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EAST TRINITY MASONIC LODGE #157 ROCKWALL, TX AUGUST 2026
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JULY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 Brothers were delinquent. They were automatically suspended as of June 23rd
- The date of the next golf tournament was announced. It will be April 30th at Buffalo Creek.
- Bro Atterberry discussed the Upcoming Shoes for Kids distribution date.
- Rodeo Night was a great success. 15 people attended.
- The following committees were formed:
 - Internal Audit-Bros Thomas, Stark, and Parks
 - Finance,- WM Young, Bros Corley, and Goodrich
 - Social,-Bros Goodrich, Parks, and Macabbabad
 - Membership— Bro Barkley
 - Building— Bros Goodrich, Byrd, and Iriart

The Vanguard requirements still needing work.

- Strategic Plan
- School Supplies Donation
- Community Builder Award presentation
- Reengage NPD Members

Bro Willard read a letter from the Kiwanis asking ET to partner with them in the food for Kids program. No further action was taken at this time.

Fraternal Eats . The Steward will once again impress us with his culinary skills. Dinner for this month will be Chicken enchiladas, salad, rice, beans and ice box pie. All will be washed down with soft drinks, tea and water!



COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD

WM Young will present the Community Builder Award to Ms Angel Nelson, owner of the Yellow Jacket Barber Shop. The presentation will be at the barber shop in the next couple of weeks. Date TBD. Stay tuned for more details!!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4th Stated Meeting
- 11th— practice
- 18th-practice
- 25th-practice

EAST TRINITY LODGE HISTORY CORNER

This month we are featuring the lodge's 32nd Worshipful Master J.F. Allday.

J. F. ALLDAY

Biography

Worshipful Master for the East Trinity Lodge (1914)



James Franklin Allday

James F. Allday was born on 30 August 1873 in Linden, Davis, Texas. His father was James Richard Allday, born in Georgia on 10 April 1825 and his mother was Martha Irene Potter born in South Carolina on 15 June 1833. The father J.R. Allday was a dentist and came to Texas sometime after 9 July 1860 appearing on the 1860 census in Georgia and the 1870 Texas census in 1870. James F. Allday's male line goes back to a Revolutionary War Patriot, Captain Josiah Allday, from Henrico County, Virginia. Before the Revolution, in the mid-1600s, James' ancestor Henry Daniel Allday, immigrated from London, England to the Virginia Colony.

James F. Allday first appears in records in the 1880 census. He was living in Rockwall, Texas in his father's household. His father, James Richard, is 55 years old and his mother, Martha I. is 46. There are six children listed: daughter Penelopy (19), daughter Hattie (18), daughter Mary (14), son Ira (13), son Clifford (11), and son **James** (6).

James F. married Nettie Alva Vernon on 7 April 1897 in Rockwall. Nettie was born on 2 September 1878 and her parents were Jonathan Scott Vernon and Emily Jane Davis Payne. Nettie's brother was Past Master Samuel S. Vernon.

In 1900, James (26) and Nettie (21) were living in Rockwall and they had one child, a daughter named Irine, aged 2 years. James' occupation is listed as "Farmer".

In 1910, the Allday family was living on Washington Street in Rockwall. James (36) was head of household and Nettie A. (31) is listed as his wife. They now have two daughters and three sons: Irine (12), Bertie B. (8), James F. Jr. (6), Ira V. (4), Reece (1). James had stopped farming and was working as a Clerk for the District Court in Rockwall.

J.F. Allday is first listed in the East Trinity Lodge Returns, as a Master Mason, in 1910. In 1913, he served as Senior Warden and then in 1914 he was elected as Worshipful Master.

THE OFFICER LINE-UP FOR EAST TRINITY LODGE 1914

J.F. Allday – Worshipful Master
 O.C. Long – Senior Warden
 F. Clark – Junior Warden
 Ollie Steger – Treasurer
 I. J. Austin – Secretary
 B.F. Halford – Senior Deacon
 L.B. Walker – Junior Deacon
 L.L. Darr – Senior Steward
 R.M. Payne – Junior Steward
 A.G. Stevenson – Tiler

Past Masters - W.C. Lanham, E. C. Heath, E. W. Hardin, H.A. Briscoe, J.H. Chisholm, Sam S. Vernon.

Master Masons – D.J. Anderson, J.F. Allday, J.L. Austin, T.H. Adams, L.A. Adamson, I.J. Austin, Horace Burtner, B.F. Burtner, M.A. Brown, J.E. Baugh, H.B. Barnes, H.A. Briscoe, J.T. Benbrook, J.T. Bailey, W.A. Bunch, S.P. Bolt, E.E. Belew, J.H. Frank Boyd, Dave Bryant, J.F. Corry, E. Carnes, F. Clark, J.H. Chisholm, W.A. Curfman, L.H. Crump, R.H. Collins, W.C. Darr, L.L. Darr, R.C. Darr, V.E. Darr, C.W. Dennis, T.S. Deweese, J.T. Evans, M.W. Evans, D.C. Fondren, E.D. Foree, R. Floyd, R.N. Fender, J.W. Glover, J.F. Good, Floyd Jr, T.E. Gillespie, D.M. Goodrich, A.M. Garrott, R.A. Gaines, E.C. Heath, E.W. Harden, W.W. Hartman, Gus Hartman, B.F. Halford, D.B. Herbelin, W. R. Harvey, Gus Hartman, W.W. Hartman, W.E. Herren, L.A. Honeycutt, D.E. Herbelin, T. D. Isbell, J.L. Jones, L.N. Jackson, Willis Jones, J.B. Johnson, T.L. Keys, B.F. Keahey, T.E. Keahey, W.G. Lofland, J.R. Lofland, H.B. Lofland, T.B. Lanham, W.C. Lanham, B.B. Lanham, Tom Lawhorn, W.L. Lawhorn, W.C. Lock, A.E. Lane, E.M. Love, O.C. Long, L.W. Mason, A.O. Mason, W.L. Monroe, A. McPherson, .W. McKnight, J.A. Nash, C.W. Norman, T.E. Parker, R.M. Payne, J.H. Queen, W.C. Roberts, J.D. Remassa, T.B. Ridgell, T.B. Robertson, R.A. Snead, B.F. Stafford, W. G. Schott, Paul Snow, T.H. Sullivan, J.A. Styles, J.P. Shelton, T.H. Smith, Henry Stphenson, A.G. Stevenson, J.N. Stanfield, Ollie Steger, T.H. Spence, L.F. Smith,

E.G. Trimble, Sam S. Vernon, G. F. Vernon, J.T. Vance, J.H. Vaughn, R. White, J.A. Wilkerson, H.H. Walker, H.W. Walker, J.E. Walker, L.W. Wilkinson, H.M. Wade, R.M. Womack, B.H. Wisdom, J.H. Willis, Chester White, W.M. Weaver, L.B. Walker, J.H. Webster, J. Zoospan, Woods.

Entered Apprentices – J.S. Burch, Launie Walker, Earl Hall, J.C. Richardson, D.J. Ellington, D.J. Majors.

Fellow Craft – W.L. McDonald.

Deaths – C.C. Newman, R. White.

Demitted – J.A. Wilkerson, H.H. Reeves, N.C. Riggsbee

Reinstated – N.C. Riggsbee.

Suspended for Nonpayment of Dues – None.

James was active in the Lodge from 1912 thru 1917 and was then suspended for non-payment of dues in 1918. He also registered for the WWI draft on 12 September 1918.

Sadly, on 8 July 1919, James died from a sudden heart attack. He was 45 years, 10 months and 8 days old and was survived by his wife Nettie Alva (Vernon) Allday and their eight children. Past Master Sam S. Vernon reported the death to authorities.

James' widow, Nettie was only 41 years old and still a young woman with seven children. Her eldest daughter, Irene, married Lawrence Schuman in 1916. Nettie (Alva) is listed as the Head of Household on the 1920 census records and she was working as a "Carpet Setter" for the "Canvas Homes-to-House" business and was living in Rockwall. The household included daughter Bertie (17), son Frank (15), son Ira (14), son Reece (11), daughter Mary (8), son Richard Scott (6), and daughter Ruth (2).

In 1930, Nettie (51), son Richard (16), and daughter Ruth (12) were living with Nettie's eldest daughter Irene and her husband Lawrence who had three children of their own: Lawrence (13), Mildred (10) Felix (5). This extended family was living on Seventh Avenue, Canyon, Randall County, Texas. Lawrence was working as a "Concrete Contractor".

In 1940, the two remaining Allday children, Richard and Ruth, had married and moved away. Nettie was living with the Joe K. Bailey family in Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas. She was 61 years old and working as a Practical nurse for the Bailey family.

Nettie Alva (Vernon) Allday died from heart problems on 22 September 1945 and she is buried with her husband James in the Rockwall Memorial Cemetery.



Rockwall Memorial Cemetery

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(Special thanks to my editor Barbara A. Powell)



From Labor to Refreshment



**You know you're old
when you clean to the
music you used to
party to.**

LIFE IS SHORT.
SMILE WHILE YOU
STILL HAVE
TEETH.

1. Going to bed early
2. Not leaving my house
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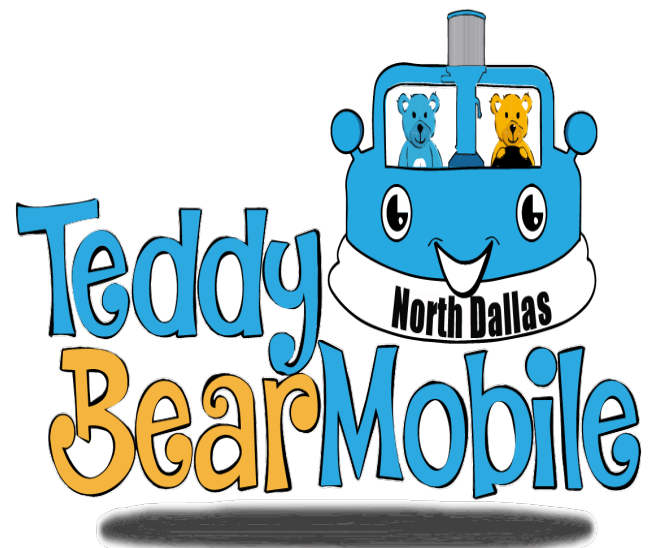
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Walk Ins Welcome!

Every time a brother gets a haircut at Yellow Jacket, just mention the Masons and they donate \$1 to East Trinity!!!!



Brother Jeff Bryan 214 232-9933



East Trinity Brother Geoffrey Lyons

