move Charter for a Master Masons degree on November 23, 2024, at 3939 Wilson Valley Rd, Little River-Academy, TX 76554
 22. Abilene No. 559 move Charter to the Merkel No. 710 Lodge building located at 136 Edwards St. Merkel, TX 79536 for a Fellowcrafts degree on November 6, 2024, at 6:30pm

Lodges to Temporarily Move Charter (Non-Degree Conferral)

1. Ridglea No. 1341 move Charter to Arlington Heights No. 1184 while repairs are completed on the Lodge building
2. Henrietta No. 454 move Charter move to Bluegrove No. 965 while repairs are completed on the Lodge building
3. Freedom No. 100 move Charter to Bandera Lodge No. 1123 in Bandera, Texas to hold March meeting

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4. Pleasanton No. 283 move Charter to Zanderson No. 1120 while repairs are completed on the Lodge building
 5. Tranquility No. 2000 move Charter to meet within the jurisdiction of GL NC the weekend of Friday, April 26 at University Lodge, located in Chapel Hill
 6. Washington No. 18 move Charter to Washington on the Brazos State Historic Site in Washington Texas to hold a tiled Master Masons Lodge in Independence Hall.
 7. Euclid No. 45 move Charter to the old location of Cherokee Lodge No. 680 in New Summerfield, Tx for an Open Meeting
 8. Liberty Hill No. 432 move Charter to Norton Moses Lodge No. 336 for the purpose of holding its May 11, 2024, Stated Meeting while repairs are completed on the Lodge building
 9. Greenville No. 335 move Charter to their planned new building located at 2603 Canton Ave, Greenville, TX 75402 to hold June 4, 2024, Stated Meeting
 10. Pleasant Hill No. 380 move Charter move to Waller No. 808 to hold May 18, 2024, Stated Meeting
 11. Rosenberg No. 881 move Charter to Morton Lodge No. 72 on Tuesday May 21, 2024, to hold May Stated Meeting
 12. East Dallas No. 1200 move Charter to Edwin J. Kiest No. 1310 to hold June 4, 2024, Stated Meeting due to power being out in their building
 13. Estelle No. 582 move Charter from current location to the Fort Worth Masonic Temple in advance of the sale of the Euless property
 14. Pleasant Hill No. 380 move Charter to Waller No. 808 to hold May 18, 2024, Stated Meeting
 15. Knox-Corinthian No. 851 move Charter to Scottish Rite hospital for officer installation
 16. Baylor No. 1235 move installation location to 300 S. 6th Street, Suite F, Waco, TX on June 24, 2024
 17. Fidelis Lodge No. 1127 move charter to the Grand Lodge of Texas for 2024-2025 installation ceremony on June 27, 2024
 18. Cedar Hill No. 1380 move Charter on July 27, 2024, to the Family Life Center of the First United Methodist Church located at 128 N. Roberts Road, Cedar Hill, TX 75104 for Installation of Officers
 19. Zerme No. 615 move Charter on July 6, 2024, to the Temple Masonic Center at 16 East Central in Temple, Texas for installation of officers for the 2024-25 Masonic year

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20. Albert J. DeLange Lodge No. 1403 move Charter on July 13, 2024, to the Arabia Shrine at 1510 Harwin Drive Houston, TX 77036 for installation of officers for the 2024-25 Masonic year
 21. Albert J. DeLange No. 1403 move Charter on July 13, 2024, initially to Arabia Shrine to open a Master Masons Lodge and call it to refreshment and then move to Doubletree by Hilton Brookhollow, 12801 Northwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77040 for public installation of officers
 22. Walter M. Pierson No. 1339 to conduct business at a Called Meeting scheduled for July 16, 2024
 23. Walter M. Pierson No. 1339 move Charter and conduct business at a Called Meeting scheduled for July 16, 2024, at Albert J. DeLange Lodge No. 1403 due to hurricane in Houston
 24. George N. Denton No. 24 move Charter from Bellmead No. 1329 to the Grand Lodge Building in advance of a planned permanent move
 25. Solidarity No. 1457 move Charter and conduct business at a Called Meeting scheduled for July 19, 2024, at Gray Masonic Lodge No. 329 AF & AM, 2370 Barker Oaks Dr., Houston, TX 77077
 26. Oak Wood No. 1444 move Charter and conduct business at a Called Meeting scheduled for July 25, 2024, at Conroe No. 748
 27. James H. Lockwood No. 1343 move Charter on July 31, 2024, to Waco No. 92 to install Stewards for the 2024-25 Masonic year
 28. Edna No. 767 move Charter to Victoria No. 40 to hold a Stated Meeting on August 27, 2024
 29. Gainesville No. 210 move Charter to an alternate room in the Lodge to hold a Stated Meeting on August 19, 2024, due to an A/C issue
 30. Rocky Mount No. 63 move Charter from the current location at 101 Main St. Overton, TX 75684 to Clinton No. 23 at 477 W. TX Loop 571 S. Henderson, TX 75654 in advance of a planned permanent move
 31. Union No. 82 move Charter from their current location at Karem Shrine 400 Karem Circle Waco, TX 76712 to The Grand Lodge of Texas at 715 Columbus Ave. Waco, TX 76701 in advance of a planned permanent move
 32. Rising Star Ranger No. 429 move Charter to Center Point Cemetery for the purpose of conducting its annual Memorial Service. The planned date is October 17, 2024, at 5:30pm with an alternate date of November 21, 2024, in case of inclement weather
 33. Edna No. 767 move Charter from their current location at 113 W. Ash St. Edna, TX 77957 to Victoria No. 40 at 3502 N. Navarro Victoria, TX 77901 while repairs are completed on the Lodge building
 34. Albert DeLange No. 1403 move Charter to Arabia Shrine 10510 Harwin Dr. Houston, TX 77036 for a Called Meeting due to a power outage

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35. Freedom No. 100 move Charter from their current location at the open pavilion of the Texas Rangers Heritage Center in Fredericksburg to Rising Star Ranger Lodge No. 429 in Center Point for the purpose of holding their December Meeting
 36. Brazos Union No. 129 move Charter for their January 9, 2024, Stated Meeting to Boonville Heritage Park and Cemetery, 2421 Boonville Rd, Bryan, TX 77802

Consolidate Lodges

1. Consolidation of Concho No. 1260 and San Angelo No. 570
2. Consolidation of Brownfield No. 903 and Yellowhouse No. 841
3. Consolidation of Roddy No. 734 and Eustace No. 1199
4. Consolidation of Maples No. 791 and Gatesville No. 197
5. Consolidation of Robert A. Tompkins No. 1254 and Marshall No. 22
6. Consolidation of Merkel No. 710 and Abilene No. 559

Lodges to Transact Certain Business at a Called Meeting

1. Live Oak No. 304 conduct business at a Called Meeting on April 15, 2024, due to the eclipse on the scheduled Stated Meeting Date
2. Serenity No. 1462 conduct business at a Called Meeting on May 18, 2024, to avoid a conflict with the Grand Master Conference on May 11, 2024
3. Abilene No. 5596/7/2024 conduct business at a Called Meeting on July 3, 2024, to avoid a conflict with the Fourth of July holiday
4. University No. 1190 conduct business at a Called Meeting on July 18, 2024, to avoid a conflict with the Fourth of July holiday

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5. Granbury No. 392 conduct business at a Called Meeting on July 11, 2024, to avoid a conflict with the Fourth of July holiday
 6. Palo Duro No. 1239 conduct business at a Called Meeting on July 18, 2024 to avoid a conflict with the Fourth of July holiday
 7. Brookshire No. 1066 conduct business at a Called Meeting on July 10, 2024, to avoid a conflict with the Fourth of July holiday
 8. Liberty No. 48 conduct business at a Called Meeting on July 11, 2024, to avoid a conflict with the Fourth of July holiday

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9. Brookshire No. 1066 conduct business at a Called Meeting on July 16, 2024, due to the Hurricane in Houston
 10. Tomball No. 1096 conduct business at a Called Meeting on July 16, 2024, due to the Hurricane in Houston
 11. Spring No. 117 conduct business at a Called Meeting scheduled for July 25, 2024, due to the Hurricane in Houston
 12. Solidarity No. 1457 conduct business at a Called Meeting scheduled for July 19, 2024, due to the Hurricane in Houston
 13. Palo Duro No. 1239 conduct business at a Called Meeting scheduled for August 15, 2024, to vote on a candidate
 14. Burkburnett No. 1027 conduct business at a Called Meeting scheduled for September 3, 2024, to avoid the Labor Day Holiday
 15. Pasadena No. 1155 conduct business at a Called Meeting scheduled for October 2, 2024, to address urgent issues
 16. Taft-Diaz No. 1297 conduct business at a Called Meeting scheduled for November 12, 2024, to avoid a conflict with Veteran's Day
 17. Prairie Lea No. 114 conduct business at a Called Meeting scheduled for November 18, 2024, to avoid a conflict with Veteran's Day
 18. Vernon No. 655 conduct business at a Called Meeting on December 18, 2024, to vote on a candidate

Joint Installation of Officers

1. Cedar Bayou No. 321 with Bayou No. 321, Anahuac No. 995 and Gunsight No. 838 at San Jacinto Monument of Cedar on June 29, 2024
2. Bedias No. 651 with Cedar Bayou No. 321, Orphan's Friend No. 17, Navasota No. 299 and Richards No. 1116 at Orphan's Friend No. 17 on July 13, 2024,
3. Goldthwaite No. 694 with Saratoga No. 546, and San Saba No. 612 at the San Saba Lodge No. 612 building on July 20, 2024

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4. Reagan No. 1037 with S.P. Waltrip No. 1328 at the S.P. Waltrip No. 1328 building originally scheduled for July 9, 2024, but due to Hurricane Beryl was moved to July 30, 2024
 5. Palo Duro No. 1239 with Hansford No. 1040, Amarillo No. 731 and Claude No. 719 Kiva Shrine at 305 East 5th Street Amarillo, TX 79101 on July 27, 2024
 6. Carolina No. 330 with Rosebud No. 745 at the Rosebud No. 745 building on July 13, 2024
 7. Mercedes No. 1010 with Llano Grande No. 1173 and MacAllen No. 1110 at McAllen No. 1110 on July 13, 2024

Miscellaneous Reasons

1. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana on behalf of Relief Lodge No. 2 to come to Texas on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, to perform a Masonic Funeral Service for Bro. Jimmy D. Lightfoot, a member of Bloomburg No. 1007
2. Panther City No. 1183 confer FellowCrafts and Master Masons degrees on an EA without waiting for the proper time and proficiency due to the impending military deployment of the candidate
3. LaPorte No. 857 to reduce time limit between FellowCrafts and Master Masons degrees due to Naval deployment
4. Lytton Springs No. 487 accommodate a Brother's physical limitations during his Master Masons degree scheduled for November 15, 2024

Not Granted

1. District 84 DDGM include music in an exemplification of an EA Degree at the District 84 Festive Board scheduled for
2. Andy G. Vaughn No. 1421 hold elections on the first Stated Meeting in June (June 1) and not the second Stated Meeting (June 15)
3. Greenville No. 335 move Charter to new building located at 2603 Canton Ave, Greenville, TX 75402 (this was an initial request before everything was in place for the eventual move)
4. Anson Jones No. 1416 install the Junior Steward after July 31, 2024
5. Del Mar No. 1350 hold elections on a date other than the June Stated Meeting

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6. Tucker No. 297 hold elections on a date other than the June Stated Meeting
 7. Union No. 82 install the Marshall and Master of Ceremonies at Park Place No. 1172 on July 30, 2024
 8. Kendall No. 897 enter into a contract with a promoter to bring a Southern Gospel Group to Boerne for a fundraiser

DISTINGUISHED DEAD

It is with sadness and a heavy heart that I report that we had two Grand Officers pass away this year: Right Worshipful Robertino Solon, District Deputy Grand Master, Worshipful Stan Parker, Grand Pursuivant, and Right Worshipful William “Bill” Schroeter, District Deputy Grand Master At Large.

GRAND LODGE AWARDS

Community Builder Awards

3Redland Hardware on the Square	169James F. TaylorJesse Casey
4Temple Youval Meidler	170 San AndresJamie Galvan
6Harmony Dean Growcock	179 HardemanTracy Perryman
9DeKalbBryan Waltmon	182 Hochheim..... Mark Herchek
12Austin Nancy Toombs	187 Tyrian Mark E. Viator
15Triune Fabiana Borges	220 Onion Creek Sarah Lear
19Forrest Lewis Riley Tilley	231 SampsonRecipient: Connie Russell
20GrahamTara Steele	266 Grandview.....John Hehs
25MontgomeryVictoria Constance	272 DixieSuzanne Loudamy
32Sam Houston..... Shannon Bohanon	280J. D. Giddings Jessi Akins
41Eagle Recipient: Kevin Cummings	288 GrapevineChristian Ross
45Euclid.....Cherokeean Herald	291 John Armstrong Bryant Schultz
51Saint John's Rick and Robin Wells	294 Nathan Corley Ashley Arce
68Caledonia Gary Chandler	296 Salado Tommye Prater
69Boston Kelly Branson	304 Live Oak Lynn Cook
72Morton Cameron Flores	314 Alvarado..... Calvin Jenkins
81Rio Grande Maria Cristina Erendida Nelson	327 Brazoria..... Stewart Family
94Goliad Robert Debel	337J. H. Gurley. Heart o' Texas Fair & Rodeo
109Guadalupe..... Donna Dodgen	364 David Elliott..... Randy "Bud" McCollum
119FloraTom Keenan	366 Eagle LakeKurt Sunderman
126Madison Larry Spears, Jr.	371 Eureka Ashley Juarez
134Bethel.. LAWRENCE EDWARD PICKARD II	379 Atascosa.....Susie Smith
142Bethesda Rick Lively	382 Yantis Mandy Kay
149Sam Samford..... Alease Copelin	405 Iredell.....Carol Robinson
165Athens Claire Grant	414 Rockdale Jocelyn Lewis
167Whitewright Larry Francis	432 Liberty Hill.....Michael Laudenslager
	437 Timpson Ronnie Wolfe

467Eastland.....James Morton
 490Blue Ridge Kim Garcia
 496Coleman Johnson Feed Barn
 498Tarkington Prairie .. Gary Shane Johnson
 515Floresville Nicole Dzuik
 546Saratoga Rusty & Sharon Knox
 569Melissa Lillie Miller
 570San Angelo Angela Everton
 595Mount Hiram.. Star Group In Memory of
 Mr. Jonathan Haywood
 601Azle.....Bruce Adams
 607Blum Tonya Davis
 615ZerneBrad Talbert
 650East Fork.....Donna Larson
 687EctorDaniel Walsh
 697Kerrville Larry L. Leitha
 703Fisher..... Dorothy Harris
 706ScurrySuzanne Barrow
 713Iowa Park Bill Humphrey
 735Rainbow Gina Adams
 745Rosebud Kenneth Benson
 748Conroe..... George and Amy Sowers
 761Trenton John Orozco
 793Lee Scott..... Don "Skipper" Murray
 798Bells.....Cody Nelson
 817East Bernard..... Brad Crist
 825Dayton.....Charlie Whitehead
 826Winkler.....Mary Schutz
 849Hereford..... Carolyn Waters
 851Knox-Corinthian Jessica Gomez
 856Joaquin.....Nakia Register
 859Maud..... Kyle DeLaughter
 865Bay City Bobby Siferman
 884Hylton..... Bryan Shipman
 905Orient Colin Howeth
 911Cushing..... Brian Delafield
 914Saratoga Kim Lewis
 915WellsMarilyn Colbert
 921Avery Todd & Amanda Baird
 926Bangs..... Chip Barker
 928Mesquite Denise Cornelison
 974Batson Baston Vol. Fire Dept.
 979Humble..... Alan Carriere
 995Anahuac Lisa Sutch
 1011Lake Victor Vic Stafford
 1027Burkburnett..... Eloise Law
 1066Brookshire..... Lila Totman and Neva
 Campbell

1103 CorriganMatt & Ken Hughes
 1109 New Braunfels Justin Ball
 1111 FraternitySylvia Weakley, RN
 1118 Texas City..... Nikki Ashcraft
 1127 Fidelis..... Chris Cady
 1141 Sugar Land David Lanagan
 1152 Billie Mosse..... Jared Johnson
 1163 Port Neches-Groves..... Crystal Jordan
 1165 Tolerance James Singletary
 1172 Park Place Raymond Garivey, Jr.
 1190 University..... Jeff Cohen - Austin History
 Center Association
 1213 Harlandale Karen Tilghman
 1214 Richardson Monica Scott
 1218 IrvingMatthew Ratliff
 1239 Palo Duro Hon. James Farren
 1286 Vidor Gayle Nagai
 1294 Melrose"The Westfield Fire Department
 Per Ken Sparks"
 1297 Taft - Diaz..... VJ Smith
 1304 C. A. Fortner.....Mustang CAT Tomball
 1317 Lake Jackson Mary Moreno
 1343 James H. Lockwood ... Recipient: Matt T.
 Pattillo, MD
 1345 Bridge City..... Michelle Judice
 1362 Deer Park Kathy Williams
 1367 Roy Stanley Jessica Hernandez
 1372 White Settlement Bennie Davis
 1377 Winnie-Stowell Anthony Cardinale
 1382 Aspermont George Abernathy
 1399 Archives Sherry Bufkin
 1408 John Sayles..... Jeannette McQueen
 1417 Clear Lake Leiza Patricia Whitecotton
 1418 Sam B. Crawford Frank McCrady
 1419 Duck Creek Diana Elizabeth Ramirez
 1420 Pine Forest..... Rollie Burr
 1423 Cypress..... Lauren Black
 1424 Kingsland..... Alan Rankin
 1425 Canyon Lake..... Hilary Griffin
 1428 Huffman Maci Gansky
 1430 Lumberton Wes Howard
 1433 Sunrise Daylight Norvell Kay Granger
 1435 Allen Robert Acker, Sr.
 1444 Oak Wood Jack & Mary McClanahan
 1456 Mina Robert Miller
 1459 Little Cypress..... Jay Ebarb
 2000 Tranquility..... Dr. Todd Boyette

Golden Trowel Awards

On file with the Grand Secretary's Office who will update this section.

Masonic Service Awards

50-Year Awards

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60-Year Awards

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65-Year Awards

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70-Year Awards

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75-Year Awards

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80-Year Awards

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Vanguard Lodges

Milam	2	Castillian.....	141
St Johns	5	Blanco	216
Austin	12	Onion Creek	220
Liberty	48	Parson	222
St Johns	51	Salado	296
Morton	72	Gray.....	329

James F Brumit-Sunshine	341	League City.....	1053
Ennis.....	369	Brookshire.....	1066
Lee.....	435	Tomball	1096
Arlington	438	New Braunfels	1109
Hill City	456	Sugarland	1141
Melissa	569	Spring	1174
East Fork.....	650	Metropolitan.....	1182
Royce City	663	Richardson	1214
Conroe.....	748	Randolph.....	1268
Waller.....	808	Sam P Cochran	1335
Dayton.....	825	Richland Hills.....	1348
Lebanon	837	Carrollton.....	1400
Knox-Corinthian	851	Clear Lake.....	1417
Rosenberg	881	Huffman	1428
Kendall	897	Allen	1435
Anahuac	995	Katy	1439

GRAND MASTER’S CONFERENCES

During 2024, ten conferences were held across Texas. They were attended by Masons, their family, friends, and visitors. The conferences were open to the public with updates from the Grand Master about programs and events occurring in 2024. The planning team and local coordinators were instrumental in preparing these events.

- Dallas Conference: Hella Shrine, February 17, 2024
- Fort Worth Conference: Fort Worth Masonic Temple, March 2, 2024
- San Antonio Conference: Alzafar Shrine, March 9, 2024
- Waco Conference: Waco Scottish Rite, April 6, 2024
- Southeast Texas Conference: Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 872, April 20, 2024
- Houston Conference: Arabia Shrine, May 11, 2024
- Northeast Texas Conference: Sharon Shrine June 1, 2024
- West Texas Conference: Lubbock Scottish Rite August 24, 2024
- The Valley Conference: Harlingen Lodge No. 1132 September 7, 2024
- El Paso Conference: El Paso Lodge No. 130 September 28, 2024

GRAND MASTER’S DECISIONS

Grand Master’s Decision - 2024 - No. 1

QUESTION: Is it permissible for a Lodge to allow an Order of the Eastern Star which is an appendant body of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas to use and meet in the Lodge under Art. 225?

ANSWER: Yes. The Order of the Eastern Star is an authorized organization under Art. 225. Additionally, Art. 225e permits lodges chartered by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas to use lodge facilities, including anterooms and the lodgeroom, in compliance with Art. 225. Therefore, a lodge may allow a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star which is an appendant body of the Most Worshipful Prince

Hall Grand Lodge of Texas to use the lodge facilities, including anterooms and the lodgeroom, under Art. 225.

Grand Master's Decision - 2024 - No. 2

QUESTION: Can a lodge provide a "lodge apron" with blue borders, the lodge number, or other decoration for members?

ANSWER: No. Art. 274 is quite clear on this matter. The apron for members "shall be made of white lambskin without border or decoration." The only exception allowed is that the lodge may provide aprons "made of white cloth" as opposed to lambskin. In no event are borders, numbers, or other decorations allowed on members aprons.

Grand Master's Decision - 2024 - No. 3

Question 1: What makes a Master Mason a member of Grand Lodge?

Answer: Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution answers this question. Specifically, subsections (c) and (d).

Question 2: If a Mason did not previously complete a term as a Warden, he is ineligible to be appointed Worshipful Master of a reconstituted lodge.

Answer: Article 32 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas is the only article in our laws that addresses reconstitution of lodges, and in this scenario, it is silent. Article 276 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas states that any member of a lodge who previously served . . . as Worshipful Master or Warden of a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction . . . is eligible to be elected Worshipful Master. The second paragraph of Article 276 goes further to waive the previous service requirements if the "Worshipful Master is appointed by the Grand Master or designated by the Grand Lodge under the above circumstances (Lodge Under Dispensation or under designation by the Grand Lodge in a newly chartered lodge)."

Is a reconstituted lodge a lodge under dispensation? No. Title II Chapter I of the Laws of the Grand Lodge outlines what a lodge under dispensation is. Is a reconstituted lodge a newly chartered lodge? Again, no, simply by its very definition – a reconstituted lodge was previously chartered, went dormant for any variety of reasons, and then given its charter back; it is not new. Since the two exceptions to the previous service requirement only apply in their respective instances, and since neither instance is covered by a reconstituted lodge, therefore, no exceptions to previous service exist and previous service is required for appointed Worshipful Masters of a reconstituted lodge.

The statutes are not explicit regarding the length of service a Warden must have to be qualified to be appointed Worshipful Master of a reconstituted lodge. But the law does tease the requirements, and the requirements infer a completed term, not a mere single day or incomplete term, in a Warden's station. As previously referenced in Article 276, the statute says that any member of a lodge who previously served as Worshipful Master or Warden is eligible to serve as Master (emphasis added).

The Charges of a Freemason, found in our laws between the Constitution and the Statutes, are more explicit. Charge IV, Paragraph 2 says in part: “when otherwise qualified, [a brother] may arrive to the honor of being the Warden, and then the Master of the Lodge.” Further, in Charge IV, Paragraph 3, states: “No brother can be a . . . Master until he has acted as a Warden.” These two charges taken with the past tense of serve in Article 276, tell me that a brother must complete a term as Warden prior to service as Master of a reconstituted lodge. This quotation is cited in Jurisprudence of Freemasonry. In that treatise, Albert Mackey argues: “Every member of a Lodge is eligible to any office in the Lodge, except that of Worshipful Master. Eligibility for this latter office is only to be acquired by having previously held the office of a Warden.” Albert G. Mackey, Jurisprudence of Freemasonry 133 (Robert Clegg & Louis Blakemore eds., 3rd ed., 1980) This same requirement for previous, not concurrent service, is repeated in Mackey’s The Principles of Masonic Law: “A necessary qualification of the Master of a lodge is, that he must have previously served in the office of a Warden.” Albert G. Mackey, The Principles of Masonic Law 73 (2020).

Finally, Article 22(d) of our law forbids the Grand Master from granting dispensation authorizing one not eligible under Article 276 to serve as a Master.

Since the statute and charges all infer that a brother must have completed service as a Warden prior to being installed Worshipful Master, the appointment of a Warden who did not fully complete a term as such, is ineligible to be appointed Worshipful Master of a reconstituted lodge.

Question 3: Can a Mason be considered a Past Master, and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Past Master, if he did not fully complete a term as Warden prior to being appointed Master of a reconstituted lodge?

Answer: If a brother does not initially qualify to be Worshipful Master and does not subsequently complete the requirements to be otherwise elected Warden and/or Worshipful Master, his status is set aside. Grand Master’s Decision 2002 No. 4 says: “If the Brother had no prior service to qualify him for installation as Worshipful Master, his status as a Past Master is set aside, and declared null and void.” Therefore, any Mason who had not completed a term as Warden prior to installation as Worshipful Master of a reconstituted lodge, especially since 2002, are not considered a Past Master, and his status as such is null and void.

A supermajority of the Committee on Jurisprudence concurs in this decision, with no objections.

HISTORICAL OBSERVANCES

I conducted the five major historical observances on the followings dates:

- Alamo Observance: March 9, 2024
- Goliad Observance: March 23, 2024
- San Jacinto Observance: April 21, 2024
- Masonic Oak Observance: May 19, 2024
- Gonzales Observance: October 5, 2024.

At each of these observances, I gave remarks, had an oration by Right Worshipful T. Chance Chapman, Grand Orator, and laid a wreath. During my remarks at each observance, I stated that we were gathered

to remember and pay respect to those who lost their lives during the Texas Revolution. They paved the wave for the Republic of Texas and later the State of Texas. They, much like our Masonic Brothers today, came from all walks of life.

Alamo Oration

Having been blessed to be born a Texan, like so many here today, we begin to learn about these sacred grounds and the events that took place here almost immediately upon starting our education. From history lessons, to special projects, to research papers, we can all recite the general facts of what happened 188 years ago. This is not solely a Texan pride occurrence though. Students, history buffs, and lovers of freedom all over this state, nation, and world are fascinated by the events of the brave men and women who fought, defended, and died for their hope and belief of a better tomorrow. A better Texas.

Approximately 200 men with 18 serviceable cannons defended these grounds, what the world knows as the Alamo, for 13 days, from February 23 until March 6, from the enemy. I want you to stop and think just for a moment about the length of 13 days. Almost two full weeks of wondering if this battle would end in "victory or death." Almost two full weeks of not knowing what would come from this battle - a new Republic or continued suppression from the tyrannical government they were wanting liberty from. Almost two full weeks of not knowing if each day would be their last day. At dawn of March 6, 1836, those answers came. The fighting only lasted about an hour and a half. The Alamo and its defenders were overtaken.

The world in general, and Texas in particular, are taught to "Remember the Alamo!" This phrase was the battle cry a little over six weeks after the fall of the mission at the Battle of San Jacinto when independence was gained. It may seem a simple phrase to us today. Yet, it brings to mind the importance of the battle that led to independence, the Republic of Texas, and eventually the State of Texas. I implore you to remember a little differently today.

There were approximately 200 men who defended the Alamo. A full account of them does not exist today. Men from Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania,

Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Denmark, England, Germany, Ireland, Mexico, and Scotland came together. 22 states and 6 countries had men who saw a united vision of freedom and liberty. They banded together for mutual improvement, to help each other in their journey through life, and to make the world a better place to live.

Among these men were James Bonham, James Bowie, David Crockett, Almaron Dickenson, and William Barret Travis. These names are legendary among Texas. Towns, streets, counties, schools, hotels, knives, awards, and festivities bear their names across not just our beloved state, but our country. Each has been verified to be a Freemason. It is possible that some of the remaining defenders were also Masons, but they have not been verified at this time. Freemasonry teaches men to improve themselves through the study of allegories and symbols. One of those symbols is the trowel. In operative masonry, the trowel spreads cement or another binding agent to unite building materials into one unit. Freemasons use the trowel to remind us to spread the cement of Brotherly Love and Affection. To unite into one band of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist.

Our brothers at the Alamo united into one band. They, with the other defenders, implemented the trowel that they were taught to use in their Masonic work. It was imperative that those Texians be united as they were outnumbered almost six to one. They knew that divided, there was no success. United, and they had hope. Hope for success. Hope for liberty. Hope for Texas.

The Alamo's original design was a mission, not a fortress. Founded in the 1700s, the church was built to convert Native Americans to Christianity. One can safely assume that the Holy Bible was often a fixture on these grounds. In our great fraternity, the Volume of Sacred Law is a main fixture as well. It is always open and frequently turned to by Masons. It confirms our faith, strengthens our hope, encourages our charity, and directs us to that Temple above where all is harmony, love, and peace.

To my right, there is a plaque honoring our fallen brothers. Another is beside it that is dedicated to the chartering of Alamo Lodge No. 44 which was founded on this site. That lodge still remains active today and preserves our fraternity's noble tenets of our profession - Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Brotherly Love- to regard the whole human species as one family. Relief- to relieve the distress, to soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds. Truth- sincerity and plain-dealing distinguish us, and the heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare, and rejoicing in each other's prosperity. As anyone can see, these Masonic tenets resonate in those defenders as loud as the cannons that boomed here 188 years ago.

Remember the values of these men. Remember their sacrifice and what it meant to their families and loved ones. Remember to live in honor of those that gave it all for us to be here today. Remember to use the trowel and strengthen yourself and all those around you. Remember the Alamo!

Goliad Oration

March 27, 1836. A date that changed the trajectory of Texas. On that day, an estimated 445 Texians were executed. They did not die in a battle. They did not die while fighting. They had raised the white flag following the Battles of Refugio and Coleto, both won by Santa Anna's Army, and expected to be treated as prisoners of war and with respect. Both of these losses were setbacks in the Texas Revolution. With the Alamo having fallen on March 6, within the two weeks that followed, Texas forces suffered losses at Refugio on March 15 and Coleto on March 20. The Texians were then taken to these hallowed grounds in close proximity to where we stand at this moment. Expecting to be set free, their brutal death was instead the outcome. Consider this for a moment. Where we stand is not a battlefield, not a museum, not an insignificant piece of history. Instead, it has been a graveyard due to the massacre that had taken place that day.

Just two weeks ago, the Grand Lodge of Texas marched in Grand Procession to the Shrine of Texas to "Remember the Alamo" and the Masons who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Today, we somberly gather to pay respect to our Brother, Colonel James Walker Fannin, Jr., and others who perished on that fateful day almost 188 years ago to the day.

Having grown up on a street named for Colonel Fannin, as a teenager, I began to take a special interest in him while in school. I researched him, his life, his military experiences, and his ties to our Masonic fraternity. In summary, he was an honorable man, soldier, and Brother who applied our Masonic teachings to his daily life.

We, as Freemasons, are taught to use the working tools of operative masonry to improve ourselves. One of those, the Level, was used by Colonel Fannin during the most difficult and challenging point in his career and life. We are taught that the level represents equality. In our installation service, it is explained that “the level demonstrates that we are descended from the same stock, partake of the same nature, and share the same hope; and though distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, yet no eminence of station should make us forget that we are brethren; for he who is placed on the lowest spoke of fortunes’ wheel, may be entitled to our regard; because a time will come, and the wisest knows not how soon, when all distinction, but that of goodness, shall cease; and Death, the grand leveler of human greatness, reduce us to the same state.”

James Fannin rallied over 300 men on February 25 to begin a relief march to the Alamo after his Masonic brothers, specifically William Barrett Travis, appealed to him for assistance. The march was delayed, and Goliad became their camp until March 19 when Sam Houston ordered an evacuation. They had barely crossed the San Antonio River when they themselves seemed to be at the lowest spoke of fortunes’ wheel. The Mexican Army advanced. A retreat to Victoria slowly began. Wagons broke down. They had little food, oxen lost, and some men were barefoot on winter’s ground. They made camp within sight of Goliad. The next morning, knowing that they were outnumbered, they surrendered. They, and others from the surrounding areas, were marched back to Goliad as prisoners.

On Palm Sunday, March 27, they were either shot, clubbed, or stabbed to death. The Grand Leveler of Human Greatness came for the souls of these brave men. Over 400 were killed. James Fannin, as their commander, was the last to be executed. He had three requests: his belongings returned to his family, to be shot in his heart, and to receive a Christian burial. None of these happened. His belongings were pillaged. He was shot in the face, and he was rolled into a ditch until his body was eventually burned. While this is a heartbreaking memory in Texas, we know that less than a month later, victory for Texas was on the way northeast of Goliad in San Jacinto. This massacre, along with the actions at the Alamo, lit a flame, a beacon to guide the Texian army through the darkness of revolution that would lead to the glorious future of Texas ahead.

During our tribute at the Alamo, we remembered those Texas heroes and our teachings of the Trowel; the tool that unites us into one band of friends and brothers. The Trowel and Level go hand in hand. In operative masonry, the level must be used to perfect the horizontal lines and angles before the trowel spreads the cement to bind the materials together. In Freemasonry, the level guides us to the understanding that no matter our ranks, no matter our fortunes, no matter our experiences; we are all from one stock, share one hope, and are made into a perfect angle like in operative masonry. The trowel, spreading the cement of Brotherly Love and Affection, unites us in those perfect horizontal angles from the use of the level just as our Texas forefathers were united in their hopes for freedom.

Only 14 years after the massacre, Goliad Lodge No. 94 was chartered in 1852. The lodge still meets today in the same building it erected in 1854 with stones from the Presidio La Bahia, the very place we stand today. The Masons today, just as the Masons in 1854 and Brother James Fannin in 1836, apply the teachings of both the Level and the Trowel. It is our duty to continue to do so as we honor the men who died for us to be here today. May we always remember the events that happened here. May we always, “Remember Goliad!”

San Jacinto Oration

6 months, 2 weeks, and 5 days. October 2, 1835 until April 21, 1836. The “Lexington of Texas” is a common nickname for Gonzales, the place where the War for Texas Independence began and a cry of “come and take it” was in the air in October. Through setbacks, losses, and a massacre, the Texian forces seemed to be at the brink of failure in some eyes. That was until on the exact date, 188 years ago, General Sam Houston shocked the Mexican General, Santa Anna, caught him off guard, and won independence after only 18 minutes of attack. Texas had won her freedom.

We stand here today, as proud Texans, on the very grounds where liberty and justice prevailed. Approximately 700 Texians died in the war. Most of these were at the Alamo and Goliad. As Freemasons, we honored these heroes last month with a remembrance at both the Alamo on March 9 and Goliad on March 23. This is the very thing our forefathers desired. While the battle raged on 188 years ago, those brave men yelled, “Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!” It was a constant chant while they avenged their fallen brothers. Today, we remember those two occurrences in addition to the one that happened here.

Just over an hour’s drive from this monument, I grew up learning about the events of that day. Several field trips led me here. As a child, I could not completely wrap my head around the significance of this place. The most impressive thing to my young mind was the really tall monument - something that is still extremely impressive today. Standing at just over 561 feet, it is more than 15 feet taller than the Washington Monument in DC. Our monument is the world’s tallest war monument. It is also taller than the Statue of Liberty which is only 305 feet, the Bunker Hill Memorial which is only 221 feet, and several other iconic monuments from around the globe. As the saying goes, everything is truly bigger in Texas. But, why? As we are taught in our fraternity, symbols have meanings. The meaning to you may differ from the meaning to me. That is the beauty of it all. Texans are proud of our state. It has a unique history unlike any of the other 49 states in the Union. We should all strive to keep it alive and pass it down to future generations so that we never forget the cost of our freedom.

General Sam Houston, the victor of this Battle, went on to become the President of the Republic of Texas. He also served as the Governor and later a United States Senator. To us, we remember and celebrate that he presided over the first meeting, the organizational meeting, of the Grand Lodge of Texas. He called it to order, and he presided over the election of Brother Anson Jones, the fourth President of the Republic, as our first elected and installed Grand Master.

Our Brothers, the forefathers of Texas, were active Freemasons. As such, they studied the working tools and the teachings from our fraternity. They took these and lived by the precepts they taught. Today, let us give special attention to the plumb. The plumb is an instrument used to raise perpendiculars in operative Masonry, but in Freemasonry, the plumb “admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man.” It also teaches the rectitude of conduct. With it, we hold “the scale of justice in equal poise, observe the just medium between intemperance and pleasure, and make our passions and prejudices coincide with the line of our duty.”

Surely, the builders of the monument used the plumb in the construction of that stupendous edifice. It is also my belief that our forefathers, both of Texas and the Grand Lodge of Texas, applied the teachings of the plumb to their lives and the construction of the government of both our new country and our fraternity. Without the plumb, our Grand Lodge would not be here today. Without the plumb, Texas would not have been the same. We may not be here today as Texans or even Americans.

Thank God for those 6 months, 2 weeks, and 5 days. I'm sure that it felt like an eternity at the time, but without it, our lives would have been different. Thank God for the patience and perseverance, courage and constancy, and the faith of our Texas and Masonic heroes that what they stood for was right. Those heroes have their names, which total 48, on a plaque that reads: A tribute to the fidelity of pioneer masons under whose outstanding leadership was laid the cornerstone of the Republic of Texas.

On the base of the San Jacinto Monument are eight inscriptions. One of those reads: Measured by its results, San Jacinto was one of the decisive battles of the world. The freedom of Texas from Mexico won here led to annexation and to the Mexican war, resulting in the acquisition by the United States of the states of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah, and parts of Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Almost one-third of the present area of the American nation, nearly a million square miles of territory, changed sovereignty.

When we stop and consider this fact alone, we can see the magnitude of importance from the events that took place on these grounds. If it weren't for that victory, Texas, America, and the world would all look very different today. Our brothers from nearly 200 years ago made a difference, and we should all be grateful to them and their sacrifices.

Our observance today is not strictly a historical remembrance. It is not strictly a Masonic observance. Texas would never have existed without the leadership of dedicated Freemasons. The Grand Lodge of Texas wouldn't be in existence without the political leaders of the time allowing the fraternity to be practiced - a liberty we often take for granted these days. The history of both go hand in hand.

As we conclude today, let us remember the words of General, Governor, Senator, President, and Brother Sam Houston: I leave the result in the hands of a wise God, and rely upon His providence. My country will do justice to those who serve her. The rights for which we fight for will be secure and Texas Free!"

God bless Texas, and God bless the Grand Lodge of Texas!

Masonic Oak Oration

On this occasion, we paused for a few moments to reflect on two different but connected subjects. Different in the sense that one is an event and the other is a person. Also, one is a specific moment in time at a certain location while the person was not at said event. They are connected by the ties of our fraternity. Today, we commemorate the beginnings of the Grand Lodge of Texas and Masonry in Texas thanks to that auspicious occasion that took place in this beautiful location under the Masonic Oak and also to remember one of our Past Grand Masters, Archibald St. Clair Ruthven.

More than 189 years ago, 5 Master Masons met at this location and changed the trajectory of the Masonic fraternity in Texas. In March of 1835, Anson Jones, John H. Wharton, Asa Brigham, James A. E. Phelps, and Alex Russell met to petition, with J. P. Caldwell later included in the request, the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for a dispensation to form a Masonic Lodge in Texas. A dispensation was granted and established Holland Lodge No. 36. John Allen was given the proper paperwork and set off for Texas after the Grand Master of Louisiana, John Holland, signed it on December 27, 1835. However, it did not reach Texas until just before April 21, 1836, during the Battle of San Jacinto. Anson Jones carried the official charter in his saddlebags during the Battle. Shortly thereafter, Anson Jones was elected the first Worshipful Master of Holland Lodge. He would also become the first Grand Master of the Republic of Texas. Our brothers were finally

successful in bringing Masonry officially to Texas. Other attempts, such as Stephen F. Austin and six others petitioning the Grand York Lodge of Mexico in 1828, had failed. The meeting, under our revered live oak tree, was described by Anson Jones as, “the first formal meeting in Texas as connected with the establishment and continuance of masonry in this county.” This tree is estimated to be over 400 years old and has survived many challenges. Challenges such as being struck by lightning, twice, numerous hurricanes, floods, and many other obstacles. Through these challenges, it remains strong, well-rooted, and immovable.

Today, we place a stone in memory of one of the forefathers of the Grand Lodge of Texas and in acknowledgement of his service to our fraternity. In 1841, Archibald St. Clair Ruthven was initiated in Holland Lodge No. 1. He quickly rose through the ranks and became Grand Master in 1846 and then served as Grand Secretary from 1848 until 1861. Thanks to his efforts, we have records from that time period that very well may not have happened had he not been the custodian of such an important office. He was also an active York Rite Mason, as many of our early Masonic leaders tended to be. On January 19, 1855, he was appointed as the first Deputy Grand Commander of Grand Encampment, later renamed to the Grand Commandery, of Texas at its organizational meeting in San Antonio. He was then elected as Most Eminent Grand Master, known today as the Right Eminent Grand Commander, of Texas on June 23, 1855. He served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas in 1857-1858. While he wasn't present at the meeting under the Masonic Oak we celebrate today, he joined the lodge that resulted from it just years after it was organized. He is a direct benefit of that meeting. A Commandery was named after him in honor of his service to our beloved fraternity. Ruthven Commandery No. 2 is still in operation and thriving in 2024 - a true testament to the Texas Hero who it is named after.

As with each of the orations at the historical observances this year, I would like for us to reflect on one of the working tools of Craft Masonry. Today, the tool that we will highlight is the square. One of the more recognized symbols of Masonry, it has several meanings to us. Chiefly, it is the proper emblem of the Master of a Lodge. We are taught that it teaches morality and that we are to square our actions by the Square of Virtue. We are to act upon the square by regulating “our actions by rule and line, and to harmonize our conduct by the principles of morality and virtue.” The Master, having this as his emblem of office, should be a constant reminder both to himself and the lodge he presides over of the morality and virtue we are charged with as Masons. It is easy to see how Ruthven, Jones, and the other men from the meeting under the Masonic Oak tree had these teachings as their rule and guide to daily life. If we follow the teachings of the square, we, and our beloved fraternity, will stand like our Masonic Oak- strong, well rooted, and immovable.

Today, let each of us vow to carry on the teachings and traditions that were planted here 189 years ago. Let us be the example of good men and good Masons both for our internal reflection and also the external representation to the general public. Let us use the square in our daily lives, make a commitment to better ourselves, lodges, and communities, and to honor the events that took place on these grounds.

Gonzales Oration

On October 2, 1835, just over 189 years ago, the first shot was fired that began the Texas Revolution. The Mexican government had demanded the return of a cannon that had been loaned to the local residents of Gonzales for the purpose of defending themselves against those who wished them harm. The political environment in Mexico was uneasy at best and was spreading throughout the country. Due to the unrest, the commander of Mexican troops in Texas requested that the cannon be returned. The request was refused. Troops were sent in but to no avail. The Texians had rallied others to help, and on October 1,

they agreed to initiate a fight. A fight that would change the history of the world. The next day, the second day of October, Gonzales became home to the first shot in the Texas Revolution and would earn the nickname of “the Lexington of Texas.”

While this military skirmish had little significance in the overall tactics of the Texas Revolution, it was a clear break from the Mexican government. It signified the beginning of the Revolution to separate and form a new Republic. One of the more significant moments that still rings out today was when the Texians raised a white flag with a cannon painted in black and the words “*Come and Take It*” clearly marked upon it. One could easily point to this moment as the birth of the Texas spirit, the spirit unmatched by any other of the pride of our beloved state, which we all hold in our hearts today. With suffering only a bloody nose from a man bucked off his horse, the Texians declared this battle a victory and pressed forward with the Revolution. As we know, what started here in Gonzales would lead to a successful separation from Mexico in order to form the Republic of Texas and eventually become the State of Texas in the greatest country this world has ever known.

While there is no obvious Masonic influence in the Battle of Gonzales, it is safe to assume, given that so many of our early leaders were Freemasons, that our fraternity played some role in the lives of those in Gonzales. While a lodge wasn’t formally organized for another decade, the Masonic principles would still be embraced and practiced. As with each historical observance this year, I would like for us to reflect upon the symbols we use in our fraternity. While we stand here today in the home of the “first shot of the Texas Revolution,” let us look back upon symbols from the first degree of Masonry.

The Working Tools of the Entered Apprentice Degree are the Twenty-Four Inch Gauge and Common Gavel. Both of these tools have their own separate importance, but together they embody a profound philosophy that resonates deeply within our lives. As Freemasons, we know that the Common Gavel was used to “break off rough and superfluous parts of stones” by operative Masons and that we use it to “divest our minds and consciences of all the vices and superfluities of life.” We chisel away the rough edges of our own character- those flaws and imperfections that hinder our personal growth. Just as the stone is shaped by the gavel, so too are we shaped by our experiences, our choices, and our dedication to self-improvement. The common gavel urges us to reflect on our actions, to strike away the vices that hold us back, and to forge a better version of ourselves.

Yet, the gavel alone cannot complete the work of the builder. The Twenty-Four Inch Gauge represents time and the importance of measuring our actions. While operative Masons use it “to measure and lay out their work,” this symbol to us is to teach us to divide our time into a “portion for the service of God and a distressed worthy brother, a portion for our usual vocations, and a portion for refreshment and sleep.” It reminds us to balance our lives—allocating time wisely between our duties to ourselves, our families, our communities, and our spiritual growth. It serves as a guide to prioritize our activities and ensure that we do not become so consumed by the rush of daily life that we neglect what truly matters. The commonality between these two tools lies in their purpose: both are essential in the crafting of a virtuous life. The gavel encourages us to remove unnecessary distractions and imperfections, while the gauge prompts us to measure our time and intentions carefully. Together, they form a harmonious balance of action and reflection. As we go forth, let us carry the lessons of the common gavel and the 24-inch gauge in our hearts. Let us, just as our Texian forefathers, be diligent in our self-improvement, mindful in our time management, and unwavering in our commitment to the principles of Freemasonry. In doing so, we not only elevate ourselves but also uplift those around us, creating a community built on trust, integrity, and purpose.

Today, we remember the “first shot” that was fired 189 years ago. At the same time, we remember the values of those who have come before us. We continue to remember the sacrifices made by those who fought for their rights and freedoms. Their legacy compels us to engage in the ongoing work of building a better community—a community that honors the principles of equity, justice, and compassion. The Battle of Gonzales serves as a powerful reminder of our duty as Masons to advocate for freedom and uphold the values we cherish. Let us carry forth the spirit of those early Texians in our lives and in our lodge, standing firm against injustice and fostering unity among all. May we continue to be vigilant guardians of liberty, embodying the Masonic ideals of truth, integrity, and brotherly love.

LEVELING OF CORNERSTONES

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LODGE-RELATED APPROVALS AND ACTIONS

Conveyances of Property by Lodges Approved

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Lodges Consolidated

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Lodges Reconstituted

No Lodges were reconstituted this year.

Receipt or Purchase of Property by Lodges Approved

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MASONIC DISTRICTS

No redistricting occurred this year.

SCHEDULE OF VISITATIONS BY THE GRAND MASTER

Date	Event	Location
January 20, 2024	Grand Lodge Installation	Waco

January 21, 2024	Trustees Meeting	Waco
January 22, 2024	Port Neches Council No. 413 Stated Meeting	Port Neches
January 24, 2024	Trustees Meeting	Zoom
January 24, 2024	Planning Meeting	Nederland
January 30, 2024	Southeast Texas MWSA Meeting	Beaumont
January 31, 2024	Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 872 Raffle Educational Program	Port Arthur
February 5, 2024	Nederland DeMolay	Nederland
February 6, 2024	Eastern Star Charitable Foundation Board of Directors Meeting	TEAMS
February 6, 2024	Grand Lodge Representation - Install Grand Marshal	Nederland
February 6, 2024	Nederland Lodge No. 1368 Stated Meeting	Nederland
February 8, 2024	Nederland Lodge No. 1368 School of Instruction	Nederland
February 10, 2024	Texas DeMolay Government Day	Austin
February 10, 2024	Officer Leadership Training	Austin
February 11, 2024	Texas DeMolay Government Day	Austin
February 12, 2024	Conroe Lodge No. 748 Official Visit	Conroe
February 14, 2024	Tyrian Lodge No. 187 Stated Meeting	Nederland
February 15, 2024	Holland Lodge No. 1 Official Visit	Houston
February 17, 2024	Grand Master Conference - Dallas	Garland
February 17, 2024	Conference of Grand Masters of North America	Seattle, WA
February 18, 2024	Conference of Grand Masters of North America	Seattle, WA
February 19, 2024	Conference of Grand Masters of North America	Seattle, WA
February 20, 2024	Conference of Grand Masters of North America	Seattle, WA
February 22, 2024	DeMolay International Executive Officer Conference	Daytona, FL
February 23, 2024	DeMolay International Executive Officer Conference	Daytona, FL
February 24, 2024	DeMolay International Executive Officer Conference	Daytona, FL
February 26, 2024	Port Neches Chapter No. 436 Stated Meeting	Port Neches
March 2, 2024	Grand Master Conference - Fort Worth	Fort Worth
March 3, 2024	Cowboy Lodge	Houston
March 8, 2024	Galveston Scottish Rite Maundy Thursday	Galveston
March 9, 2024	Alamo Observance	San Antonio
March 9, 2024	Grand Master Conference - San Antonio	San Antonio
March 11, 2024	Port Arthur Commandery No. 73 - Order of the Temple	Port Arthur
March 12, 2024	Nederland Heritage Festive Fundraiser	Nederland
March 13, 2024	Nederland Heritage Festive Fundraiser	Nederland
March 14, 2024	Nederland Heritage Festive Fundraiser	Nederland
March 15, 2024	Nederland Heritage Festive Fundraiser	Nederland
March 16, 2024	Nederland Heritage Festive Fundraiser	Nederland
March 17, 2024	Nederland Heritage Festive Fundraiser	Nederland
March 18, 2024	Nederland Heritage Festive Fundraiser	Nederland
March 18, 2024	Nederland DeMolay	Nederland
March 19, 2024	Nederland Lodge No. 1368 Stated Meeting	Nederland
March 21, 2024	Golden Trowel - Nederland Lodge No. 1368	Nederland

March 23, 2024	Grand Lodge Representation - Goliad	Goliad
March 23, 2024	Goliad Observance	Goliad
March 25, 2024	Port Neches Council No. 413 Stated Meeting	Port Neches
March 29, 2024	Grand Commandery Good Friday Observance	Waco
April 1, 2024	Nederland DeMolay	Nederland
April 2, 2024	Nederland Lodge No. 1368 Stated Meeting	Nederland
April 5, 2024	Trustees Meeting	Waco
April 5, 2024	Stag Banquet	Waco
April 6, 2024	Grand Master Conference - Waco	Waco
April 8, 2024	Port Arthur Commandery No. 73 Stated Meeting	Nederland
April 10, 2024	Tyrian Lodge No. 187 Stated Meeting	Nederland
April 10, 2024	Grand Commandery of Texas	League City
April 11, 2024	Grand Commandery of Texas	League City
April 12, 2024	Grand Commandery of Texas	League City
April 13, 2024	Grand Commandery of Texas	League City
April 14, 2024	Grand Commandery of Texas	League City
April 16, 2024	Nederland Lodge No. 1368 Stated Meeting	Nederland
April 18, 2024	50 Year Service Award for Billy Kinney - Tolerance Lodge No. 1165	Beaumont
April 19, 2024	Goose Creek Lodge No. 1192 Cornerstone - New Police Station	Baytown
April 20, 2024	Grand Master Conference - Southeast Texas	Port Arthur
April 20, 2024	Homecoming Banquet	Port Arthur
April 21, 2024	San Jacinto Observance	La Porte
April 21, 2024	Trustees Meeting	Zoom
April 22, 2024	Eastern Star Charitable Foundation Board of Directors Meeting	TEAMS
April 22, 2024	Port Neches Chapter No. 436 and Council No. 413 Stated Meetings	Port Neches
April 27, 2024	150th Anniversary - Snow River Lodge No. 385	Spurger
April 30, 2024	Southeast Texas MWSA Meeting	Beaumont
May 3, 2024	Attorney Meeting	Waco
May 3, 2024	FMRC Meeting	Waco
May 3, 2024	Masonic Youth Weekend	Latham Springs
May 4, 2024	Masonic Youth Weekend	Latham Springs
May 5, 2024	Masonic Youth Weekend	Latham Springs
May 8, 2024	Tyrian Lodge No. 187 Stated Meeting	Nederland
May 11, 2024	Grand Master Conference - Houston	Houston
May 11, 2024	District 107 MWSA Banquet	Dayton
May 16, 2024	Pine Forest Lodge No. 1420 Cornerstone - Vidor Middle School	Vidor
May 18, 2024	St. Johns Lodge No. 5 Luncheon and Historical Presentations	West Columbia
May 19, 2024	Masonic Oak Observance	Brazoria

May 20, 2024	Nederland DeMolay	Nederland
May 21, 2024	Nederland Lodge No. 1368 Stated Meeting	Nederland
May 22, 2024	Community Builder Award - Tyrian Lodge No. 187	Sabine Pass
May 22, 2024	Honesty and Integrity Awards - Tyrian Lodge No. 187	Nederland
May 25, 2024	150th Anniverary - Granbury Lodge No. 392	Granbury
May 27, 2024	Port Neches Chapter No. 436 and Council No. 413 Stated Meetings	Port Neches
May 28, 2024	City of Nederland Memorial Day Observance - Guest Speaker	Nederland
May 29, 2024	C. A. Fortner Lodge No. 1304 Cornerstone - New DeZavala Elementary School	Channelview
June 1, 2024	Officer Leadership Training	Tyler
June 1, 2024	Grand Master Conference - Northeast Texas	Tyler
June 3, 2024	Eastern Star Charitable Foundation Board of Directors Meeting	TEAMS
June 4, 2024	Nederland Lodge No. 1368 Stated Meeting	Nederland
June 8, 2024	150th Anniversary - Blessing Lodge No. 411	Blessing
June 10, 2024	Port Arthur Commandery No.73 Stated Meeting	Nederland
June 12, 2024	Tyrian Lodge No. 187 Stated Meeting	Nederland
June 12, 2024	Shrine Magic Show	Nederland
June 19, 2024	DeMolay International - International Supreme Council Session	Phoenix, AZ
June 20, 2024	DeMolay International - International Supreme Council Session	Phoenix, AZ
June 21, 2024	DeMolay International - International Supreme Council Session	Phoenix, AZ
June 22, 2024	DeMolay International - International Supreme Council Session	Phoenix, AZ
June 23, 2024	Grand Assembly of Texas, IORG Installation of Officers	Waco
June 24, 2024	Install Port Neches Chapter and Council	Port Neches
June 28, 2024	Install Sour Lake Lodge No. 1002	Sour Lake
June 29, 2024	Install Park Place Lodge No. 1172	Houston
June 29, 2024	Install Lone Star Lodge No. 660	Houston
June 29, 2024	Install Beaumont Lodge No. 286	Beaumont
June 30, 2024	Texas DeMolay Association Zoom Meeting	Zoom
July 1, 2024	Install Silsbee Lodge No. 927	Silsbee
July 3, 2024	Install Tucker Lodge No. 297	Galveston
July 4, 2024	Grand Chapter and Council Committee on Work Mid Year Meeting	Arlington
July 5, 2024	Grand Chapter and Council Committee on Work Mid Year Meeting	Arlington
July 6, 2024	Install Shepherd Lodge No. 866	Shepherd
July 6, 2024	Install Lumberston Lodge No. 1430	Lumberton
July 6, 2024	Install Port Neches-Groves Lodge No. 1163	Port Neches
July 10, 2024	Install Tyrian Lodge No. 187	Nederland

July 10, 2024	Texas DeMolay Conclave	Fort Worth
July 11, 2024	Texas DeMolay Conclave	Fort Worth
July 12, 2024	Texas DeMolay Conclave	Fort Worth
July 13, 2024	Texas DeMolay Conclave	Fort Worth
July 14, 2024	Texas DeMolay Conclave	Fort Worth
July 20, 2024	Nederland DeMolay Fun Event	Nederland
July 22, 2024	Port Neches Chapter No. 436 and Council No. 413 Stated Meetings	Port Neches
July 23, 2024	Install Nederland Lodge No. 1368	Nederland
July 25, 2024	Nederland Lodge School of Instruction	Nederland
July 27, 2024	Royse City Lodge No. 663 Cornerstones	Royse City
July 29, 2024	Confer MM Degree - John Mitchell Lodge No. 1401	Santa Fe
July 30, 2024	Install (Joint) S. P. Waltrip Lodge No. 1328 and Reagan Lodge No. 1037	Houston
July 31, 2024	Nederland Lodge No. 1368 Cornerstone - New Nederland High School	Nederland
August 3, 2024	Commandery District 5 School of Instruction	Temple
August 5, 2024	Nederland DeMolay	Nederland
August 6, 2024	Nederland Lodge No. 1368 Stated Meeting	Nederland
August 7, 2024	Grand Chapter of Texas, OES	Waco
August 8, 2024	Grand Chapter of Texas, OES	Waco
August 9, 2024	Grand Chapter of Texas, OES	Waco
August 9, 2024	Grand Commandery Mid Year Meeting	Grapevine
August 10, 2024	Grand Chapter of Texas, OES	Waco
August 12, 2024	Port Arthur Commandery No. 73 Stated Meeting	Nederland
August 14, 2024	Tyrian Lodge No. 187 Stated Meeting	Nederland
August 16, 2024	Alamo Lodge No. 44 Cornerstone Ceremonies	San Antonio
August 19, 2024	Masonic Burial Service - Richard Cotton	Nederland
August 19, 2024	Trustees Meeting	Zoom
August 23, 2024	Officer Leadership Training	Lubbock
August 24, 2024	Officer Leadership Training	Lubbock
August 24, 2024	Grand Master Conference - West Texas	Lubbock
August 24, 2024	Kiva Shrine Fundraiser	Lubbock
August 26, 2024	Eastern Star Charitable Foundation Board of Directors Meeting	TEAMS
August 26, 2024	Royal Arch Degree - Port Neches Chapter No. 436	Port Neches
August 31, 2024	Holland Lodge Festive Board	Houston
September 7, 2024	Grand Master Conference - Valley	Harlingen
September 7, 2024	Grand Master Luncheon	Harlingen
September 7, 2024	Grand Master Banquet	Corpus Christi
September 7, 2024	Confer MM Degree - USS Lexington	Corpus Christi
September 9, 2024	Port Arthur Commandery No. 73 Stated Meeting	Nederland
September 11, 2024	Tyrian Lodge No. 187 Stated Meeting	Nederland
September 13, 2024	Inspect Lone Star Commandery No. 114	Normangee

September 1, 1424	Inspect Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8	Bryan
September 14, 2024	Inspect Brenham Commandery No. 15	Bryan
September 16, 2024	Brownwood Lodge No. 279 Cornerstones	Brownwood
September 21, 2024	Grand Lodge Funeral for W. Stan Parker, Grand Pursuivant	Waco/Lorena
September 24, 2024	Port Neches Chapter No. 436 and Council No. 413 Stated Meetings	Port Neches
September 27, 2024	Officer Leadership Training	El Paso
September 28, 2024	Officer Leadership Training	El Paso
September 28, 2024	Grand Master Conference - El Paso	El Paso
September 30, 2024	Gunsight Lodge No. 838 Stated Meeting and Festive Board	Galveston
October 1, 2024	Nederland Lodge No. 1368 Stated Meeting	Nederland
October 4, 2024	Austin Lodge No. 12 Festive Board	Austin
October 5, 2024	Gonzales Observance	Gonzales
October 18, 2024	Grand Chapter and Council School of Instruction	Waco
October 19, 2024	Grand Chapter and Council School of Instruction	Waco
October 19, 2024	John B. Jones Masonic Ranging Company Annual Meeting and MM Degree	Fredricksburg
October 22, 2024	Masonic Burial Service - Robert Keffer	Buna
October 22, 2024	Bridge City Lodge No. 1345 Official Visit	Bridge City
October 26, 2024	Port Arthur Commandery No. 73 Inspection	Nederland
October 26, 2024	Beaumont Commandery No. 38 Inspection	Nederland
October 28, 2024	Port Neches Chapter No. 436 and Council No. 413 Stated Meetings	Port Neches
October 29, 2024	Southeast Texas MWSA Meeting	Beaumont
November 2, 2024	Inspect Waco Commandery No. 10	Waco
November 4, 2024	Nederland DeMolay	Nederland
November 5, 2024	Nederland Lodge No. 1368 Stated Meeting	Nederland
November 7, 2024	Grand Master Chair Ceremony	Nacogdoches
November 7, 2024	Milam Lodge No. 2 Stated Meeting	Nacogdoches
November 9, 2024	Inspect Temple Commandery No. 41	Temple
November 11, 2024	Port Arthur Commandery No. 73 Stated Meeting	Nederland
November 14, 2024	Thomas B. Hunder Lodge No. 1356 Cornerstones	Grand Prairie
November 19, 2024	Nederland Lodge No. 1368 Official Visit	Nederland
November 22, 2024	White Rock Lodge No. 234 Footstone Ceremony for RW Orville L. O'Neill, PGM	Addison/Dallas
November 22, 2024	60 Year Service Award for Charles Don Brandon	Waco
November 23, 2024	Grand Lodge Committee Day	Waco
November 25, 2024	Port Neches Chapter No. 436 and Council No. 413 Stated Meetings	Port Neches
November 30, 2024	Grand Lodge Funeral for RW William "Bill" Schroeter, District Deputy Grand Master At Large	Nederland

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

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**Special Representation for
Masonic Memorial Service for W.: Stanley Parker
Grand Pursuivant
Carolina Lodge No. 330
Lorena, Texas
September 21, 2024**

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**Special Representation for
Masonic Memorial Service for R.: W.: William "Bill" Schroeter
Nederland Lodge No. 1368
Nederland, Texas
November 30, 2024**

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NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Brethren, I would like to express my appreciation for the honor of being allowed to serve as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 2024. I promised to serve to the best of my ability. First, I would like to thank the Supreme Architect of the Universe for all the blessings he has bestowed upon me in my life.

I would like to thank my wife, Kathy, for all the love, support, and understanding she has given me this year and always has since we have been together. She has been with me to almost everything this year. I love you, Kathy.

I would like to thank my children my daughter Kaite, my son-in-law Tim, and my son Chance, for their love and support. You are truly blessings from God. I love y'all.

I would like to thank my parents, Eddie and Ann Chapman, for your love and support throughout my life. I love you both and was bless by God to have you as my parents. Mom, I love you. Dad, I love and miss you.

I would like to thank the rest of my family for your love and support. I love you all.

To the Grand Lodge Officers

I would like to thank the Grand Lodge Officers for serving the Grand Lodge this year. You have done a great service to the fraternity. It was a pleasure to have you with me at the events throughout the year, and you represent the fraternity with dignity.

To the Past Grand Masters of Texas

Right Worshipful Sirs, each of you, as Past Grand Masters of Texas, have given much during your year of service and continue to give to this Grand Lodge. Your advice, friendship, and knowledge is much appreciated. Thank you for paving the way for the Masons of Texas.

To the Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters

I would not want to do the job of Grand Master without District Deputies. Right Worshipful Sirs, I thank you for the great service you have rendered to the Grand Lodge of Texas this year. You have given much to the fraternity and have done a great job. Thanks for serving with me. I appreciate you all attending the functions this year.

To the District Service Teams

Thank you to the District Instructors, District Education Officers, and District Communications Officers for your service to the Grand Lodge this year and for sharing your time and talents with the Brethren of Texas. Filling these positions for 2024 was a goal of mine, and the District Service Teams were outstanding in their roles.

To the Committee Members

I would like to say thank you to the Committee Chairmen and members of the Grand Lodge for all your hard work this year. It is much appreciated. Your commitment to the work of the Grand Lodge is remarkable.

To the Grand Representatives

Thank you to the Grand Representatives for representing the Grand Lodge of Texas in the other jurisdictions around the world. Your communication with your respective Grand Lodges helps display our mutual brotherly love and affection.

To the State Coordinators and Planning Team

I appreciate Right Worshipful T. Chance Chapman, Worshipful Raul Scully, and Right Worshipful Casey Maxwell for their work as Chief of Staff, State Coordinator, and Assistant State Coordinator, respectfully. They, along with the rest of the Planning Team, have been worked hard this year with me on this journey, and I thank each of them for their service behind the scenes.

To the Cornerstone Coordinator

I would like to thank Brother, Kevin Binder, Cornerstone Coordinator, for your hard work and dedication

to the Grand Lodge. Your communicating and coordinating the between the Grand Officers and the local Lodges for all the cornerstones this year was outstanding and beneficial.

To the Brethern of Texas

I would like to express my appreciation to the brethren of Texas for the honor of being allowed to serve as Grand Master of Texas in 2024. I promised I would serve to the best of my ability, and you have made an average guy very happy to have had the privilege of serving you and t he Grand Lodge of Texas this year.

It has been a privilege traveling around this great state, seeing old friends, and making new ones along the way. I would like to thank everyone for the hospitality, kindness, and gifts you have given to Kathy and I. God Bless The United States of America, God Bless the Great State of Texas, God bless Freemasonry and God Bless each and every one of you.

This concludes the Grand Master's Report for the time period specified.