

# HEMPSTEAD MASONIC LODGE



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### TEXAS MASONIC HEROES

## LORENZO de ZAVALA

First Vice-President of the Republic

Of the all the men who signed the Texas Declaration of Independence, none equaled Lorenzo de Zavala in education, political experience, or diplomatic service.

Born in 1788, in a small village in the Yucatan, Manuel Lorenzo Justiniano de Zavala y Saenz graduated from the seminary at Merida in 1807. He founded several newspapers, but his political views led to his imprisonment in Veracruz in 1814. Fluent in Spanish, French, English, and Latin, he studied medical textbooks while in prison, and was ready to practice medicine upon his release in 1817. In 1820 he was elected to public office, and in 1821 was appointed Deputy to the Spanish Cortes in Madrid.

A leader of the Federalist Party, he served in the Mexican Senate and Congress, and took an active part in establishing York Rite Masonry in Mexico as an alternative to the older Scottish Rite (Escocese) Grand Orient style of Masonry. In 1826 the Grand Lodge of New York issued charters to five lodges in Mexico City. These five Yorkino lodges formed the nucleus of the movement that favored the decentralization of

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### The Hempstead Lodge Annual Blood Drive

Hempstead Masonic Lodge once again sponsored our annual blood drive, Saturday February 1, 2003 in the Brookshire Brothers parking lot.

Brothers Roy Shields, Steve York and Bill Parham worked the shoppers going to Brookshire Brothers from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to encourage better participation. They did a good job and 22 pints of blood were donated in a 4 hour period and only 4 people were turned away.

There was no truth to the rumor that Brother Roy was there in case there was any left overs.

### HEMPSTEAD'S OWN WEB SITE

I wanted to remind everyone that the Hempstead Masonic Lodge Web Site on the internet located at, [www.geocities.com/hempstead749/](http://www.geocities.com/hempstead749/) Now has a photo albums with pictures from the 2002 Valentine Party, 2002 Railroad Track fundraiser, 2002 Bull Ride fundraiser, 2002 Liendo fundraiser, the December 2002 Christmas dinner and the current Officers. It also contains an archive of the Hempstead newsletters from November 1999 to date, a short Lodge history and a whole bunch of Masonic information.

### FREEMASONRY DURING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

At the battle of Fredericksburg, Captain T. B. Wearngen, General Mead's Adjutant General, was wounded through the lungs, he was badly bruised, and was found senseless on the field by a North Carolina Confederate Officer. The officer, believing him to be a mason because of a jewel found on his person, had him carried to a house used as headquarters. The officer called a surgeon to dress his wound, which was thought fatal; yet by the kind care and watching of the craft he was soon able to proceed to Richmond.

His blankets were returned by the half-naked and blanket-less Confederate soldiers, and nothing else was taken from him.

### THE ANNUAL VALENTINE PARTY

**Saturday, Feb. 15  
Dinner At 6:00 PM**

**At The Waller Lodge  
Hosted By The Brothers  
Of Hempstead And Waller  
Lodge For All The Ladies  
In Our Lives. Our Wives,  
Girl Friends And Widows.  
*We Hope To See You There***

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## LORENZO DE ZAVALA

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government power. Zavala became the Charter Master of Independencia Lodge No. 454, but his political enemies forced him to leave Mexico in 1830.

During the next few years, he visited Europe and the United States, and dined in the White House with President Jackson. On his return to Mexico in 1833 he was appointed Minister to France, but resigned his post in protest of Santa Anna's defection to the Centralist Party. He returned to Texas to regain some of his fortune and retire from politics. Elected Vice-President of the new provisional government, he fled with the other officers to Galveston. After the Battle of San Jacinto many of the wounded were treated in his home nearby. Lorenzo de Zavala died of pneumonia at his home on Buffalo Bayou on November 15, 1836.

*This was the last one of the series.*

## So that's how that started....

Next time you are washing your hands and complain because of the water temperature think about how things used to be...Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children.

## FREEMASONRY IS NOT A CULT BECAUSE.

*(Continued from last Month)*

*Many self styled religious experts are convinced that because Masons have a Bible in the Lodge and open and close meetings with a prayer it is a religious cult. If so, it must be about the sorriest cult in existence because,*

12. Rational behavior is valued in Freemasonry. Cults stultify members' critical thinking abilities and capacity for rational, independent thinking; normal thought processes are stifled and broken (somewhat like the manner of actions of those who make the charge that Freemasons are cultists!).

13. Suggestions and criticism can be made to leadership through advocated, proper channels. There are no 'suggestion boxes' in cults. the cult is always right, and the members (and outsiders) are always wrong.

14. Masonic leadership is elected, usually annually. no Masonic leader serves 'for life'. Should a Masonic leader act improperly, he can be removed from office. Even the highest ranking officer within a Masonic jurisdiction (a Grand Master) serves at the will and pleasure of the membership and can be removed for malfeasance or acts detrimental to the fraternity.

15. There is no single leader of Freemasonry. there are hundreds of grand lodges throughout the world, and each is sovereign unto itself. A grand lodge controls only its own subordinate lodges and no others. Rules made by a grand lodge apply only to its own members.

16. Masons may affiliate with more than one grand lodge. With rare exceptions, there is no bar to joining multiple lodges in multiple jurisdictions.

17. Freemasonry does not use its

members for medical and psychological experiments - period! cults essentially perform psychological experiments on their members through implementing thought-reform processes without members' knowledge or consent.

18. Masons become more and more a part of the community through various lodge-sponsored events. In a cult, members come to know less and less about the outside world; contact with or information about life outside the cult is sometimes openly frowned upon, if not forbidden.

19. Freemasonry has no particular dietary suggestions or recommendations. typically, because of intense work schedule, lack of funds, and other cult demands, members are not able to maintain healthy eating habits. (Freemasons frequently host public dinners which anyone can attend and Masonic events regularly have plenty of food for those attending.)

20. Masonry regularly contributes to other groups and organizations. Masonic organizations take leadership positions in fund raising for charities and public good.

*For these and many other reasons, Freemasonry is not a cult - and, in fact, is further from it than the practices of many of those who hurl the term at it as if it were an evil invective.*

*The next time you hear or read of someone calling a Mason a cultist, we hope you will look closely at their own background and beliefs. Perhaps they know about cults because of themselves....*

## A Favorite Quote

By Will Rogers

"Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

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## More Test Answers From A Sixth Grade Class

6. In the Olympic games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled biscuits, and threw the java.
7. Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped out; "Tee hee, Brutus."
8. Joan of Arc was burnt to a steak and was canonized by Bernard Shaw.

As a scientist, Throckmorton realised that if he were ever to break wind in the echo chamber, he would never hear the end of it.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Crow, John E.	2-07-27
Hamner, T. Finley	2-07-21
Hester, Sidney Joe Jr.	2-28-53
Kluna, Robert Wayne	2-08-42
McWilliams, Robert L.	2-15-41
Styers, J. Keith	2-25-69

## MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Bridges, Junior W.	2-01-71
Chamberland, Clarence	2-07-61
Clark, Harold Wayne	2-22-57
Smith, Lavohn H	2-28-58
Wallingford, George G.	2-15-47

## REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bobby Buffington - Heart Problems  
Pam York - Bad knees  
Roy Shields - Getting much better, but still not really good  
Ted Wren Jr. - Breathing problems

## THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

The Brothers and wives were all pleasantly surprised and very pleased when Brother Roy walked into the Lodge dining room this past January .

Finally, after four a month absence, Brother Roy feels well enough to sit in the Master's Chair for the stated meeting. It seems that after having four fifths of his blood replaced in the VA Hospital over 2 days this past December, he is almost back to his old self.

He said one of the things that could make him feel even better would be to see the Lodge Room full of Brothers for the February stated meeting on the 13th.

During the February stated meeting we will host the official visit by the new District Deputy Grand Master Joe Rutledge and the officer team from Masonic District #108 .

## HAMBURGER PIE

This newsletter is not going to turn into the Ladies Home Journal, however just this one time, due to requests for the recipe for Nellie's main dish for the January meeting I'll include it.

1 lb hamburger	1 large onion
1 can cream corn	cornbread mix
1 lb grated cheese	1 egg
milk as needed	Jalapeno ???

Nellie usually uses a cast iron skillet, but that's a personal choice. Add 1/2 of the cream corn and the egg to the dry cornbread mix. Add enough milk to make it a batter Put half of the batter in the pan. Cover batter with the browned hamburger meat. Sprinkle the chopped onion, grated cheese and remender of cream corn over the meat. Add chopped jalapeno pepper if desired. Cover with remaining batter and bake until done.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

*I was reprimanded last month because I didn't have the usual joke on page 4. So here is an extra one this month to make up for it*

A policeman pulled a female driver over and asked to see her license.

After looking it over, he said to her, "Lady, it stipulates here on your license that you should be wearing glasses."

"Well, I have contacts," the woman replied.

"Look lady, I don't care who you know," snapped the officer. "You're still gonna get a ticket."

## I am Not Going To Take A Chance

In the Grand Lodge Law Book Art.360 Par. 2 it states, "No suspended Mason shall be accorded a Masonic funeral . . . no Mason who stands suspended for non-payment of dues at the time of his death can be restored to membership thereafter by payment or remission of such dues.

Then it states in Art. 359a Par.2 "Upon request it (a Masonic funeral) may be extended at the discretion of the Master of the Lodge. . . to worthy suspended Masons who have been suspended for non-payment of Lodge dues."

I guess that means that if you didn't pay your dues and the Master don't like you, you could go to heaven without a Masonic send off.

Now, if you think I am preaching, I am not, because I am not entitled to preach about non-payment of dues.

But, you can bet that I'm going to pay my past due Waller Lodge dues this week just in case.

A cat died and went to heaven. God met her at the golden gate and said, "You have been a good cat all of these years. Anything you want is yours for the asking."

"The cat thought a minute and then said, "All my life I lived on a farm and slept on hard wooden floors or on the hard ground. I would like a real fluffy pillow to sleep on."

God said, "Say no more." Instantly the cat had a huge fluffy pillow.

A few days later, six mice were killed in an accident and they all went to heaven at the same time. God met the mice at the gates of heaven with the same offer that he made the cat. The mice said, "Well we have had to run all of our lives, from cats, dogs and even people with brooms. If we could just have some little roller skates we would never have to run again." God answered, "It is done." All the mice were all wearing beautiful little roller skates.

About a week later God decided to check on the cat. He found her sound asleep on her fluffy pillow. God gently awakened the cat and asked, "Is every thing OK? How have you been doing? Are you happy?"

The cat replied, "Oh it is wonderful. I have never been so happy in my life. My pillow is so fluffy and those little meals on wheels you have been sending over are delicious."



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