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EAST TRINITY MASONIC LODGE #157 ROCKWALL, TX JANUARY 2025
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DUES CARDS ARE IN

The new dues cards are in. I've mailed out the first batch. I still have 38 cards for brothers who haven't paid yet. Remember, per the Grand Lodge, no brother may attend a meeting if he is in arrears. Dues can be paid via check, cash, paypal, or through the Grand Lodge website. Checks can be mailed to:

East Trinity Masonic Lodge
 104 South Goliad
 Rockwall, Tx 75189

HELPING HANDS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Once again, ET stepped up and provided ingredients for complete meals to 50 needy families. The turkeys were acquired on Friday. The logistical issue of turkey storage was solved by the creativeness of Brother Powell, so all turkeys were stored at the lodge. The food was picked up by the families on Friday. Each family received a turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, yams, rolls, green beans, and ingredients to make a pie for dessert. Many of the recipients expressed gratitude for providing the items. A couple were even moved to tears.

Thank you to the many brothers came to help pass out the food.

Any leftovers were taken to the food pantry in Forney.

It was a great day!

ROCKWALL CHRISTMAS PARADE A ROUSING SUCCESS

East Trinity participated in the Annual Rockwall Christmas parade again this year. Brother Chris Byrd headed up the effort. Everyone met at his house on Friday night to set up the float. The brothers worked diligently into the evening, ensuring the float was parade ready. The next morning they met at 7 AM to get in line. While the weather wasn't the most conducive, the parade went off without a hitch.

The brothers and their family members who were able to participate had an enjoyable experience, passing out candy to children and getting cheered by the crowds.

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

Fraternal Eats . The meal will be salad, baked chicken alfredo, garlic bread and blackberry cobbler. And wash it all down with both sweet and unsweet iced tea and soft drinks.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 6th– Stated Meeting.
- January 13th– practice
- January 20th -practice
- January 27th-practice
- February 3rd-Stated Meeting

DECEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Grand Lodge asked that ET conduct a courtesy presentation of a 50 year award for a California brother who lives in Rockwall. The brother has been contacted and requests that we not have a formal presentation.

A petition for advancement was voted for one of our EAs was voted on. The vote was favorable. A FC degree ceremony was promptly scheduled for the brother.

The contractor who gave the quote for the roof turned in a revised quote. He discovered the leak is coming from where our building joins the building next door, and not due to poor construction of our roof. The new estimate is as high as \$9000. No vote was taken on the matter.

Brother Byrd asked for help with the parade float. The parade will start on Saturday, December 7.

The WM encouraged everyone to sign up for the Christmas Dinner, scheduled for the 16th.

The Secretary announced the dates for the Helping Hands food giveaway.

Brother Powell talked about getting recognized by the historical society for giving them a picture of JO Heath.

Brother Rowe was elected to be the proxy at the Grand Lodge in January.

The meeting was closed at 8:45 PM

MASONIC TRUE STORIES AND EVENTS

<http://www.mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181/STRANG02.HTM>

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 altar 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 Brahma 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."

EAST TRINITY LODGE HISTORY CORNER

This historical sketch is the seventeenth (17th) article in a series about the history of the East Trinity Lodge and this month we are featuring the lodge's fourteenth (15th) Worshipful Master S.D. Waggoner.

S.D. Waggoner

Biography

Worshipful Master for the East Trinity Lodge (1883)

After some pretty extensive research I was unable to find anyone by the name of S.D. Waggoner living in Texas between the years of 1850 and 1900. This includes the census, birth, death and marriage records. We don't know S.D. Waggoner's Christian name as initials were used extensively during this timeframe. Worshipful Master Waggoner was always referred as S. D. Waggoner and his Christian name was never mentioned in the East Trinity records. The use of initials in records has always been a stumbling block in ancestry research. The census takers found it easier to use initials during the 1800s. We don't have enough information to do further research and the only things we know about Brother Waggoner, for sure, are the Grand Lodge Return records and the lodge Accounts and Minutes records.

S.D. Waggoner first shows up in the Grand Lodge Returns in 1876. He is listed as a Master Mason in the East Trinity No. 157 Lodge and he also served as the lodge Treasurer that year. In 1877 he served as the Junior Deacon. In 1878 he was the lodge Secretary and in 1879 he is listed as a Master Mason. In 1880 Brother Waggoner served as the Senior Deacon and in 1881 he is listed as a Master Mason. In 1882 Brother Waggoner served as the Senior Warden and that led to him becoming the Worshipful Master in 1883. The officer line-up for that year is as follows:

THE OFFICER LINE-UP FOR 1883

S.D. Waggoner – Worshipful Master
W.C. Lanham – Senior Warden
S.N. Heffington – Junior Warden
H.W. Manson – Treasurer
J.J. Lowe – Secretary
W.T. Barnes – Senior Deacon
T.B. Lanham – Junior Deacon
R.L. Arthur – Senior Steward
John Rimel – Junior Steward
T. Grain – Tiler

Past Masters: W.T. Barnes, F. Sullivan, E.C. Heath, T. L. Stanfield

Master Masons:

E.B. Ashurst, M.S. Austin, R.L. Arthur, E.M. Bourland, J.E. Bourland, B.H. Bounds, J.L.M. Baker, W.D. Barrin-

ger, W.L. Brown, W.C. Beamer, W.T. Barnes, A.H. Brewer, T.M. Curry, T.D. Chandler, L.B. Charlton, J.A. Chisholm, T.J. Crain, B.J. Cockrell, W.D. Doud, W.G. Duese, J.J. Dawson, D.C. Fondren, W.B. Ferrell, R.F. Gardenhire, A. Green, S.M. Heffington, J.O. Heath, E.C. Heath, J.A. Hardin, J.S. Hewitt, W.M. Jones, N.B. Jouitt, W.F. Jones, Chas. Kirby, J.T. Ketchum, J.J. Lowe, T.B. Lanham, D.B. Lowenstein, W.C. Lanham, W.L. Monroe, L.W. Mason, H.W. Manson, D.H. Parsons, J.W. Peyton, John Rimel, R.T. Reines, Hugh Shaw, F. Sullivan, W.C. Vernon, G.H. White, J.H. Williams, W.H. White, J.W. Williamson. TOTAL: 54.

Entered Apprentices: M.L. Anderson, A. Brown, P.M. Ballard, G.M. Baker, W.H. Dunn, W.E. Hawkins, M.D. Holebake, A. Love, Theo. McKolskey, W.B. Nelson, A. Starke.

Fellow Crafts: J.M. Bennett, W. Brinkley, J.H. Curtis.

Demitted: W.T. Inman, K.L. Louenstein, T.L. Stanfield, J.D. McLendon, W. J. Parker, E. King.

Death: J.W. Ratcliff.

NOTE: County Judge and Past Master T. L. Stanfield demitted in this record.

In 1884, the Lodge Returns show that E. C. Heath is again Worshipful Master and the listed Past Masters are: W.T. Barnes, E.C. Heath, F. Sullivan and S.D. Waggoner.

NOTE: Brother Waggoner continued to be listed as a Past Master from 1885 through 1994. In the 1895 Lodge Returns S.D. Waggoner Demitted from the lodge.

S.D. Waggoner Listed in East Trinity Lodge Minutes (1883 – 1884)

In the minutes of the Stated Meeting of 16 June 1883, E.C. Heath is the Worshipful Master and S.D. Waggoner is listed as the Senior Warden. The last meeting minutes were read and approved and a ballot was taken on a new applicant. After that the election of officers was held. S.D. Waggoner was duly elected as the Worshipful Master for East Trinity Lodge on this date.

At the 14 July 1883 Stated Meeting, E.C. Heath was presiding as the Worshipful Master. The lodge was called to refreshment and the new officers for 1883-84 were installed. S.D. Waggoner was now the Worshipful Master and the officer line-up is listed above.

On 10 August 1883, Brother Waggoner presided over his first Stated Meeting. A ballot was passed on the J.C. Way application to receive the Entered Apprentice degree in Masonry. Mr. Way was introduced and made an E.A. Mason.

The next Stated Meeting was held on 15 September 1883 and E.C. Heath served as Worshipful Master pro tem.

At the 13 October 1883 Stated Meeting, S.D. Waggoner presided as Worshipful Master. Brother Waggoner presided as Worshipful Master at the Stated Meeting of 10 Nov 1883, also the 7 December 1883 meeting, the 5 January 1884, and the 8 March 1884 Stated Meeting.

At the 5 April 1884 Stated Meeting, E.C. Heath once again presided as the Worshipful Master pro tem. Brother Waggoner last meeting that he presided as Worshipful Master was the meeting on 3 May 1884. Brother E.C. Heath was the Worshipful Master pro tem at the 21 May Called Meeting and he also presided at the 9 Jun 1884 Stated Meeting which was the election of new officers. S.D. Waggoner was the outgoing Worshipful Master and E.C. Heath was elected as the in-coming Worshipful Master.

After 1883, Brother Waggoner attended lodge fairly regularly through the later 1880s and served as Senior Warden Pro tem on 6 November 1886. In 1895 Brother Waggoner demitted from the East Trinity Lodge. We assume that infirmity or old age made the trip to the lodge too difficult.

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(Special thanks to my editor Barbara A. Powell)



From Labor to Refreshment



Therapist: Your wife says you never buy her flowers is that true?

Him: To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.



The frantic young blonde calls out a May Day. "My pilot has had a heart attack and is dead and I don't know how to fly." She hears a voice over the radio saying: "This is Air Traffic Control and I hear you loud and clear. I will talk you through this and get you back on the ground. Everything will be fine! What is your height and position?" The blonde says, "I'm 5'4" and I'm in the front seat." (After a long pause) "O.K." says the voice on the radio... "Now, repeat after me." "Our Father Who art in Heaven... .."



Back in my day, I could walk in a store with \$25 USD and walk out with 6 Porterhouse steaks, 2 chickens, a case of beer, 5 bottles of wine, 2 loaves of bread and a gallon of milk. Can't do that today. Too many cameras.

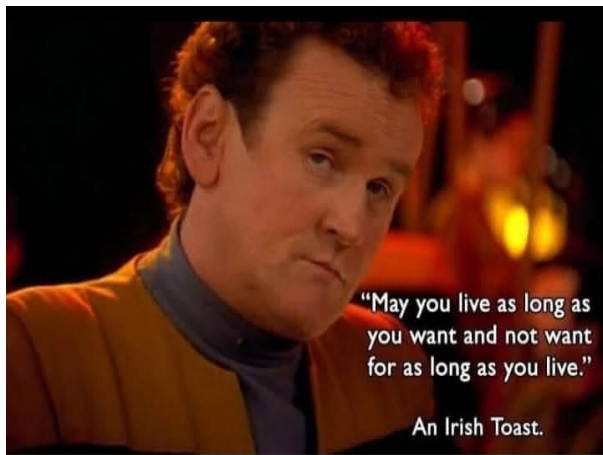


I need a battery so I will know what time it is.

Is it for a clock?

I don't know, that's why I need the battery!

TREK TALKING



Ladies if he:

- asks you how your day is going everyday
- supplies you with all of your needs
- wants God to be a central part of your relationship
- prays for you when you walk away

He is not your man. He is a Chick-fil-a worker. Please stop holding up the line.



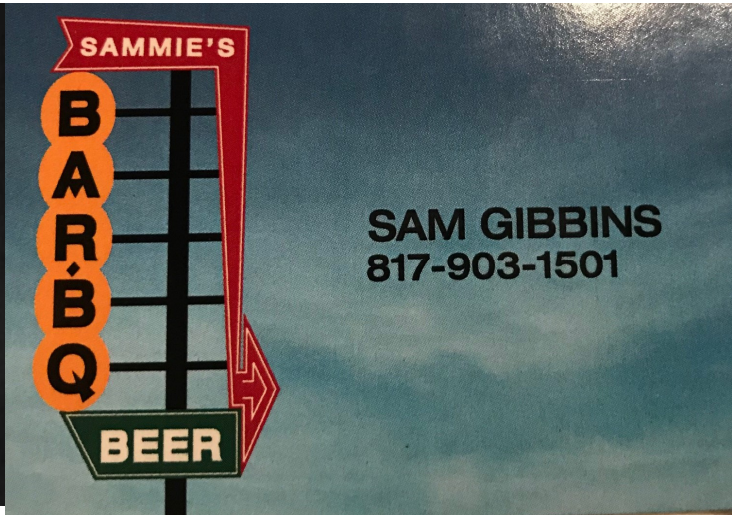
At my last colonoscopy I had the doctor write a note to my wife stating that my head was NOT up there...

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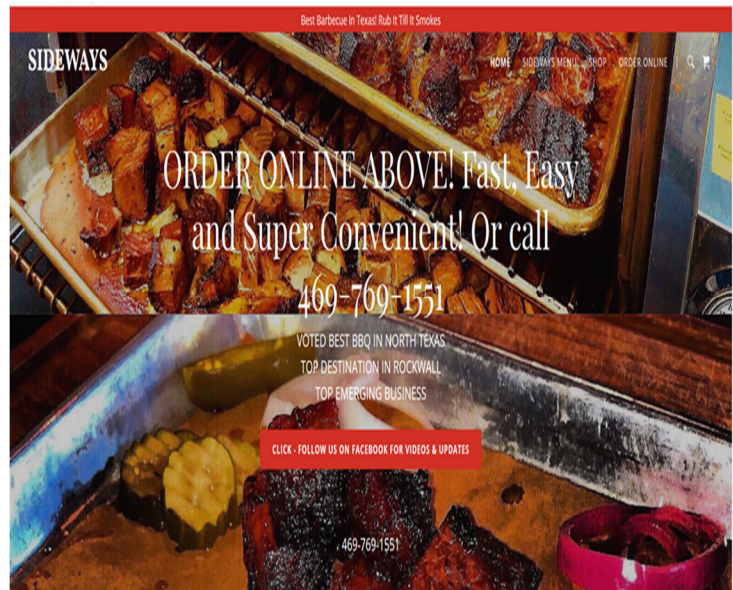
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