

SQUARE & COMPASSES



EAST TRINITY MASONIC LODGE #157 ROCKWALL, TX APRIL 2025
WWW.EASTTRINITY.COM FB: EAST TRINITY MASONIC LODGE



MARCH MEETING

Some highlights of the March meeting are as follows:

- Tucker Roofing will fix the roof before the April Stated Meeting
- The WM thanked everyone for attending Brother Powell's Golden Trowel Ceremony
- The WM thanked everyone who was able to meet at Southern Junction for the family night. He stated he would like to have another event this summer.
- RW Barkley announced that Rockwall Ford agreed to be a title sponsor for the golf tournament.
- Brother Bryan gave an update on his daughter's treatment for her leg.
- Brother Rowe announced the dates of the next 3 DDGM visits, which will all be in April.
- there will be a forum and exam at Brooklyn Lodge on April 26th.
- Brethren from Royse City captured the traveling gavel.

The meeting ended at 8:40PM



GOLF TOURNAMENT RAPIDLY APPROACHING

Back by popular demand, the Annual ET Charity Golf Tournament will be held Friday, May 9th, at Buffalo Creek Golf Course. Sponsorships are available. The Hole In One prize will be a new car (TBD) donated by Rockwall Ford. There will be many other contests and prizes as well. A copy of the advertising flyer is included in the same email as this newsletter. A flyer will be sent to everyone via email.

RW Barkley needs our help to make this another banner year! If everyone could sign up a team, this could be the biggest year ever!!!! Volunteers are also needed to help out during the tournament. Feel free to reach out to RW Barkley at 469 371-4663

DUES CARDS

There are still a few brothers who have not paid their dues yet. If you are having trouble getting the money to us, please let us know so we can work something out. If you think you have paid and still haven't received your card, please call me at 214 402 3531.



Inside this issue:

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS	1
HISTORY CORNER	2-5
TRUE STORIES AND EVENTS	6-8
FROM LABOR TO REFRESH	9-10
ADVERTISING	11-12



DON'T FORGET THE STATED MEETING THIS MONDAY

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

Fraternal Eats . The meal will be Pork loin, mixed veggies, mashed potatoes and gravy, strawberry short cake.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 7th -Stated Meeting
- April 14th –MM degree
- April 21st– Practice
- April 28th- practice
- May 5th-Stated Meeting

EAST TRINITY LODGE HISTORY CORNER

This historical sketch is the twentieth (20th) article in a series about the history of the East Trinity Lodge. This month we are featuring the lodge's seventeenth (17th) Worshipful Master W.F. Jones.

W. F. Jones

Biography

Worshipful Master for the East Trinity Lodge (1889, 93)



Researching Worshipful Master, W. F. Jones was challenging. His surname, Jones, is very common and his relocations before and after serving as Worshipful Master increased the challenge. There were plenty of men named William F. Jones all over Texas between 1860 and 1930 but a targeted census search seemed to be the only one that made sense. We searched for William F. Jones, living in Rockwall County. This turned up the 1900 census. In this census, conducted on 5 June 1900, we found William F. Jones living in the town of Rockwall, Rockwall County, Texas. Since we knew that W.F. Jones served as the Worshipful Master for the years 1889 and 1993, we can say that it is highly likely that this William F. Jones is our Masonic Brother. From this record we can see that he was born in Texas in March 1855. This census record lists three sons: Frank (7), Harry (6), and Boone (3). Also living in this household is William's aunt Bettie Jones and there are two board-

ers, Jarred and Settie Rushing. There is no a wife listed on this census which indicates that she had died sometime after the birth of Boone in 1897.

The census also tells us that both of William's parents were born in Tennessee and William reported his occupation as Real Estate Agent.

From our Masonic Lodge Returns records, we have the following information:

In 1887, W.F. Jones was not listed anywhere in the Lodge Returns. In 1888, W.F. Jones served as Senior Warden.

W.F. Jones's was elected to be Worshipful Master in 1889 with the following officer line-up:

THE OFFICER LINE-UP FOR 1885

W.F. Jones – Worshipful Master

G.A. Truitt – Senior Warden

W.L. Lawhorn – Junior Warden

J.C. White – Treasurer

J.J. Lowe – Secretary

W.C. Lanham – Senior Deacon

J.O. Beasley – Junior Deacon

J.M. Jackson – Senior Steward

F.M. Anderson – Junior Steward

S.N. Heffington – Tiler

Past Masters - W.T. Barnes, F. Sullivan, E.C. Heath, S.D. Waggoner, W.C. Lanham

Master Masons - E.B. Ashurst, M.S. Austin, R.L. Arthur, F.G. Andrews, R.N. Brown, E.M. Bourland, W.D. Barringer, W.L. Brown, W.W. Bishop, T.M. Curry, T.J. Crain, J.B. Curtis, D.C. Fondren, Solomon Fletcher, T.M. Green, J.O. Heath, J.S. Hewitt, H.C. Hoskins, A.A. Hayse, W.M. Jones, Chas. Kirby, J.T. Ketchum, J.T. Keahea, T.B. Lanham, D.B. Lowenstein, Nell Moten, J.S. Montgomery, L.W. Mason, H.W. Manson, J.T. Manson, B.W. McCown, D.H. Parsons, J.W. Peyton, B.W. Rose, G.H. Stovall, S.M. Templeton, Hugh Shaw, F. Sullivan, D.A. Underwood, W.C. Vernon, A.K. Wilkerson, R. White, J.H. Williams, J.M. Wright.

Entered Apprentices – B.G. Burtner, T.C. Nesbit, J.C. Way.

Fellow Craft – J.S. Vernon

Demitted – J.H. White, James McDugald, Wm. Graves

W.F. Jones served a second time as Worshipful Master in 1893 with the following officer line-up:

THE OFFICER LINE-UP FOR 1885

W.F. Jones – Worshipful Master
M.A. Brown – Senior Warden
J.A. Selby – Junior Warden
L.W. Mason – Treasurer
J.W. Vance – Secretary
B.K. McKindree – Senior Deacon
W.H.L. Cambell – Junior Deacon
J. Zouspan – Senior Steward
R.A. Snead – Junior Steward
T.B. Lanham – Tiler

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

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, M.A. Brown, T.W. Bailey, T.M. Curry, J.B. Curtis, W.H.L. Cambell, A.J. Davis, J.O. Dawson, T.J. Evans, D.C. Fondren, Solomon Fletcher, A. Green, J.O. Heath, J.A. Hardin, W.P. Holt, J.S. Hewitt, H.C. Hoskins, E.W. Hardin, W.P. Holt, W.M. Jones, J.M. Jackson, Chas. Kirby, J.T. Ketchum, J.T. Keahea, J.J. Lowe, T.B. Lanham, W.C. Lanham, W.L. Lawhorn, L.W. Mason, M. Norton, B.K. McKindree, T.C. Nesbit B.M. Rose, E.O. Rigsbee, E.T. Rice, L.F. Smith, J.A. Selby, A.G. Stewart, R.A. Snead, G.A. Truitt, S.M. Templeton, G.H. Stovall, S.M. Templeton, D.A. Underwood, W.C. Vernon, J.T. Vance, J.W. Vance, A.K. Wilkerson, S.D. Waggoner, R. White, J.M. Wright, H.H. Walker, J. Zouspan. Total, 60.

Entered Apprentices – B.G. Burtner, Thomas McColskey, Mark David, Robert Reed, J.C. Gains, W.G. Scott.

Fellow Craft – Philip Swartz

Demitted – J.O. Beasley, J.C. White, D.H. Parsons, C.A. Montgomery.

In the 1894 - 1899 Lodge Returns, W.F. Jones is listed as a Past Master and in 1900, he demitted from the East Trinity Lodge and moved away from Rockwall County. I could not find a record of his demit in the Lodge's records. We don't know for sure where Brother Jones went. We did numerous searches and discovered a Last Will & Testament executed by a man named William Franklin Jones, on 27 July 1927, in Anderson County, Texas. The reason we think this might be our Past Master is a statement in

the Will: *“First - I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian-like manner, suitable to my circumstances and condition in life, and that a monument at least four feet high having thereon the **Masonic Emblems of the Blue Lodge and of the Royal Arch Masons.**”* We could not find his tombstone anywhere using Ancestry and Find-a-Grave.

While we can't say for sure that the William Franklin Jones, living in Anderson County, is the same person as our East Trinity Brother, it is interesting that this Will mentions Masonry and the Royal Arch. We found some information on-line that states that the Royal Arch was the first part of the American York Rite system and a quick look at Past Master Jones' photo on the Lodge Wall shows him wearing a York Rite type of Chapeau. If they are the same person, William F. Jones was 72 years old at the time his Will was signed on 27 July 1927.

An interesting Off-Topic Final Note: My research led me to Anderson County where a man named William F. Jones lived and I found an article about the early history of the Palestine Lodge #31. The Palestine Lodge and our Lodge have a similar history concerning ties to education and Masonic buildings. ***“When the Palestine Lodge was first started, for the first two years, meetings were held in members' homes until a lodge building was erected on the west side of the courthouse square in 1848. In 1850 the Masons built a 2-story structure to provide a school for boys in the community on the first floor and a meeting hall on the second level. Their commitment to education continued when the Masons constructed a brick schoolhouse for girls in 1852.”***

Compiled by Brother David L. Powell, East Trinity Lodge No. 157

(Special thanks to my editor Barbara A. Powell)

TRUE STORIES AND EVENTS

A FULL MASONIC NAME

Hiram Abiff Boaz was born on December 18, 1866, at Murray, Kentucky. He moved to Texas at an early age. In 1891 he was ordained a Methodist minister. In 1922 he was elected a Bishop of the church. He became a member of Granger Lodge No. 677 of Texas. When he received his third degree, a large attendance was because of the unusual name of the new member. He served as Grand Chaplain of Texas on 1953.

This brother had many interesting experiences connected with his name. He never tired of telling of the time he was traveling in the Holy Land and arrived at a Mosque in Hebron on the wrong day for visitors. When he told them his name was Boaz, it seemed as if he had given a magic password. Others were not admitted that day, but they opened the gates for him.

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.

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.

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.

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 T V 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.

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.

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.

THE THOMSON MASONIC FRAUD

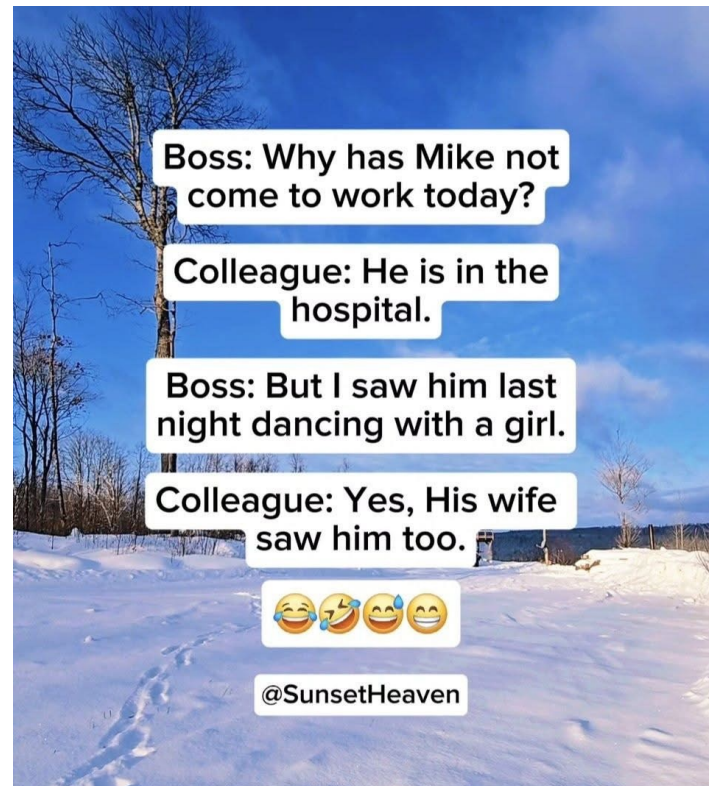
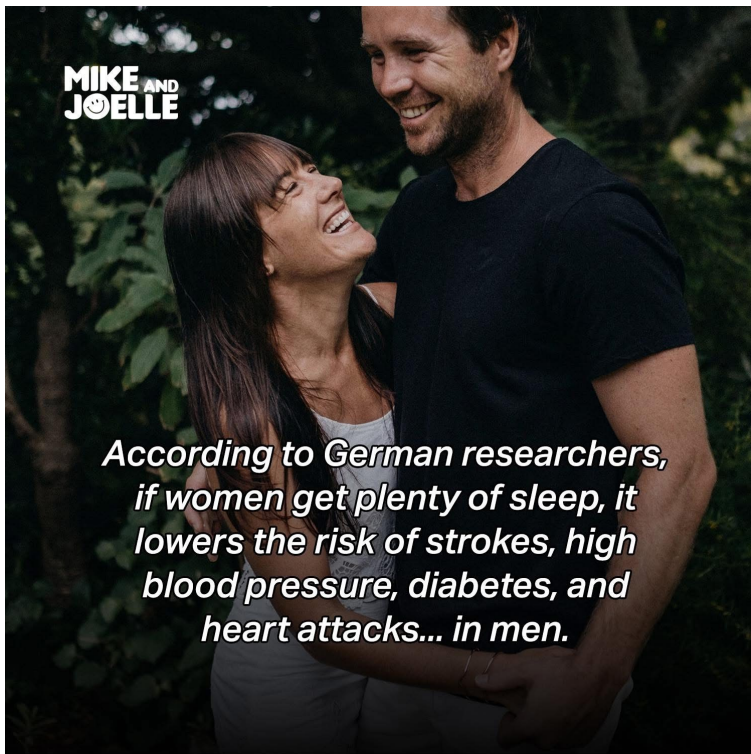
Matthew McBain Thomson was born Scotland. In 1881 he settled in Montpelier, Idaho. He returned to Scotland but in 1898 returned to Montpelier with a patent from the "Scottish Grand College of Rites". He used this document to create his "American Masonic Federation", later changed to "International Masonic 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 on 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



Cooking tip! If you stir coconut oil into your kale it makes it easier to scrape it into the trash.



Do you have a flat stomach?

Me: Yeah, but the "L" is silent.



Her: I bet he is thinking of another woman.

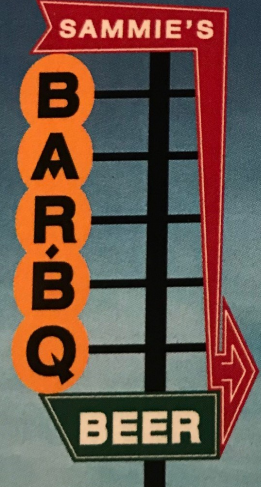
Him: I wonder how long it takes a giraffe to throw up...?



**SPECIAL D
AUTOMOTIVE**
972-772-0499
Family Owned & Operated Since 1996

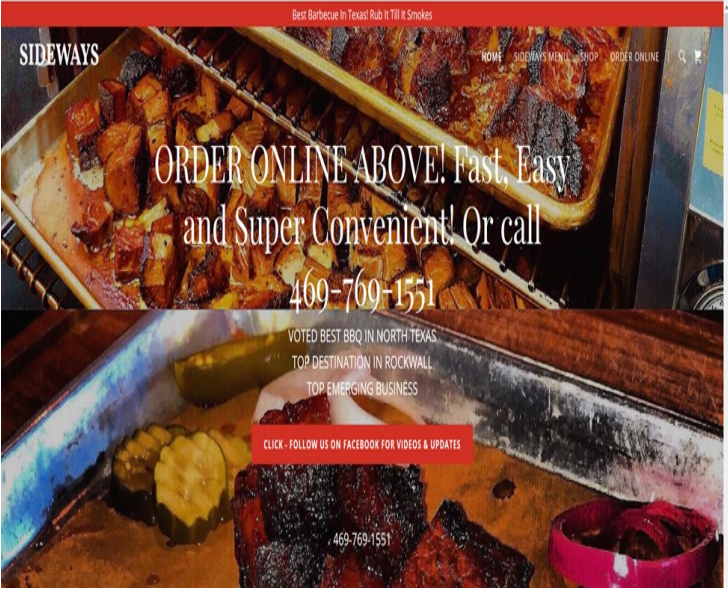
Foreign & Domestic
 Tune-Up
 Diesel Repair
 Brakes
 Electrical
 General Repair & A/C

Dewayne & Susan Irwin
 dewayne@specialdauto.com
www.SpecialDAuto.com
 2034 Williams St., (Hwy 66), Rockwall, TX 75087

SAM GIBBINS
817-903-1501

Owned by East Trinity Brother Dewayne Irwin,
 Hwy 66 in Rockwall



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

Owned by East Trinity Brother Josh Deaton

Beyond 404 Realty

Anthony Hanks
Realtor®

m) 214.417.5610
w) www.beyond404realty.com
e) anthoney.hanks@beyond404realty.com

LYONS|GEOFFREY
Commercial & Residential Real Estate

1st CHOICE REALTY

903.422.6336
glyons@1stchoicerealty.net

MLS VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS

AVERTED VISION LEADERSHIP

STEVE SPICER

214-229-8936
AvertedVisionLeadership@gmail.com



Brother Jeff Bryan 214 232-9933