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EAST TRINITY MASONIC LODGE #157 ROCKWALL, TX OCTOBER 2025  
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## EAST TRINITY AWARDS COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD

### SEPTEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The September meeting was held on September 8th. The Audit committee presented it's report. The Budget committee presented a budget for ET. Both items were voted on and accepted.

New committee assignments:

Finance-Brothers Young, Spicer, Goodrich

Social-Goodrich, Parks, Barkley  
Scholarship-Newberry, Willard, Spicer

The WM reminded everyone about the upcoming presentation of the Community Builder award, the upcoming lodge social gathering at San Jacinto Plaza, the upcoming MM degree, the upcoming DDGM visit in October.

RW Barkley announced that the Fantastic Teeth program will involve 6 schools this year



East Trinity awarded the Community Builder Award to Ms Darby Nielson during a Chamber of Commerce event. The award recognizes outstanding non-masons who, through their efforts, make their communities stronger. Ms Nielson was recognized for her many years as a volunteer on various committees and organizations working toward making Rockwall a better place. RW Doug Barkley presented the award on behalf of East Trinity.

### NEWEST MASTER MASON



Bro Collett (center) with his grandfather, PM William Heapy and his father, PM Chris Whittle

The Master Mason degree was conferred upon Brother David Collett last week. In attendance were his father and grandfather, both PMs of Antioch-Brentwood Lodge 175 in Antioch, CA.

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### DON'T FORGET THE STATED MEETING

The stated meeting will be held on October 6th, 2024. The meal will begin at 6:30 PM. Lodge will begin at 7:30 PM.

**Fraternal Eats** . Pulled Pork, Wedge potatoes, brownies, soft drinks, tea, and water.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 6th- Stated Meeting DDGM Official Visit
- October 13th-Practice
- October 20th-Practice
- October 27th-Practice
- November 3rd-Stated Meeting

## Fantastic Teeth Program

The Fantastic Teeth Fan Club is a program created by Masonic Children & Family Services of Texas (MCFS) to Help children and parents learn how to prevent painful dental problems and avoid expensive treatment. The program provides free dental hygiene kits designed for first graders, which include a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss and educational materials. These are assembled by Masonic Lodge members and delivered directly to participating schools. The program has reached thousands of children across Texas, and its success is a testament to the support and involvement of Masonic Lodges and elementary schools.

East Trinity has participated in this program for many years. This year the lodge is supporting over 500 first graders in 6 different RISD elementary schools.



East Trinity members assemble kits for the Fantastic Teeth Program.

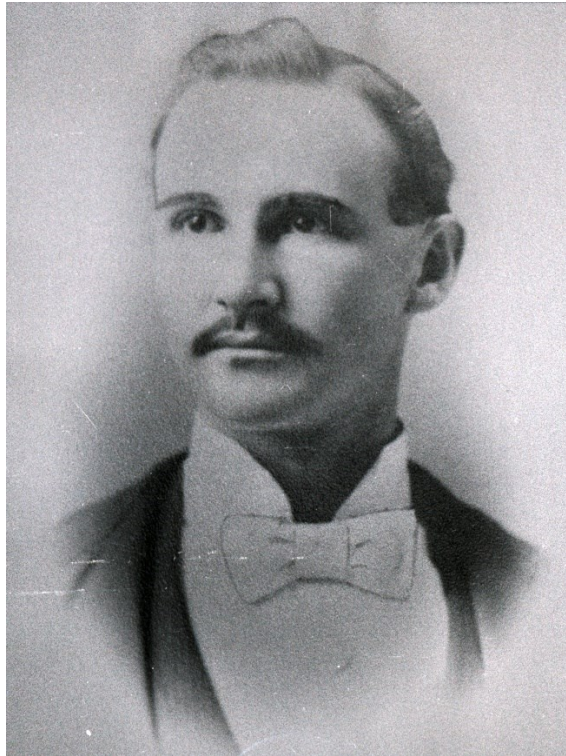
## EAST TRINITY LODGE HISTORY CORNER

*This historical sketch is the 26th article in a series of the history of the East Trinity Lodge. This month we are featuring the lodge's 23th Worshipful Master C.E. Barnes.*

### Charles Elmer Barnes

Biography

#### Worshipful Master for the East Trinity Lodge (1900)



**C. E. Barnes**

Charles Elmer Barnes (Elmer) was born on 23 June 1870 in Kaufman County, Texas. His parents were Past Master Wiley Turner Barnes and Nettie (Kitty) McClendon. Wiley T. Barnes served five times as our Worshipful Master. Charles' grandfather was Sterling Rex Barnes, and Sterling's wife was Martha Ann Mitchell. Sterling was the first Junior Warden and listed on the original Petition and Charter. The 1880 Census shows Charles (11) living with his parents and five siblings: Thomas (13), Lucy (10), Sterling (7) Fannie (6) and Eula (4).

A Texas Marriage Certificate was found that shows Charles Elmer Barnes was married to Eva L. Jennings in Rockwall County, Texas on 4 September 1897.

The 1900 Census shows that Charles and his wife Eva were living in Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas. Charles was 29 years old and his occupation was "Druggist". They had one child, a son named William E. Barnes (age 1 year).

In 1900, C. E. Barnes became the Worshipful Master and the Lodge Return for this year follows:

**THE OFFICER LINE-UP FOR 1900**

C E. Barnes – Worshipful Master  
E.D. Foree – Senior Warden  
T.D. Isbell – Junior Warden  
E.W. Hardin – Treasurer  
E.C. Heath – Secretary  
W.E. Bustner – Senior Deacon  
J.C. Barringer – Junior Deacon  
T.B. Ridgell – Senior Steward  
W.I. Floyd – Junior Steward  
G.A. Truitt – Tiler

***Past Masters*** - W. T. Barnes, E. C. Heath, W.C. Lanham, G. A. Truitt, E. W. Hardin, W.W. Bishop, J.A. Selby, H.C. Heath.

***Master Masons*** - M.S. Austin, R.L. Arthur, J.T. Adams, A.S. Ater, F.M. Anderson, E.B. Ashurst, W.L. Brown, J.O. Beasley, M.A. Brown, T.W. Bailey, A.E. Barnett, J.A.F. Brownwell, W.T.J. Bishop, J.E. Baugh, J.H. Bennett, W.H. Barringer, W.E. Bourn, J.F. Corry, G.M. Curtis, C.W. Darr, W.D. Dowd, T.J. Evans, J.R. Eldredge, C.R. Ellis, D.C. Fondren, J.L. Faries, J.H. Fender, T.J. Green, J.A. Hardin, W.P. Holt, W.B. Hall, T.K. Jones, J. T. Keahey, T.L. Keys, A.L. Kirby, W.L. Lawhorn, T.B. Lanham, George Lindsey, R. Long, L.W. Manson, N. Morton, B.K. McKindree, W.A. Merchison, J.M. Nichols, J.W. Peyton, Jr, E.O. Rigsbee, E.T. Rice, L.F. Smith, R.A. Snead, W.C. Scott, J.T. Vance, J. W. Vance, W.C. Vernon, J.S. Vernon, W.C. Vernon, T.W. Wade, L.W. Wilkerson, R. White, J.H. Williams, J.M. Wright, H.H. Walker, Jacob Zuspaun, W.L. Lawhorn: Total, 78.

***Entered Apprentices*** – Robert Reed, A., B.F. Burtner, D.J. Anderson, J.P South.

***Fellow Craft*** – J.C. Gaines.

***Demitted*** – A. Green, W.P. Harris, W.F. Jones.

***Death*** – C.R. Ellis

In the 1901 Lodge Returns C. E. Barnes is listed as a Past Master along with his father W.T. Barnes. In the 1902 Returns, C. E. Barnes is again listed as a Past Master and this Return also shows that W. T. Barnes died and is listed under “Deaths” in the 1901 Returns. In 1903, C. E. Barnes died and he is listed under “Deaths” in the 1903 Returns.

Charles Elmer Barnes died on 9 May 1903 in Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas. He was only 33 years old. His wife Eva Lula Jennings died 60 years later on 24 July 1963 in Plainview, Texas. Their only son, Will Elmer Barnes, who was born on 13 Jul 1900 in Plainview, Texas, died on 5 Mar 1932 in Plainview.

It is unusual and tragic that two young men: H.C. Heath and C.E. Barnes, who were sons of long-time lodge members, became members for a short time at East Trinity Lodge, both became Worshipful Masters and both died soon after. H.C. Heath was WM in 1897 and died in 1901 and C.E. Barnes was WM in 1900 and died in 1903.



[Rockwall Memorial Cemetery](#)  
Old Section on East side of Cemetery.

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(Special thanks to my editor Barbara A. Powell)

# MASONIC UNUSUAL STORIES AND EVENTS

## THE MAD EMPEROR

Joshua Norton was born in England on February, 1819. He engaged in a number of business enterprises in Africa and migrated to San Francisco in 1849. He immediately entered the real estate business and accumulated considerable wealth. When he tried to corner the rice market, he lost the entire fortune. In order to cheer him up, his friends started to call him "Emperor."

On September 15, 1859, he proclaimed himself Emperor of the United States. He donned a blue uniform with brass buttons, epaulets, and a military cap. Instead of having his head examined, everyone humored him because of his pleasant and cheerful disposition. He rode the street cars free, attended theaters without charge, and was supplied with the necessities of life by those around him. When he ran short of cash, he issued drafts on the Imperial Treasury. He issued Royal Proclamations designed to better the human race. On Sunday he always attended a church; he had no favorites and visited them all. Merchants and financiers consulted him on business matters and he apparently gave sound advice on these matters.

He was a member of Occidental Lodge of San Francisco and for a time lived in the Masonic Temple and issued some of his proclamations from there. He was given a Masonic funeral when he passed away on January 8, 1889. Fifty-four years later his grave was moved and a monument was erected over his new grave.

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## SHORTEST LIVED MASON

General Thomas A. Smyth of the Civil War was raised in Washington Lodge No. 1 of Delaware on March 6, 1864. He was killed by a sniper's bullet on April 9 and was buried by his lodge on April 17, 1864.

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## WYOMING GOVERNORS AND FREEMASONRY

Between 1890 (when Wyoming became a state) and 1951 every Governor of that state was a Freemason, except one. This single exception was Mrs. William A. Ross, who was the wife of a Mason, and she was a member of the Eastern Star.

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## RETRIBUTION

In Fulda, Germany a dispute arose about the name to be given a new high school. The first name suggested was Professor Karl Ferdinand Braun, inventor of the TV picture tube, and a Nobel prize winner. A protest arose on the ground that he was a Freemason. Finally the school was named after Baron Von Stein, who is known as the father of local self-government. He was a devoted Freemason. It was later discovered that Professor Braun was not a Freemason.

### **FOUNDER OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HELPED BY FREEMASONS**

Mary Baker joined her oldest brother in Charleston, South Carolina. In December 1843, she married George Washington Glover, a close friend of her brother. Brother Glover was an honorary member of the staff of the Governor and was called "Major Glover". He was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 10 and of Union Chapter No. 3, R.A.M. A few months after the marriage Brother Glover contracted yellow fever and died; he was given a Masonic funeral. Before he died he requested members of the lodge to help his young bride return to the parental home in New Hampshire. How well they kept their promise was told by the widow, who wrote in 1892, "Here it is but justice to record they performed their obligation most faithfully." Some time after arriving at her parental home she gave birth to her only child, George. Later she married Mr. Eddy; there is no record that he was a Mason.

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### **MASONIC CHARITY HELPED FATHER OF JOSEPH FORT NEWTON**

In his lifetime Joseph Fort Newton was the silver-tongued orator of the Craft. With his talks and book he did much for Freemasonry. He told the story that his father became a mason in a military lodge. He had been taken prisoner and was transported to Rock Island, Illinois, where he became desperately ill. An officer of the camp, desiring to help him as a Brother Mason, took him to his home and nursed him back to health. When the war ended the Mason loaned him enough money to get back home. If Newton's father had died on Rock Island, the world would have been poorer for not having had a wise and eloquent minister of the gospel, and the Craft would have been poorer in its inspiration and literature.

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### **CHEVALIER CHARLES D'EON, MAN OR WOMAN?**

The Chevalier Charles D'Eon of France was born on October 5, 1728, and was given the name Charles Genevieve Louise Auguste Andre Timothee Deon de Beaumont. He was born of a noble family. Although his sex was being questioned, he became a Freemason in 1766 in the Lodge of Immortality No. 376, which met at the Crown and Anchor in the Strand, London. He served as Junior Warden in 1769 and 1770. He had many talents; he was an expert fencer and an able diplomat who successfully negotiated the Treaty of 1763 ending the Seven Years' War.

He had an effeminate appearance and occasionally masqueraded as a woman. His enemies in France accused him of being a woman masquerading as a man. Masons wondered whether a woman had been initiated into the Craft. The controversy about his sex caused considerable gambling and the speculation got out of hand. Finally an insurance company filed a suit to have the matter adjudicated. Witnesses testified that he was a woman. About this time he accepted an offer of Louis XVI to accept a pension, return to France, and resume the garb of a woman. From this time on he wore women's cloths with rare exception. When he died on May 21, 1810, a competent physician performed an autopsy and clearly proved that D'Eon was a man.

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### **THE THOMSON MASONIC FRAUD**

Matthew McBain Thomson was born Scotland. In 1881 he settled in Montpelier, Idaho. He returned to Scotland but in 1898 returned to Montpelier with a patent from the "Scottish Grand College of Rites". He used this document to create his "American Masonic Federation", later changed to "International Masonic Federation". He promoted the sale of all sorts of "Masonic" degrees by mail and worked through paid solicitors. Reduced rates were given when groups were large and many joined at the same time. He and two other were eventually prosecuted for using the mails to defraud and in 1922 they were sent to jail.



### **THE ADVENTURES OF CAGLIOSTRO**

One believed to have been given the name of Joseph Balsamo but who later adopted the name "Count Cagliostro", has the doubtful distinction of being the world's outstanding Masonic charlatan. He became a Mason in London in 1776, and later conceived the idea of his "Egyptian Rite", which he formulated and promoted with his wife. The project was a money making scheme; they founded lodges through out Europe. His colorful career came to an end when he established one of his lodges in Rome. He was arrested on December 27, 1789, and charged with the "crime" of being a Freemason. He was imprisoned by the papal police, was questioned, tortured, tried and found guilty. He died some years later while still in prison.



# From Labor to Refreshment



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\* Eat whatever you like because -  
The inventor of the treadmill died at the age of 54  
The inventor of gymnastics died at 57  
The world bodybuilding champion died at 41  
The best footballer in the world, Maradona, died at 60  
And then -  
The KFC inventor died at 94  
The inventor of Nutella died at 88  
The cigarette maker Winston died at 102  
The inventor of opium died at 116 in an earthquake  
The inventor of Hennessy died at 98  
How did doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life?  
The rabbit is always jumping but it lives for around 2 years and the turtle that doesn't exercise at all, lives over 200 years.  
So, rest, chill, eat, drink and enjoy life.

We should start  
referring to "age" as  
"levels"  
Because "I'm at level 50"  
sounds way more  
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**After Birth:**  
**How long does it take for the  
eyes to open?**  
**Cows - Immediately**  
**Goats - After 2 hours**  
**Cats - After 6 days**  
**Dogs - After 10 days**  
**Humans - After marriage**



How to write "I changed a light bulb" on your resume:

"Single-handedly managed the successful upgrade and deployment of a new environmental illumination system with zero cost overruns and no safety incidents"

Just had a detective knock on my door saying he was looking for a man with one eye. I told him if he used both eyes he'd probably find him quicker.

Dear Diary....Today my friends asked me to go on a 5 mile run, so I made a list of things I'll need. I'll need:

1. New friends

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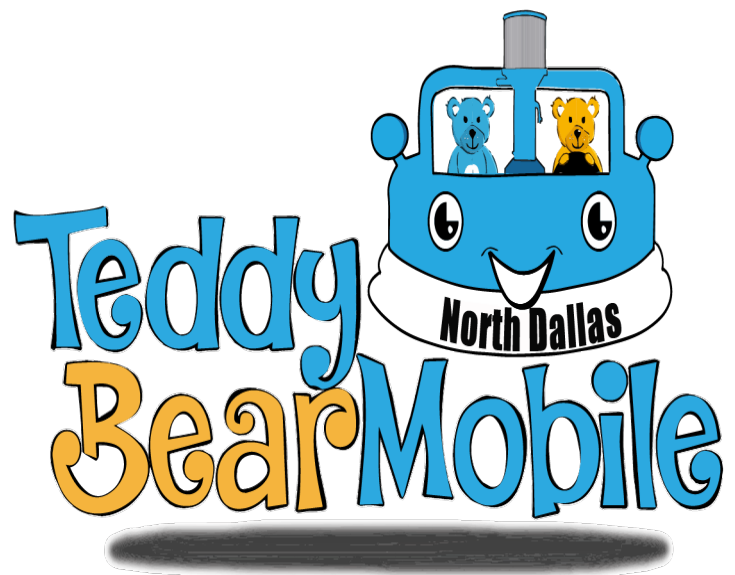
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