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THE NEXT STATED MEETING January 11, 2001
Meal Served 6:30 PM — Meeting Starts 7:30 PM



*Only People Can Give The
Gift Of Life To People*

Hempstead Lodge #749
will be sponsoring our
Annual Blood Drive
On Saturday February 03, 2001
From 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
The Big White Coach will be at the
Lodge Building at 801 Main St

Last year we gave 31 pints and hopefully saved a few lives. Lets try to beat that record this year and save more. Remember this is one of the few really good things

The Differences In The Work

One of our brothers claims to have ask the the Grand Master of Louisiana, why there are differences between the work in Louisiana Lodges and work in the Texas Lodges since the Texas Lodges received their original Charter From the Grand Lodge of Louisiana .

The Grand Master replied that it was his understanding that when the Texas representatives left Louisiana back in 1835 with their new Holland Lodge #36 Charter in their saddle bags, the bags also contained a number of bottles of French wine, and he figured it was a wonder they remembered any of the work by the time they got back to Houston.

John Henry Holland

Almost all Texas Masons know that the first lodge in Texas was Holland Lodge #36 Which was later renamed Holland Lodge #1. Some even know it was named after John Henry Holland who was a Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. But, not many of us know about the man himself.

John Henry Holland was born in Hartford, Conn. on May 23, 1785. He moved to New Orleans in 1804 where he engaged in the practice of law. He was endowed with so much energy, earnestness of character, great intelligence, and clear intellect that, at an early age, he was selected to fill offices of trust and honor. He held important civic positions under both state and general governments and also served as Deputy Sheriff in New Orleans.

During the year 1816, he was initiated into the secrets of Freemasonry. There is no record of where Bro. Holland received his degrees but it is safe to speculate that it was in one of the very first lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge. In 1848 he helped to form Friends of Harmony Lodge No. 58, was its first Worshipful Master and remained a member until his death.

His devotion to Masonry was so widely recognized and appreciated that he was elected Grand Master an unprecedented twelve times between 1825 and 1839. When he was first elected, there was much travail and controversy among the Masons in Louisiana, due in large part to the existence of three practicing Masonic rites. It would be difficult to identify all the brethren responsible for the preservation of the Grand Lodge

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between 1812 and 1850. However, one brother, John Henry Holland, stands out as a leader and champion during those crucial years.

In 1825, he presided as Grand Master when Bro. Gilbert du Motier (the Marquis de Lafayette) was received by the Grand Lodge. General Lafayette was touring the United States by invitation of President Madison and accepted the request to visit New Orleans. Bro. Holland gave the welcoming address in French which greatly pleased the Marquis. His visit brought together under one roof all the various rites and factions and resulted in a better understanding among the brethren.

In 1825, by virtue of his office as Grand Master, Bro. Holland became Grand High Priest and served in that capacity twelve years.

At one time he held the position of presiding officer in every body, Grand and Subordinate, to which he belonged. For twenty years previous to his death he was called the "Father of Louisiana Masonry".

M:W: John Henry Holland passed away gently from the earth on March 29, 1864. He was at peace with all men and in full belief of the blessedness of life immortal.

His tomb is located in the Girod Street Cemetery, New Orleans, La.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Banks, Daniel	01-07-48
Daut, John N. Sr.	01-07-53
Moseley, Darryl E	01-05-48
Smith, Huey D.	01-08-32
Stasny, Roland E	01-14-50

Remember Us In Your Prayers

Bill Garrett with eye problems.
Ted Wren Jr. breathing problems.
Raymond Paschall is still very ill.
Charlie Hill with a malignancy.
Kenneth Harvey who lost his brother, Edward

To All The Women In Our Lives

DON'T FORGET THAT THE BIG
Valentine Banquet Is For You

With Music from the 40's and 50's

On February 10 at 7:00 PM

At the Hempstead High School

801 Donoho Street

Hosted By The Waller County Masonic Lodges

Freemasonry In London England

London appears to be one of the most Masonic minded cities in the world. Lodges which meet within a five mile radius of Freemasons' Hall have no choice but to be classed as London Lodges. Lodges which meet outside this radius, but inside a ten mile radius from Freemasons' Hall can choose whether to be London, or belong to a Province. Lodges which meet outside this ten mile radius belong to Provinces.

Freemasons' Hall contains 20 lodge rooms that are home to 699 Masonic Lodges. The next largest hall is the London Masonic Center with 7 lodge rooms that are home to 222 Masonic Lodges. There are 23 other buildings in London that house from 6 to 178 Masonic Lodges each. Then there are some lodges that are alone in their buildings.

At this time there 1,600 different Masonic Lodges in the London District.

LODGE STUDY NIGHTS

WALLER MONDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM
HEMPSTEAD WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30 PM
STUDY FLOOR WORK AND/OR DEGREE WORK

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Lay, Thomas Fox	01-27-50
Lyons, Steven Dale	01-12-85
McWilliams, James Kevin	01-12-85
Stanley, William J.	01-30-64



It's Masonic Law In Texas

DIMIT

“Art. 368. (404,408). **Definition and Effect.**

A dimit is the withdrawal of a Master Mason from membership in a Lodge, thereby becoming an unaffiliated Mason. The payment of his dues and the vote of the Lodge thereon, or the regulation provided in Art. 369, are the acts which dissolve his connection with the Lodge. The certificate issued thereon is only evidence of dimission. A dimit is not granted one holding plural membership upon withdrawing from only one of his Lodges. (See Art. 417 for who may vote on application: and Art. 355 regarding plural membership.)

Art. 369. (405). **Procedure.**

The right of a member, clear on the books as to dues and no charges pending against him, to withdraw from membership in a Lodge thereby becoming an unaffiliated Mason is inalienable.”

We have all heard a brother state that they had dimited or that they were going to dimit from plural membership in another Lodge.

*A petition to **Withdraw** means that you will end your Masonic membership in one Lodge of a plural membership.*

*A petition to **Dimit** means that you will no longer be affiliated with any Lodge.*

This “It’s Masonic Law In Texas” column will hopefully be a regular column in future issues. If you have a question or suggestion regarding the wording or meaning of Masonic law, please let me know and I’ll try to help in this column.

Corky (979) 826-6267

Why Do We Use The Term “FREE” Masons?

The craftsmen of the guild of Operative Masons were legally free to travel in foreign countries and work in various construction sites, as their profession required. Usually, they were not subject to the laws, rules, and taxes of any one country, king, or prince, who needed their practical professional skill, knowledge, and abilities.

The Editor’s Corner

The other night I lay in bed in the dark, running the last Lodge Meeting through my head again. That goes for both Waller and Hempstead Lodges and Called Meetings and Study Nights as well as Stated Meetings. The reason I rerun them is, is because I am slowly beginning to remember the Work that I thought was long forgotten. Besides, I enjoyed these meetings and I treasure the feelings of being accepted as a real friend and brother who is needed and my efforts at helping are appreciated. Now, **Please understand** that this is only me talking and it is not a commercial from either Lodge. If I could share my feelings with those Waller County brothers who don’t attend meetings anymore the Lodge room would be filled. I wish some of you brothers who have been missing meetings lately would put aside old feeling or misunderstandings and come to the next meeting so that we can meet and shake hands.

One other thing, while talking about brothers, as my son John says, **please remember** that if we don’t greet you by name, y’all only have to attach “John” and “Corky” to 2 faces, while we have to learn and attach up to 65 or 70 new names to new faces at each Lodge.

GOLDEN TROWEL AWARD

Brother Steven York will receive the Golden Trowel Award at a special called meeting

On Friday January 26, 2000

Waller Masonic Lodge #808

Meal at 6:30 P.M. Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

All Worthy Brothers are urged to attend the meeting to show our appreciation to Brother Steve for his dedication and work for Masonry.

Visit These Masonic Sites On The Internet.

The Grand Lodge Of Texas

<http://www.gltexas.org/index.htm>

Small Town Texas Lodges (Waller County)

<http://www.geocities.com/corkyscorner/lodge.htm>

Hempstead Lodge #749

<http://www.geocities.com/hempstead749/>

Waller Lodge #808

<http://www.geocities.com/waller808/>

To those of us who may say, "If the old ways were good enough for grandpa they are good enough for me," should also remember that grandpa probably rode to Lodge Meetings on a horse or in a wagon behind one and cooled himself during the summer meetings with a cardboard advertising fan from the local funeral home.

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