

# SQUARE & COMPASSES



EAST TRINITY MASONIC LODGE #157 ROCKWALL, TX MARCH 2026  
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## FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The February stated meeting was opened at 7:30 PM in a Master Mason Lodge.

We were honored to receive RW Matthew Whalin, DDGM of the 13th District, on his official visit. The Worshipful Master presented him with an apron case. Visiting brethren were welcomed and recognized.

Minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

### Lodge Business:

Bills totaling \$209.64 (water, electric, and internet) were approved and paid.

The Dues in Arrears Committee reported 34 brothers currently delinquent.

The Vanguard Award requirements continue to be met.

The 2026 East Trinity Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held May 8th at Buffalo Creek. Volunteers are welcome.

An EA degree was scheduled for the following week at ET, but was postponed at the request of the petitioner

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East Trinity will host a Briscoe Workshop on April 25th.

The Grand Master's Conference will be on Saturday, March 7th at the Dallas Scottic Rite

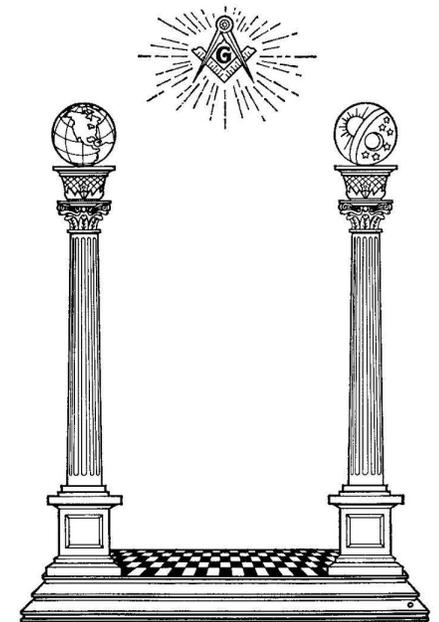
RW Whalin presented the Grand Master's message reminding us that we should not only remember our obligations — but live them.

## DUES

The Dues in Arrears Committee reports that 28 brothers are currently delinquent.

Remember that a brother who is in arrears may not attend lodge until his dues are brought current. Many brothers are paying thru Grand Lodge, which makes things go a lot easier. If you would like to pay the traditional way, then please send your payment to:

**East Trinity Lodge 157**  
**104 South Goliad**  
**Rockwall, Tx 75087**



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 2nd—Stated Meeting
- Mar 9th— MM proficiencies
- Mar 16th-practice
- Mar 23rd-called meeting to review investigation standards
- Mar 30th-GT Award Ceremony

**Fraternal Eats.** The menu remains classified, but history suggests nobody leaves hungry

## HISTORY CORNER

*This month we are featuring the lodge's 27th Worshipful Master H. H. Walker.*

### East Trinity Lodge's 27th Worshipful Master Hardy Henry Walker (1907-1908)

Hardy Henry Walker was born on October 15, 1854 in Texas. His parents were Sylvanus (Syl) Walker (1803–1866) and Sarah B. Ashmore (1800–1881), both of whom were born in South Carolina.

Census records suggest Henry may not have liked his first name. While living in his parents' household he was listed as Henry, but as an adult head of household he appeared in records as Hardy H. Walker.

The 1880 census shows Hardy Walker (25) married to Ida D. Turner (20) and living with his mother-in-law Cynthia V. Turner in Hunt County. Sadly, Ida died in November of 1880 and Hardy later remarried her sister, Lucy E. Turner.

By the 1900 census, Hardy and Lucy were living in Rockwall with their sons Johnnie (11) and Claude (6). His occupation was listed as General Merchant.

Hardy first appears in Lodge Returns in 1891 as a Master Mason. He remained listed as such until 1906. In 1906 he served as Senior Warden, and in 1907 and 1908 he served as Worshipful Master of East Trinity Lodge No. 157.

#### Officer Line-Up – 1908

H.H. Walker – Worshipful Master  
H.B. Barnes – Senior Warden  
J.L. Austin – Junior Warden  
J.F. Allday – Treasurer  
I.J. Austin – Secretary  
H.A. Briscoe – Senior Deacon  
E.M. Love – Junior Deacon  
L.N. Jackson – Senior Steward  
B.B. Lanham – Junior Steward  
W.C. Lanham – Tiler

Past Masters included W.C. Lanham, E.C. Heath, E.W. Hardin, H.A. Briscoe, J.H. Chisholm, R.M. Womack, and H.H. Walker.

The Lodge reported 104 Master Masons, along with several Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts. During that year there were demits recorded and the death of J.T. Adams.

In 1910 Hardy lived on Jacinto Street in Rockwall where he worked as a retail merchant employer. His family had grown to include sons John S. (21), William C. (16), Harold H. (8), and daughter Laura Fay (5).

Hardy H. Walker passed away on August 5, 1916. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World and a Mason.

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# MASONIC TRUE STORIES & EVENTS

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## A Brother in Savannah

*Author Unknown*

Many years after the Civil War had ended, a son of Brother L. J. Williams of Downsville Lodge No. 464, New York, reported in lodge a story his father had told him of a Masonic experience during the war.

When the war broke out, the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees had been conferred on him in New York. He went out in defense of his country without having been raised to the degree of Master Mason. It was his misfortune to be taken prisoner of war near Savannah, Georgia.

While he lay in the southern prison, he communicated through letters with friends in the north. His lodge in New York, through proper officials, contacted Zerubbabel Lodge in Savannah and requested, as a favor to the brethren of the north, that the Savannah lodge confer the Master Mason degree on the Fellowcraft Brother L. J. Williams.

One night he was taken from his prison and conducted to the Savannah lodge room. It was a remarkable occasion. He wore his bedraggled blue uniform, a token of his sympathy with the cause of the north. All the chairs were occupied by Confederate officers. He was surrounded by men wearing gray.

They were on opposite sides of a struggle to the death — but they were brethren.

There and then he was raised a Master Mason and acclaimed a friend and brother by his enemies.

But the more significant feature of the story was yet to follow. On that same night he escaped from prison and joined his companions of the north.

Later examination of lodge records revealed, written in red ink beside the record of the degree:

“On this night Brother Williams escaped from prison.”

When asked about his escape, he would smile and say it was not truly an escape. Some men came to his prison, placed him in a boat, carried him some distance, and deposited him on neutral ground between the lines. From there he found his way back to his friends.

Who his rescuers were he never learned. It remained their secret.

“But in my mind,” he said,

“I know exactly to whom I may attribute the escape. His name is Hiram.”

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## Globes

*By William R. Fischer*

A question was asked:

“If King Solomon’s Temple was built in 967 B.C., and globes were placed on top of the pillars, how did they know the world was round?”

This question is relevant because it was not until 1522 that Magellan proved the world was round. How could the men of Solomon’s period know this?

They did not.

The people of Solomon’s time believed the earth stood still and existed inside a hollow sphere whose inner surface was dotted with stars revolving about the earth. This turning celestial sphere is the oldest theory formed from observing the starry heavens.

This could explain one pillar — but what about the other? Even if they believed the earth was round, it could not represent it accurately. They did not know about the Americas and believed the earth to be an oblong square or rectangle.

It is believed the “globes upon the pillars” are actually a corruption of the lily-work of the Old Testament. The lily — likely the Egyptian lotus — symbolized the universe.

Thus the symbol of the universe was placed atop the pillars and, over centuries, came to be referred to as globes because of their rounded hollow shape.

## Mommy, Is That Man a Mason?

*Ex. Comp. Don Maybaugh, Jr. — The Royal Arch Mason, Spring 1977*

A few months ago, my five-year-old granddaughter was in the yard jumping rope with her sister. The rope became tangled, and a retired neighbor walking by stopped to help untangle it and retie it properly. He spent several minutes showing them how to twirl it correctly.

When she thanked him, he replied:

“You don’t have to thank me — it was my duty.”

She went inside and asked her mother,  
“Mommy, is that man a Mason?”

Her mother smiled and said,  
“Yes honey, that man is a Mason.”

They say out of the mouths of babes come words of wisdom.

That same man had been Senior Warden 30 years earlier when I was raised a Master Mason. Though ill health kept him from attending lodge in recent years, he still remembered his obligations.

He inspired me enough that I vowed someday to become Master. Though work delayed me many years, I was later privileged to serve as Master, High Priest, and Generalissimo.

We often ask why attendance declines. We strive for perfection in ritual — but do we let our light shine before men so they may see our good works?

This Mason, though unable to attend lodge, impressed a five-year-old child. Our everyday lives — at home, work, and in public — are what Masonry is about.

During his burial service I reflected and asked myself: How often has this man let his light shine before others?

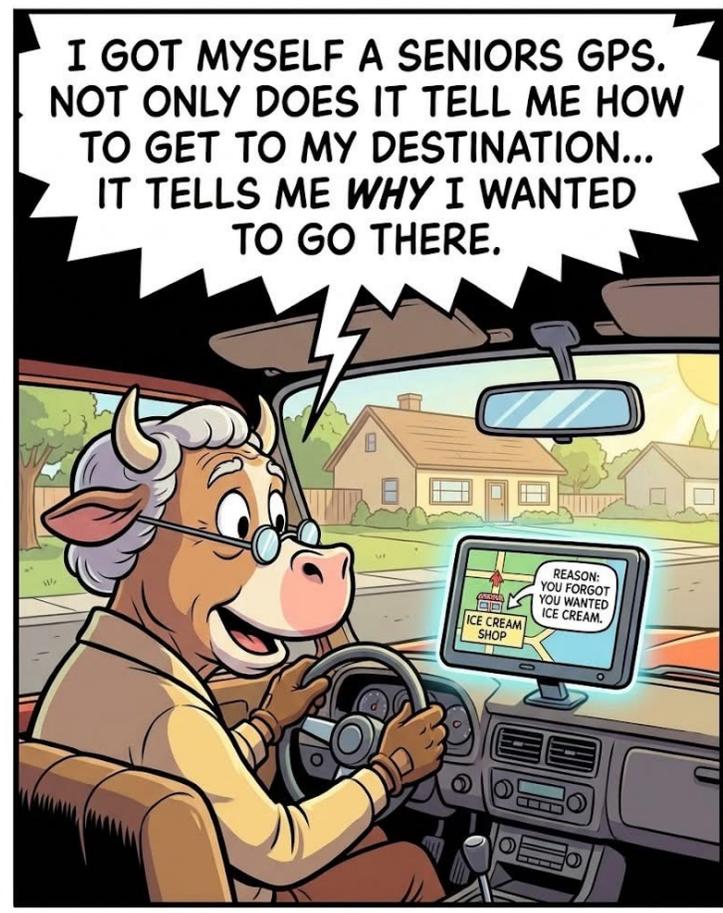
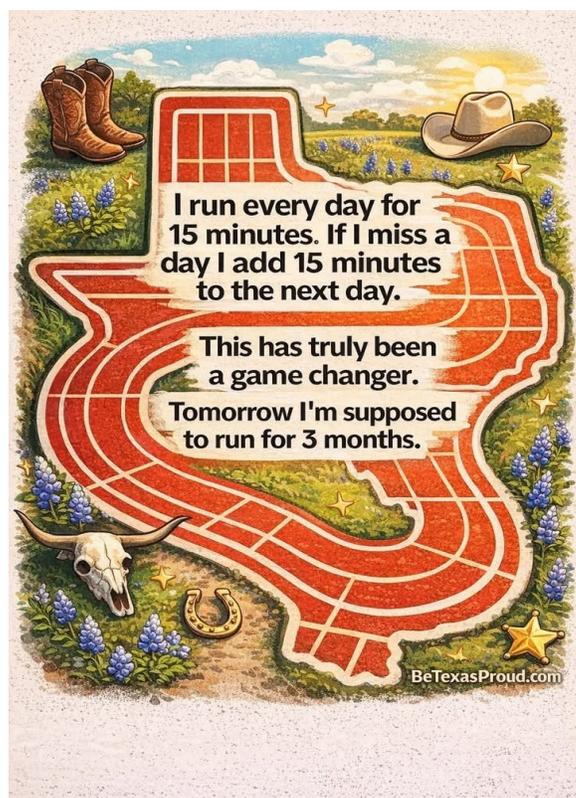
His name was Lloyd Irish.



# From Labor to Refreshment



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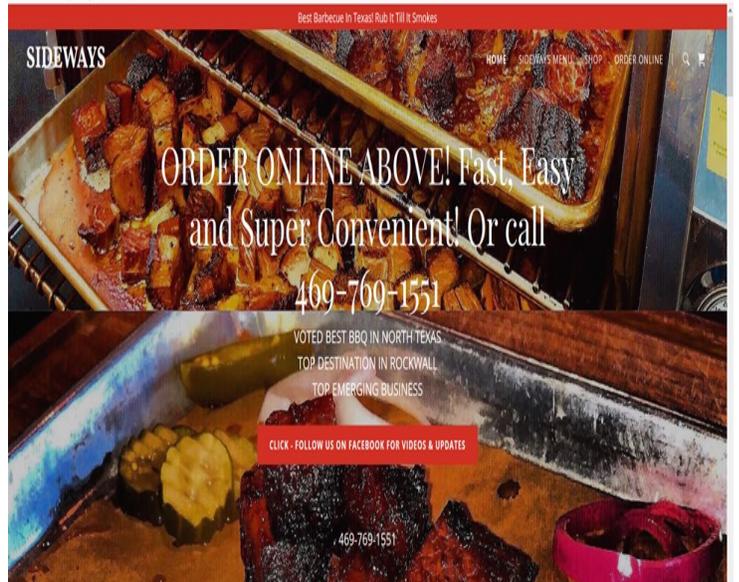
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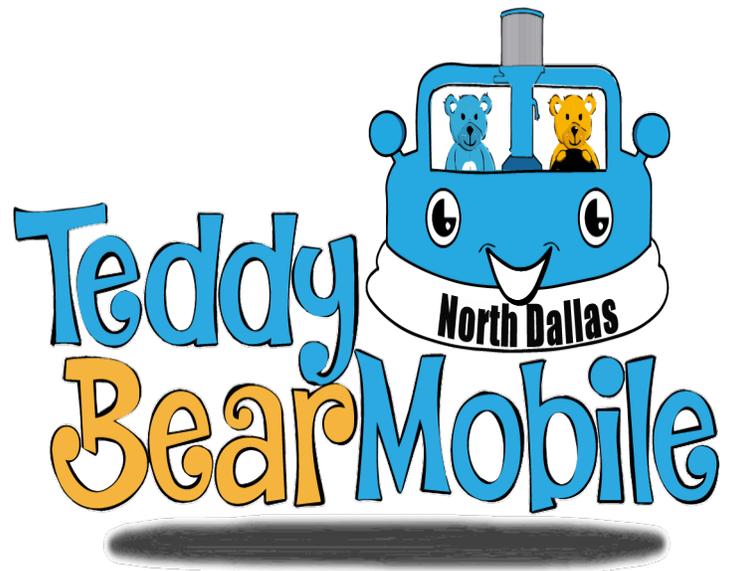
Every time a brother gets a haircut at Yellow Jacket, just mention the Masons and they donate \$1 to East Trinity!!!!



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