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EAST TRINITY MASONIC LODGE #157 ROCKWALL, TX JULY 2025
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THE NEW LEADERSHIP

WM: Luke Corley
SW: Mark Young
JW: Glenn Goodrich
SD: John Thomas
JD: Anthony Parks
Secretary: John Gordy
Treasurer: Steve Spicer
Tiler: Cort LaBlank
Steward: Samuel Macababbad
Chaplain Tyler Rowe
Marshal: Doug Barkley
Installing Officer: Donny Broughton
Installing Marshal: Doug Waters



JUNE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The June Meeting was very busy.

- The WM thanked everyone for the great turnout at the cookout
- memoriam was read for Brother Jerry Glass
- Brother Atterberry gave a talk about Shoes for Kids. The lodge voted to donate \$2000 to the program.
- 3 Brothers were still in arrears, and will be suspended on June 23rd if they haven't paid up.
- RW Barkley stated that the ET Golf Tournament beat expectations by grossing over \$54,000. After expens-

es and scholarships, the total amount added to the scholarship fund is \$23,000.

-WM announced ET was on track to receive the Vanguard Award.

-ET will present a Community Builder Award. The awardee will be announced at a later date.

-There was a discussion about changing the lodge bylaws. The proposed changes are displayed on page 2 of this newsletter.

-Elections were held and the

installation will be June 28th at 10:00

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DON'T FORGET THE STATED MEETING

The stated meeting will be held on July 7th, 2025. The meal will begin at 6:30 PM. Lodge will begin at 7:30 PM.

Fraternal Eats Chicken Alfredo, garlic bread, Ceasar Salad, dessert, assorted tea and soft drinks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 7th— Stated Meeting
- July 14th-practice
- July 21st-Practice
- July 28th-Practice

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

During the June stated meeting, WM LaBlank discussed proposed changes in the East Trinity Bylaws, specifically Article III, Officers of the lodge. The discussion centered on whether or not the wording should be changed to more closely follow the wording in Article 264 of the Grand Lodge of Texas Lawbook. Article 264 states that the positions of Senior and Junior Stewards, Marshal, and Master of Ceremonies are optional, and therefore do not have to be installed. WM LaBlank asked for a rewrite of Article III of the ET bylaws to reflect this. The proposed change in wording of East Trinity Bylaw Article III is as follows:

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE

The officers of the Lodge shall be: The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplin, Senior and Junior Deacons and Tiler. The positions of Senior and Junior Stewards, Marshall, and Master of Ceremonies are optional, and may be filled at the pleasure of the Worshipful Master.

Article 264 also states that the lodge may make these changes without seeking approval from Grand Lodge. Therefore, this change will be voted on at the July stated meeting on July 7th.

EAST TRINITY LODGE HISTORY CORNER

This historical sketch is the 23rd article in a series of the history of the East Trinity Lodge. This month we are featuring the lodge's 20th Worshipful Master W. W. Bishop.

William Washington Bishop

Biography

Worshipful Master for the East Trinity Lodge (1892)



W. W. Bishop

William Wiley Bishop (The Father)

William Wiley Bishop was born on 31 January 1835 in Tennessee and he died in 3 Feb 1930 in Tennessee and he was the father of William Washington Bishop. William Washington's mother was Minerva Elizabeth Fleeman born in 1836 and she died in 1873 in Tennessee. In the 1860 census William Wiley, his wife Minerva, and two sons James and William were living in Giles, Tennessee. William Wiley was working as a wagon maker.

In 1870, the census shows William Wiley (35), wife Minerva (35) and their family living in Lawrence County, Tennessee. William Wiley was listed as a farmer and he and his wife have five children: James (12), William (9), Frances (7), Lucinda (5) and Rufus (2).

William Wiley's wife Minerva died sometime in 1873 in Lawrence County, Tennessee and a marriage record shows that William Wiley remarried on 5 January 1875 in Giles, Tennessee. His second wife was Calidonia McCaskell.

The 1880 census shows that William Wiley was 46 and wife Calidonia was 25. They have seven children listed: William Washington (19), Lucinda (16), Rufus (12), Lucy (9), Margaret (6), Nancy (4) and Susan (2). The youngest three are from the William and Calidonia union.

William Washington Bishop (The Son)

William Washington Bishop's death certificate states he was born on 28 December 1860 in Lawrenceburg, Lawrence County, Tennessee. There is a marriage record for William Washington Bishop and Sarah Hatcher. They were married on 5 August 1888, Delta County, Texas (to the East of Rockwall).

W.W. Bishop first appeared as a Master Mason in the Lodge Returns in 1886. In 1891, he served as the Junior Warden. He was elected to be Worshipful Master in 1892. It is interesting because William never served as Senior Warden. I turned to the lodge records to shed some light. In 1891, L.F. Smith was the Senior Warden and in 1892 when William Bishop served as Worshipful Master, L. F. Smith served as the Senior Steward.

THE OFFICER LINE-UP FOR 1892

W.W. Bishop – Worshipful Master
B.K. McKendre – Senior Warden
R.A. Snead – Junior Warden
L.W. Mason – Treasurer
T.C. Nesbit – Secretary
J.A. Selby – Senior Deacon
R.L. Arthur – Junior Deacon
L.F. Smith – Senior Steward
T.M. Curry – Junior Steward
T.B. Lanham – Tiler

Past Masters - W. T. Barnes, F. Sullivan, E. C. Heath, S. D. Waggoner, W.C. Lanham, W. T. Jones. G. A. Truitt, E. W. Hardin.

Master Masons - E.B. Ashurst, M.S. Austin, F.M. Anderson, R.L. Arthur, E.M. Bourland, W.T. Barnes, W.L. Brown, W.W. Bishop, J.O. Beasley,, M.A. Brown, T.W. Bailey, J.B. Curtis, A.J. Davis, J.O. Dawson, T.J. Evans, D.C. Fondren, Solomon Fletcher, A. Green, J.O. Heath, E.C. Heath, J.A. Hardin, J.S. Hewitt, H.C. Haskins, E.W. Hardin, W.P. Holt, W.M. Jones, W.F. Jones, J.M. Jackson, J. T. Keahey, J.T. Ketchum, J.J. Lowe, T.B. Lanham, W.C. Lanham, W.L. Lawhorn, L.W. Mason, H.W. Manson, N. Morton, C.A. Montgomery, B.K. McKendre, T.C. Nesbit, D.H. Parsons, B.W. Rose, S.M. Templeton, A.G. Stewart, D.A. Underwood, J.T. Vance, J.W. Vance, W.C. Vernon, J.S. Vernon, W.C. Vernon, A.K. Wilkerson, R. White, J.C. White, J.M. Wright, S.D. Waggoner, H.H. Walker, T.J. Evans, Jacob Zauspaw: Total, 62.

Entered Apprentices – *B.F. Burton, Thomas McColskey.*

Fellow Craft – *E. T. Reco, Philip Swartz.*

Demitted – *F. Sullivan, B. W. McCown.*

The Grand Lodge Returns lists W. W. Bishop as a member of the East Trinity Lodge for 26 years.

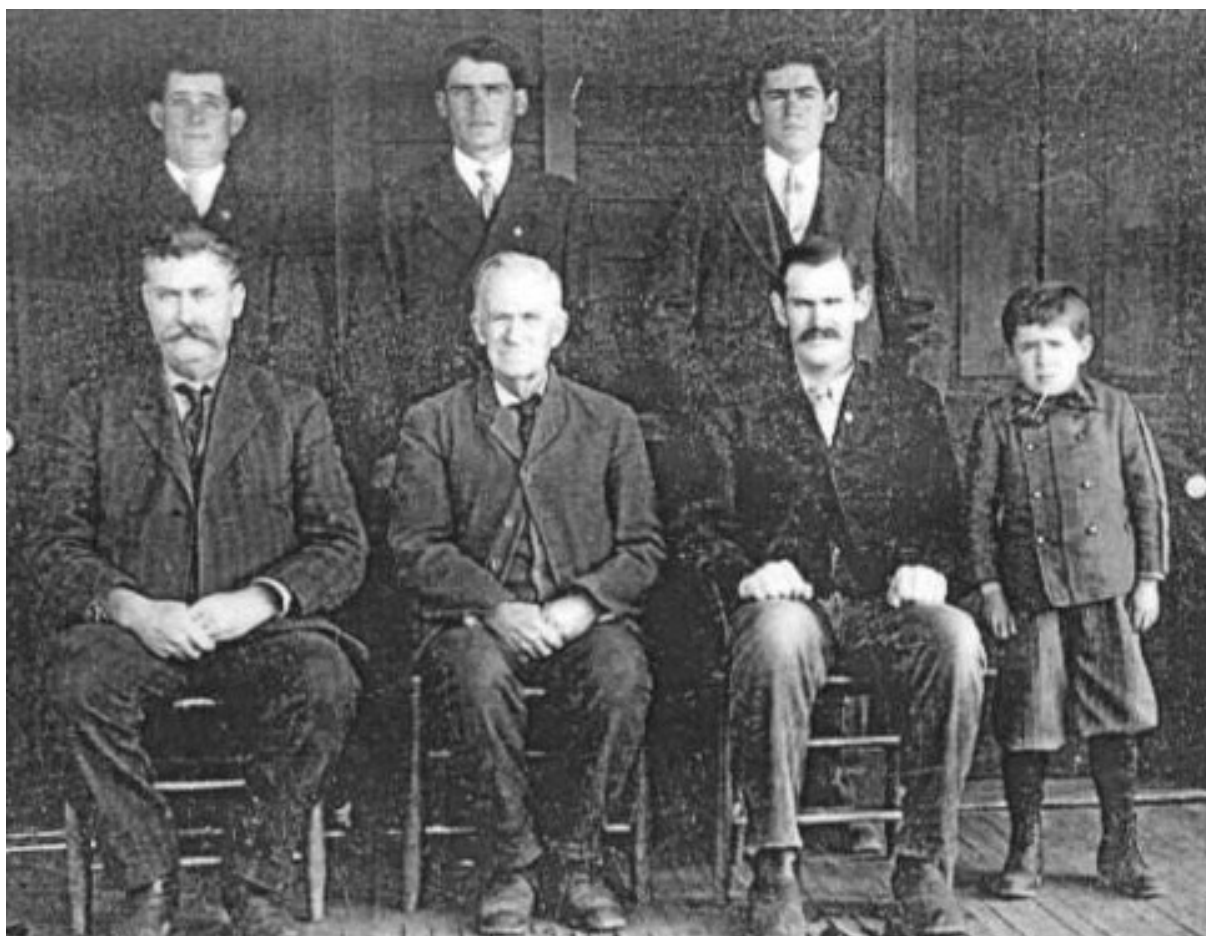
We know that William left the East Trinity Lodge sometime before June 1900 because the 1900 census records show W. W. Bishop, wife Sarah, and five children living in Chambers County, Texas near Houston. The children were: Walter (11), Clide (8), Clara (6), Ollie (5) and Ethel (3). In 1910, William and his family moved again and were living in the town of Kosse, Limestone County, Texas. The two largest cities in Limestone County are Groesbeck and Mexia but we could not find William at any of the Limestone County lodges. The 1910 census lists William, his wife Sarah, and their eight children: Walter B. (20), Clyde E. (18), Clara (16), Ollie W. (14), Ethel A. (12), Dovie M. (8), Pearly T. (4) and Claudine (10/12).

In 1920, William and his family were still living in Limestone County. He was 59 and his wife Sarah J. was 53. The other members of the household were Ollie (24), Pearlie (14), Claudia (11) and Mary (3). Mary is a granddaughter

In 1930 census, William is 69 and his wife Sarah J. is 63. They are still living in Kosse, Limestone County, Texas. Also living with them is their Granddaughter Mary G. Bishop (15). Note: Mary Garland Bishop was the daughter of Clyde E. Bishop, and his wife Vea Hoptelvo Bishop. Clyde is William's second eldest son.

The lodge did not have a photo of W. W. Bishop for the Worshipful Master's wall, but we found a Family photo of William Wiley Bishop and his sons. We knew from census records that William Washington was William Wiley's second eldest son and we can see from this photo that the father (William Wiley) is the elderly man (lower row, second from the left). It is also likely that James M. Bishop, the eldest son, is on the lower row, first from left and William Washington, the second eldest son, must be on the lower row, third from the left. We are working to find this photo in a higher resolution or to crop the existing photo and add it to the other Worshipful Masters on the lodge wall. We also sent a message to the person who posted this photo on Ancestry.com hoping to get a higher resolution photo.

William Washington Bishop
(Lower row, third from left)



W.W. Bishop's York Rite Sword

Brother Doug Waters, East Trinity PM and long-time lodge Tiler, told me the current Tiler's sword was hanging in the holder by the door when he was first elected as Tiler in 1975 and it originally belonged to W. W. Bishop. It is very ornate and must have been part of William Bishop's York Rite regalia. We don't know for sure when the William Bishop sword was first used for Tiling but we know the sword is at least 130 years old.



Sometime after the 1930 census, William and his wife Sarah moved to the Houston area so they could be close to their youngest daughter Claudine. She was married to Jim Stephenson and they lived in Conrow, Texas.

William Washington Bishop's death certificate states he died in Houston, Texas on 2 April 1934 at the age of 73 years, 3 months and 5 days and he is listed him as a retired farmer.



William W. Bishop

Died in Houston, Harris County, Texas

Buried at Kosse Cemetery, Limestone, Texas

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(Special thanks to my editor Barbara A. Powell)

TRUE STORIES AND EVENTS

THE CUP OF BROTHERLY LOVE

On September 7, 1929, after rising his son Brother Norman B. Hickox, Master of Events Lodge No. 524, Illinois, formally presented a beautiful silver cup to the lodge. He also presented a book of travel and a specially prepared carrying case. The cup was to be sent on a journey, traveling always from West to East by land sea or air, and always in the custody of a Master Mason.

On November 19, 1929, the book and cup were taken to Ashlar Lodge No. 308 in Chicago to start the journey. The book recorded the places and circumstances of each visit of the cup.

On the journey the cup was received by more than 150 host lodges. It touched places all over the world. On May 24, 1958, a homecoming celebration was held at Evans Lodge to commemorate the return of the cup to the lodge. The Cup of Brotherly Love, an illustrated account of this odyssey, was published by the Masonic Service Association in 1959.

LODGE IN TWO COUNTRIES

At one time Golden Rule Lodge No. 5 of Stanstead, Canada, occupied a lodge room which was bisected by the boundary between Canada and the United States. It had entrances from the Vermont and Canadian sides; the membership of the lodge consisted of men from both sides of the border.

AN IRISH MESSAGE ON STONE

In 1860, at Limerick, Ireland, there was found in a small chapel a stone dated 1517 with the following inscription:

"I will serve to live with love and care, Upon the level, by the square."

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY AND FREEMASONRY

The famous Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor was designed by a Frenchman, Frederick A. Bartholdi, a Freemason. The Grand Lodge of New York laid the cornerstone with masonic ceremonies on August 5, 1885.

FREEMASONS IN THE AIR

On his famous solo flight over the Atlantic in 1927 Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh wore the square and compasses on his jacket as a good luck emblem. He was a Mason at the time.

When Bernt Balchen, explorer and air pioneer, flew over the North Pole and the South Pole with Brother Richard E. Byrd, they dropped Masonic flags on both Poles. In the 1933-35 expedition over the South Pole, Brother Balchen also tossed his Shrine fez on the Pole.

Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr., famous astronaut, on his 22 orbit flight carried a Masonic coin in his pocket as well as a blue Masonic flag which he later presented to his mother lodge, Carbondale No. 82, Carbondale, Colorado.

On August 23, 1879, Lodge No. 239 of France held a meeting in a balloon flying over Paris, at which time a Brother was initiated.

The inventors of the first balloon were Joseph Montgolfier, Michel Montgolfier, and Jacques Etienne; all were members of the Nine Sisters Lodge in France. Brother Eddie Rickenbacker, World War I air ace, was a devoted Mason for many years.

SMALL POCKS AND THE CRAFT

Dr. Edward Jenner, an early English Physician, observed that milk maids who once had smallpox did not get the disease when exposed to it. After experimenting, he announced this discovery in 1789, and vaccination followed shortly thereafter. He was Worshipful Master of Royal Faith and Friendship Lodge No. 270 in Berkeley, England, in 1811-1813.

FREEMASONS AND THE MAYO CLINIC

Dr. Charles H. Mayo, one of the founders of the famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, was a Mason. His son Charles W., who also was a Mason, became governor of the Clinic, which began in the Masonic Temple building in Rochester. The Grand Lodge on Minnesota for years has maintained a representative at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester to assist Masons planning to come there and to make their stay pleasant.

FREEMASONRY IN THE WHITE HOUSE

James Hoban was the architect who designed and supervised the construction of the White House. When the British destroyed this building during the War of 1812, he designed the one replacing it. James Hoban was a Mason. He was probably present when the cornerstone was laid by Maryland Lodge No. 9 of Georgetown on October 13, 1792, with Masonic ceremony. He was also a devout Roman Catholic. During President Truman's term of office it was necessary to rebuild the White House. In 1952, while the work was in progress, Brother Truman discovered that some of the original stones contained traditional "Mason's marks". He directed that these stones be preserved and delegated the duty to Major General Harry H. Vaughan, Brother Renah F. Camalier, and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. These stones were distributed to the Grand Lodges of the United States and to certain territories and foreign governments. On February 22, 1966, the last stone was presented to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association for display in the Temple on Shooter's Hill.

STEPHEN GIRARD'S FUNERAL CAUSES TROUBLE

Stephen Girard, a wealthy merchant of Philadelphia, died on February 26, 1831. His will left a fortune to many worthy causes. There was a report that when he was near death, he had requested his sister to secure a Roman Catholic priest. This was construed as a desire to become reconciled with the church; but when the priest arrived, Girard was dead. On the strength of this report permission was given to admit the body into the German Roman Catholic Church building. 400 Masons assembled at the Masonic Hall, by invitation of the Grand Lodge, and marched to the church to attend the funeral. They did not wear their aprons in order to avoid criticism. The clergy, left in a body and refused to perform any service. The Masons took charge and buried the remains of Stephen Girard in the vault he had designated. When Girard College was built under the terms of his will, the body was re-interred in a marble tomb on the grounds of the school.

RUDYARD KIPLING AND THE CRAFT

Rudyard Kipling, the famous English author, was born in India of English parents. He was educated in England but returned to India in 1880. He was initiated in Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, Lahore, Punjab, India in 1886. A special dispensation was necessary as he was only twenty years and six months at the

time. When he took the degrees, there were four Holy Books upon the alter representing the dominant religions in the area. Upon his rising he was immediately elected secretary; and he prepared the minutes of that meeting himself.

Many years later he wrote: "I was secretary for some years of Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, E. C., Lahore, which included Brethren of at least four creeds. I was entered by a member of Brahmo Somaj, a Hindu; passed by a Mohammedan; and raised by an Englishman. Our Tyler was an Indian Jew. We met, of course on the level, and the only difference anyone would notice was that at the banquets, some of the Brethren, who were debarred by caste from eating food not ceremonially prepared, sat over empty plates."

PLURAL MEMBERSHIP

The rev. Canon William Henry Cooper was a member of seventeen lodges. He was the founder and first master of three of them. His lodges were in Ireland, England, Australia, new Zealand, British Columbia, and Ontario.

THE SQUARE AND COMPASS BRAND

Montana's first livestock brand was the square and compass; it is still in use. No one knows when it was first used; but it was before May 25, 1872, when it became necessary to date and register brands then in use. It was first owned by Poindexter T. Orr of Beaverhead County, Montana Territory.

MOON LODGES

A century ago there were more than 3,000 Masonic lodges which can be described as "Moon Lodges"; in 1954 there were fewer than 500. These lodges meet on the day of the full moon for practical reasons; the brethren had light to travel by at night. There may have been some symbolic meaning also. The advent of electricity, street lights, and the automobile made the reason for meeting on such nights antiquated through unique. Many Grand Lodges now require lodges to meet on fixed days of the week.

FREEMASONS BUILD FORTS

"Fort Masonic" was built on what was known as the Heights of Brooklyn, which later became Bond and Nevins Streets, Brooklyn, New York. On August 22, 1814, the Grand Lodge of New York adopted a resolution by which, on September 1, the officers of the Grand Lodge accompanied by a group of Masons from fourteen lodges, went to the place and performed one day's work. On September 17, another day's work was done to complete the work.

"Fort Hiram" was built on October 3, 1814, at Fort Point, Rhode Island, but the Grand Lodge which supervised 230 Masons at work. Thomas Smith Webb was Grand Master at the time. The purpose of the fortification was to protect the harbor of Providence, Rhode Island.



From Labor to Refreshment



Isn't it wierd that Star Treck
goes where no one has ever gone before
and they always find someone there.



MY NEPHEW NEEDS A JOB.
DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS?

HE SHOULD
APPLY FOR THE SEARCH
& RESCUE TEAM.

THEY'RE ALWAYS
LOOKING FOR SOMEONE.



I THOUGHT
ABOUT EATING A LOT
OF NATURAL FOODS

THEN I LEARNED
MOST PEOPLE DIE
OF NATURAL CAUSES



Wife: Do you know what
it means to come home
to a woman who gives
you a little love and
tenderness?

Husband: It means that I'm
in the wrong house.



@SunsetHeaven



My wife told me that women are better at multitasking than men.

So I asked her to sit down and be quiet.

She couldn't do either 😂.



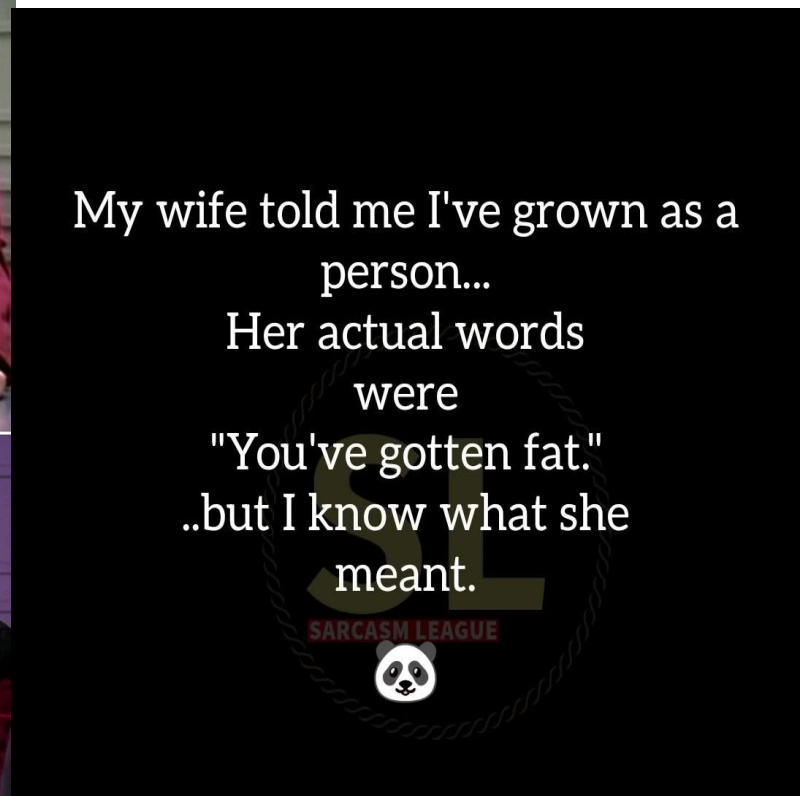
I think my wife has started to show the first signs of dementia... She said she can't remember what she ever saw in me!



I'm afraid I have some bad news, number one

Good thing I'm sitting down.

I just painted that chair.



My wife told me I've grown as a person... Her actual words were "You've gotten fat." ..but I know what she meant.

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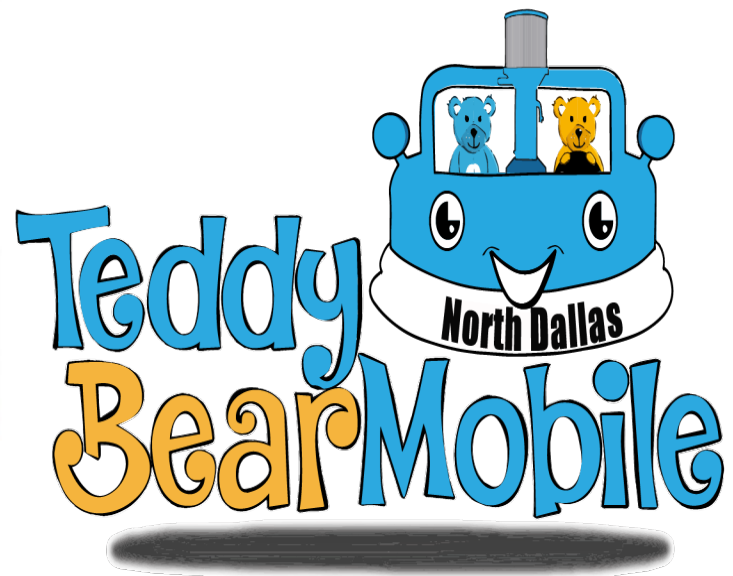
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