

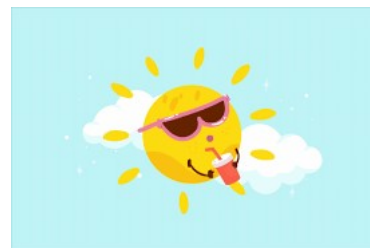


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EAST TRINITY MASONIC LODGE #157 ROCKWALL, TX JUNE 2025

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EAST TRINITY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Brother Barkley announced the winners of the 2025 East Trinity Scholarship awards. 3 of these scholarships are awarded in memory of three Past Masters of East Trinity.

These young men and women have worked hard in school and, with our help, will go out into the world and work to make it a better place. Each recipient received a check for \$3000. The awardees are:

Rockwall HS

Christian Clark
Boaz Williams-Haddock scholarship
Charles Martin-Harris scholarship

Rockwall-Heath HS

William Knox-Davies Scholarship
Whitney Sorrells
Beatrice Anguiano

Congratulations to these fine young men and women!!

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

The installation of officers for the next Masonic Year will be conducted at East Trinity Lodge on June 28th, beginning at 10:00 AM. Light refreshments will be provided.

MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The May Stated Meeting was opened as a Master Mason's Lodge

The investigative reports were read for a petitioner. The vote was favorable. The candidate will initiate later in the month.

RW Barkley gave a report on the golf tournament. The tournament is expected to raise just over \$41,000! After expenses the scholarship committee expects to net approximately \$36,000 making this the most successful golf tournament in our history. After awarding the scholarships, our fund had a net gain of \$18,000!!

There will be an ET family night of bowling at Shenanigans in Rockwall. This event will be the evening of June 18th. Please let the WM know ASAP if interested in attending. A specific headcount is needed.

The lodge was closed at 9:00PM

Reminder: The election of new officers will be held during the June Stated Meeting.

DUES IN ARREARS

There are still 7 brothers who have not paid their dues. They must be paid by June 23rd.

Please get them paid. This can be done via the GLOT website (best option), check, cash or money order. If you have already paid and have not received your dues card, let the secretary know. You can reach him at 214 402 3531.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 2nd— Stated Meeting/ Officer elections
- June 9th —Practice
- June 16th— Practice
- June 18th—Family Night
- June 23rd— Practice
- June 28th—Officer Installation
- June 30th—Practice
- June 17th— MM Degree

DON'T FORGET THE STATED MEETING

The stated meeting will be held on June 2nd, 2024. The meal will begin at 6:30 PM. Lodge will begin at 7:30 PM.

Fraternal Eats . The meal will be John Wayne Masonic casserole, and soft drinks and tea.

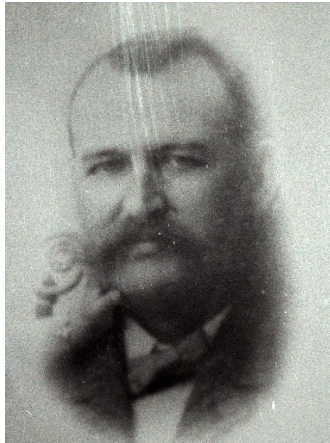
EAST TRINITY LODGE HISTORY CORNER

This historical sketch is the 22nd article in a series of the history of the East Trinity Lodge. This month we are featuring the lodge's 19th Worshipful Master E.W. Hardin.

Eli Wilson Hardin

Biography

Worshipful Master for the East Trinity Lodge (1891)



E.W. Hardin

Eli Wilson Hardin was born on 3 January 1861 in Calhoun City, Mississippi. His father was William Glenn Hardin born about 12 November 1822 in Hall County, Georgia. His mother, Mary Elizabeth Henderson was born in Pickens County, Alabama on 7 February 1827.

We found a marriage record for E.W. Hardin and Miss Kittie Long, married on 19 January 1891 in Rockwall County, Texas. Her full maiden name was Mary Katherine Long but she was known as Kittie. She was born on 2 July 1868.

Eli is listed in East Trinity Lodge Records for the first time in 1890, and in that year, he served as the Junior Warden and he was elected to be Worshipful Master in 1891 with the following officer line-up:

THE OFFICER LINE-UP FOR 1885

E.W. Hardin – Worshipful Master
L.F. Smith – Senior Warden
W.W. Bishop – Junior Warden
J.C. White – Treasurer
J.J. Lowe – Secretary
M.A. Brown – Senior Deacon
B.K. McKindro – Junior Deacon
R.L. Arthur – Senior Steward
T.M. Curry – Junior Steward
T.C. Nesbit – Tiler

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

Master Masons - E.B. Ashurst, M.S. Austin, F.M. Anderson, E.M. Bourland, W.L. Brown, J.O. Beasley, H. Bullbrook, J.B. Curtis D.C. Fondren, Solomon Fletcher, Augustus Green, J.O. Heath, J.S. Hewitt, H.C. Hoskins, W.M. Jones, J.M. Jackson, A.J. Davis, J.O. Dawson, J.T. Ketchum, J.T. Keahea, W.L. Lawhorn, T.B. Lanham, B.W. McCown, Neil Moten, L.W. Mason, H.W. Manson, C.K. Montgomery, D.H. Parsons, B.W. Rose, S.M. Templeton, A.G. Stewart, D.A. Underwood, J.T. Vance, J.S. Vernon, W.C. Vernon, A.K. Wilkerson, R. White, J.M. Wriugh, H.H. Walker, T.J. Evans, Jacob Zouspaw: Total, 41.

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

Fellow Craft – E.T. Rice, Philip Swartz.

Demitted – F.G. Andrews, H. Bullbrook, W. Ellis, S.N. Heffington, Charles Kirby, J.W. Peyton.

Deaths - A.A. Hayse

In the 1900 census, Eli Hardin was living in Rockwall County with his wife Kittie and their two sons: Clifford (6) and Edward (3). Eli reported his occupation as “Banker”.

E. W. Hardin demitted from the East Trinity Lodge in 1894 and moved to Oklahoma. His relocation to Oklahoma is interesting because he and G.A. Truitt demitted at the same time and both relocated to Ada, Pontotoc, Oklahoma.

The 1910 census shows Eli still living in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. He and his wife Kittie now have three children living at home: two sons Clifford Wilson (16), Edward Glenn (13), and a daughter Harriet Louise (9). Eli reports his occupation as “Insurance Agent”. The Hardin family home is also a boarding house with eight boarders.

In the 1920, Eli and his family have moved to Oklahoma City. He is now 58 years old and his occupation is “Secretary Commission” working for the State of Oklahoma. His wife Kittie is 51 years old and they still have their three children living at home. Clifford (26), Glenn (23) and Louise (18).

In 1930, Eli is still living in Oklahoma City. He is now 69 years old and his occupation is listed as “Oiler”. His wife Kittie and two of their children are living at home. Son Edward Glenn (33), and daughter Harriet Louise (26). There is also daughter-in-law, Louse Hardin, living with them as well as four lodgers.

The 1940 census shows Eli and his wife Kittie living on Youngs Blvd, Oklahoma City. They are both retired and their two sons and one daughter have families of their own. Clifford and Edward Glenn have moved to Los Angeles, California and Harriet Louise is married and she has moved to Houston, Texas.

Sometime after 1940, Eli and Kittie moved from Oklahoma City to Houston, Texas to live with their daughter

and son-in-Law. Eli was over 80 years old and Kittie was in her late 70s.

Eli died on 23 February 1946 in Houston, Texas at the age of 85 and he is buried at Forrest Park Cemetery, Houston, Texas. He has a Square and Compasses on his tombstone.

Mary Katherine “Kittie” Hardin died on 20 December 1952 and she is also buried at Forrest Park Cemetery, Houston, Texas.



Eli Wilson Hardin

Forrest Park Cemetery, Houston, Texas



Kittie Long Hardin

Forrest Park Cemetery, Houston, Texas

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(Special thanks to my editor Barbara A. Powell)

MASONIC TRUE STORIES

This is a story that was sent to me over E-Mail. I find it very interesting as I have children driving the highways also.

ERIC

I'm writing this letter to publicly thank one of your members, Eric Forny, and also thank your church for your obvious part in making this man who he is today. I first ran into Eric in Maine a few years ago during a blizzard. I was driving a semi truck, and was stuck on the side of a hill in the middle on the interstate. I was pretty panicked when Eric called to me over the CB radio. He had used his semi truck to block off the traffic on the highway and talked me backwards down the hill. I was then able to follow him over the hill going fast enough to maintain enough momentum to climb the hill with out getting stuck, yet slow enough not to loose control in the severe winter conditions. I got to know Eric over the next couple of days following him down through New England and into Ohio. This is how I know his family is from Berlin Center and is a member of your church. He not only got me out of that situation, but he has set an example that I've tried to follow everyday since.

People who spew Bible quotes and shove Christianity down your throat always turned me off. Eric never once said he was a Christian, but I sure could tell he was one through his actions. He was constantly checking stuck and broke down cars along the road for people. We must have stopped eight or ten times just to help out people along the road. When I finally got home, my wife and I had a long talk about Eric and we both dedicated our lives to Jesus that Sunday in church.

I never saw Eric again after that trip, but I always try to ask about him over the CB when I am in Ohio. For a long time I heard a lot of stories about "Opie", Eric's CB handle, saving people. Driver's used to say that he doesn't actually deliver freight, he just drives around saving people. So many that at times I've doubted that all of them could be true or if Eric is a real person. Real or not, Eric is definitely a guardian angel.

This is my reason for writing you his letter at his time. My niece has been having a difficult problem with a stalker. The police have said he hasn't actually done anything illegal that they can trace back to him, so they can't do anything with him. This past week my niece's stalker tampered with the gas in her car causing it to break down along the interstate. He was following behind her and when she pulled off the road he passed her, pulled off the road not too far in front of her broke down car and started walking back to her. Praise God, Eric stopped to see if he could help. When Eric arrived my niece's stalker turned around and drove off without incident.

Praise God Bill Zimmer

PS. To my shock, my niece said that Eric is a Freemason. Did you know that he was one? If Eric Forny is what Freemason's are about, maybe my Church needs to reevaluate Freemasons.

20 GREATEST NAMES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

John Adams - (Spoke favorably of Freemasonry - never joined)
Samuel Adams - (Close and principal associate of Hancock, Revere and other Masons)
Ethan Allen - Mason
Edmund Burke - Mason
John Claypoole - Mason
William Daws - Mason
Benjamin Franklin - Mason
Nathan Hale - No evidence of Masonic connections
John Hancock - Mason
Benjamin Harrison - No evidence of Masonic connections
Patrick Henry - No evidence of Masonic connections
Thomas Jefferson - (Deist with some evidence of Masonic connections)
John Paul Jones - Mason
Francis Scott Key - No evidence of Masonic connections
Robert Livingston - Mason
James Madison - (Some evidence of Masonic membership)
Thomas Paine - Humanist
Paul Revere - Mason
Colonel Benjamin Tupper - Mason
George Washington - Mason
Daniel Webster - (Some evidence of Masonic connections)
Summary: 12 Masons, 3 probable Masons, 1 Humanist, 2 Advocates of Freemasonry, 4 no record of connections.

SIGNERS

SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Known Masons (10): Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, Joseph Hewes, William Hooper, Thomas McKean, Robert Treat Payne, Richard Stockton, George Walton, William Whipple, John Witherspoon
Evidence of Membership And/or Affiliations (7): Elbridge Berry, Lyman Hall, Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Nelson Jr., John Penn, George Read, Roger Sherman
Summary: 15 of 56 Signers (27%) were Freemasons or probable Freemasons.

SIGNERS OF THE CONSTITUTION

Known Masons (9): Gunning Bedford, Jr., John Blair, David Brearly, Jacob Broom, Daniel Carrol, John Dickinson, Benjamin Franklin, Rufus King, George Washington
Evidence of Membership And/or Affiliations (13): Abraham Baldwin, William Blount, Elbridge Gerry, Nicholas Gilman, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, John Lansing, Jr., James Madison, George Mason, George Read, Robert Morris, Roger Sherman, George Wythe
Those Who Later Became Masons (6): William Richardson Davie, Jr., Jonathan Dayton, Dr. James McHenry, John Francis Mercer, William Patterson, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer
Summary: 28 of 40 signers (70%) were Freemasons or possible Freemasons based on evidence other than lodge records.

MASONIC INFLUENCES IN EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY

- Lafayette, French liaison to the Colonies, without whose aid the war could not have been won, was a Freemason.
- The majority of the commanders of the Continental Army were Freemasons and members of "Army Lodges."
- Most of Washington's Generals were Freemasons.
- The Boston Tea Party was planned at the Green Dragon Tavern, also known as the Freemasons' Arms, and "the Headquarters of the Revolution."
- George Washington was sworn in as the first President of the United States by Robert Livingston, Grand Master of New York's Masonic lodge. The Bible on which he took his oath was from his own Masonic lodge.
- The Cornerstone of the capitol building was laid by the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

THE TEST *Author Unknown*

Several years ago, the story is told of a Mason who always wore his Masonic ring and lapel pin when in public. On some occasions, he rode the bus from his home to the downtown area. On one such trip and when he sat down, he discovered the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter; who would worry about this little amount." Anyway, the transit company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver with a smile replied, "I noticed your Masonic ring and lapel pin. I have been thinking lately about asking a Mason how to join. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. You passed the test. Can you tell me how to become a Mason?"

When the Mason stepped off the bus, he said a silent prayer, "Oh God, Grand Architect of the Universe, I almost sold you and my beloved Masons out for a mere quarter."

Our actions are the only Masonic creed some will ever see. This is a really almost scary example of how people watch us as Masons and may put us to the test even without us realizing it! Always be diligent, whether it be at the theater, restaurant, grocery, service station or just driving in traffic.

Remember, whether it be a lapel pin, a ring, or an emblem on the car, you carry the name of our great fraternity on your shoulders whenever you call yourself a Mason. You never can tell who might be watching!

Good men search for Freemasonry; Freemasonry makes them better.



From Labor to Refreshment

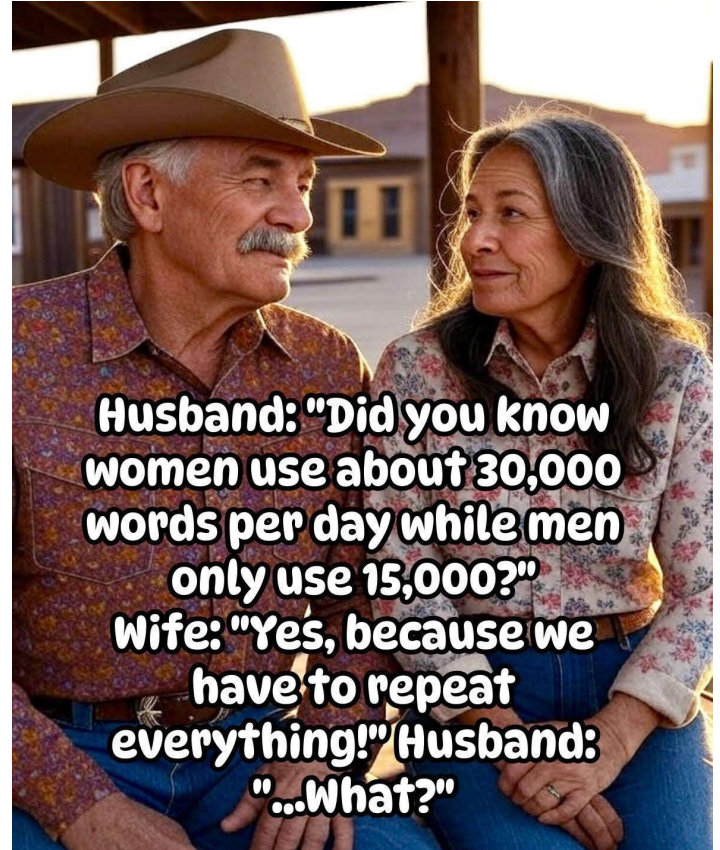


Dad: Son, allow me to offer my warmest congratulations. I'm certain that you'll remember today as the happiest in your life.

Son: Thanks, Dad. But the wedding's tomorrow!

Dad: I know.

SARCASM LEAGUE



Husband: "Did you know women use about 30,000 words per day while men only use 15,000?"

Wife: "Yes, because we have to repeat everything!" Husband: "...What?"

Only a woman who delivered a baby without an epidural can truly understand the pain a man goes through when he has a cold.

If a girl ever pulls a knife on you during an argument. Pull out the bread, turkey, and mayo. Her instincts will kick in and she will make you a sandwich.

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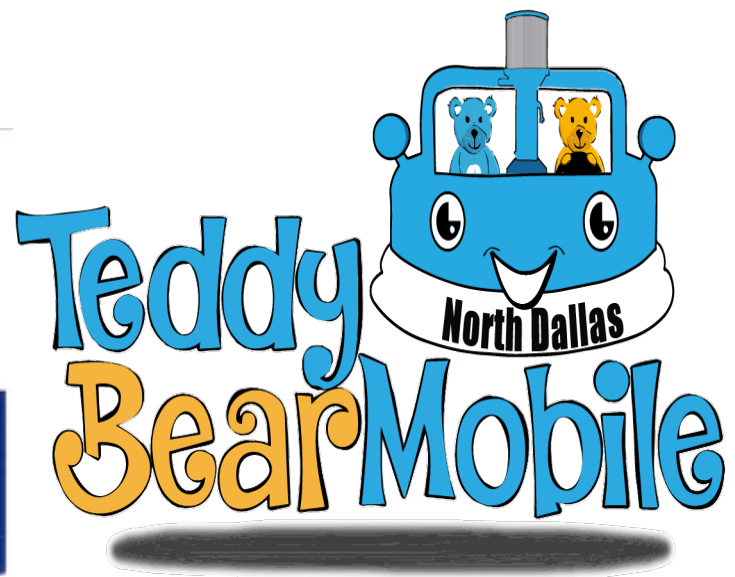
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