

# Hempstead Lodge #749

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WORSHIPFUL MASTER - David Hartley  
SENIOR WARDEN - Ted W. Wren Jr.  
JUNIOR WARDEN - T. Roy Shields  
SENIOR DEACON - Kenneth Harvey  
JUNIOR DEACON - Junior Bridges  
SENIOR STEWARD - L.M. Jim Ferguson



JUNIOR STEWARD - J. Keith Styers  
SECRETARY - Steve York  
TREASURER - H. Doug Holloman  
CHAPLAIN - John Garrett  
TYLER - R. Wayne Kluna  
EDITOR - John "Corky" Daut



**THE NEXT STATED MEETING March 8, 2001**

Meal Served 6:30 PM — Meeting Starts 7:30 PM



## HISTORY WAS MADE

At 11:30 AM on Sunday February 18, 2001. I sat down to watch "This old House" on channel 8 as I have done for more years than I care to remember. I was shocked and amazed when the announcer said **"The Following Program Is Being Brought To You By The The Masons Of Texas"** This was followed by a picture of a young man surrounded by his wife and children. and the announcer says **"The Masons, making good men better."** The 1st TEXAS MASONIC TV COMMERCIAL

## Santa Anna, Sam Houston And The Sign

"Over the years, articles regarding Houston's treatment of Santa Anna at San Jacinto, reportedly taken from the files of early newspapers, have appeared in our Masonic publications. In the main, these articles have attributed Houston's refusal to permit the execution of Santa Anna to his having given Houston the Masonic sign of distress. As a result of these articles, it now seems to be the accepted belief of many members of the fraternity that the humane treatment accorded Santa Anna by Houston was in direct response to the giving of the sign."

"Houston's decision to keep Santa Anna alive was evidenced by orders given by him the night before Santa Anna's capture, hours before he was brought before Houston, and before he had any

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## The First Annual Valentine Banquet

"Giant success". "Big extravaganza". How about, "A wonderful event" or "Something to remember". You bet. It was all of those and more.

Hempstead, Waller, Pleasant Hill and Brookshire Lodges held the first annual "Waller County Masonic Lodges Valentine Banquet" to honor the women in our lives. The meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, salad and Mrs. Dena Nolan's cake was delicious.

Entertainment was provided by the R.W. Arvol Willingham the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Texas and the Four Psalms Gospel Quartet.

A special award certificate and gift was presented to Mrs. Bonnie Levandowski (The Cafeteria Manager) who allowed a bunch of amateurs to mess up her kitchen and give them invaluable advice with a smile. There was also an award certificate for Mrs. Lola Howard for making the new Hempstead Lodge aprons.

Every event has organizers who need recognition The main ones were David Hartley, Steve York, John Garrett, Ted Wren Jr., John N. Daut and Calvin Trapp.

Every event also has the hard workers that make the event a success. Besides the names above, they were Bill Parham, Jim Ferguson, Wayne Kluna, Roy Shields, Junior Bridges, Ted Wren III, Richard Ventrice and Bill Garrett from the Hempstead and Waller Lodges with their wives and kin folks Yvonne Daut, Wayne White, Kelly Hartly, Rhonda Garrett, J. R. York, David "Half-pint" Hartley, Kaylie Hartley, Ashley Mitchell, Michael Mitchell, Jannet Garret, Amy Garrett, Betty Kluna and Jeanette Parham. If anyone else's efforts beside my own were not recognized, let me know and I'll add them next time.



## Masonic Questions and Answers

## The Editors Corner

### Q: Is Masonry anti-Christian?

**.A:** No. Masonry is not anti any religion. This charge is raised by some anti-Masonic writers. Quoting Matthew 12:30 ("He that is not with me, is against me; and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad."), they claim that, since Masonry does not require its members to be Christian, they are therefore anti-Christian.

First of all, a reading of the entire passage makes it quite clear that **Jesus was answering the Pharisees who were criticizing him**; it is not a passage which relates to the present discussion at all. Most people wouldn't agree that there are only two positions in the world-Christian and anti-Christian. The government of the United States, the city library, even the natural gas company, all serve and employ non-Christians and Christians alike-but no reasonable person would say that they were, therefore, "anti-Christian".

Masonry encourages its members in their individual faiths and the vast majority of our Lodge members are members of Christian churches.

*This "Masonic Questions and Answers" column will hopefully continue to be a regular feature. It is basically for new Masons, Masonic wives and children. However, we may all benefit from being reminded sometime.*

*If you have a question or comment call Corky at 979-826-6267. I may not know, but I will find it.*

OK, I admit it. Corky the pessimist could only foresee doom and gloom when Worshipful Master David Hartley of Hempstead Lodge proposed having a combined Waller County Masonic Lodges Valentine Banquet. No way I thought, this guy is a nut case. How could anyone ever get four different Lodges to cooperate enough to pull off a project like that?

Oh ye of little faith, as the old saying goes. Brothers like David Hartley of Hempstead, Steve York, John Garrett, Ted Wren Jr. and John N. & Corky Daut of Hempstead & Waller and Calvin Trapp of Waller worked for months to bring the project together.

About 15 dedicated Hempstead and Waller brothers along with members of their families worked to make it happen. Now it will be something for all of us to remember and do again and again.

I guess my way of thinking was handicapped from living in Houston for 70 years. Now I am learning that brotherhood really can work, but only if you work at it.

## *It's Masonic Law In Texas*

### 1. BEHAVIOR IN THE LODGE WHILE CONSTITUTED

You are not to hold private committees, or separate conversation without leave from the Master, nor to talk of anything impertinent or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any Brother speaking to the Master; nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretense whatsoever; but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens and Fellows and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the Brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the Lodge, who are the competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry it by appeal to the Grand Lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth Masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the Lodge

*The "It's Masonic Law In Texas" column will be a regular column in future issues. If you have a question or suggestion regarding Masonic law, please let me know and I'll try to help in this column. Corky*

## MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Boeger, Terry L	3-3-90
Daut, John N. SR	3-26-90
Ferguson, Lewie Mayo	3-2-99
Herrin, Harold Edward	3-25-76
Lewis, Donald R.	3-23-73
Paschall, Clarence Raymond	3-15-68
York, Steven Wayne	3-25-75
Zermeno, Christopher M.	3-18-98

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Daut, John W. "Corky"	3-31-28
Grathouse, Woodrow Wilson	3-11-13
Smith, Gary Lynn	3-1-54



## The Forget Me Not

As early as the year 1934, soon after Hitler's rise to power, it became apparent Freemasonry was in danger. In the same year, the German Grand Lodge of the Sun in Beyreuth (one of the pre-war) German Grand Lodges), realized the imminent problems facing them and elected to wear a little blue flower, the Forget~Me~Not, in lieu of the traditional Square and Compasses, as a mark of identity for Masons. It was felt the new symbol would not attract attention from the Nazis, who were in the process of confiscating and appropriating Masonic Lodges and property. Masonry had gone underground and it was necessary that the Brethren have some readily recognizable means of identification.

Throughout the entire Nazi era, a little blue flower in the lapel marked a Brother. In the Concentration Camps and in the cities a little blue Forget~Me~Not distinguished the lapels of those who refused to allow the light of Masonry to be extinguished.

In 1947, when the Grand Lodge of the Sun was reopened in Beyreuth by the Past Grand Master Beyer, a little blue pin, in the shape of a Forget~Me~Not, was proposed and adopted as the official emblem of the first annual convention of those who survived the bitter years of semi-darkness, bringing the Light of Masonry once again into the Temples.

At the Annual Convent of the United Grand Lodge of Germany, A.F. & A. M., in 1948, the pin was adopted as an official Masonic emblem honoring those valiant Brethren who carried their work on under adverse conditions. At the Grand Masters Conference in the United States, Dr. Theodore Vogel, the Grand Master of the newly formed UGL, A.F. & A.M., presented one of the pins to each of the representatives of the Grand Jurisdictions with which the UGL, A.F. & A. M. enjoyed Fraternal relations.

Thus did a simple flower blossom forth into a meaningful emblem of the Fraternity and become perhaps the most widely worn pin among Freemasons in Germany. In most of our Lodges, the Forget~Me~Not is presented to new Master Masons, at which times its history is briefly touched upon.

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opportunity to give Houston the sign. On learning that Santa Anna was not dead or among the captives, Houston issued orders that search for him be continued the following day. Knowing that his men would kill Santa Anna on sight, and realizing that he was worth far more to Texas alive than dead, he gave strict orders to those who were to continue the search that he was to be brought in alive. He believed, what later proved to be true, that with Santa Anna alive and held hostage, he could force him to issue orders to the generals commanding the other four Mexican armies, then in Texas, to stop the killing and destruction of property being perpetrated by them, and to withdraw all their troops beyond the Rio Grande."

*Excerpt from an article by Otho C. Morrow, Past Master Holland Lodge No. 1 and a Great-Grandson of Sam Houston.*

## Remember Us In Your Prayers

W.M. David Hartley of Hempstead has had his back surgery and is "doing well", but still has pain W.M. Paul Cox's wife came through her surgery and will begin Chemotherapy in the very near future.

### **REMEMBER**

**March is also one of those few weird months of the year where the second Tuesday comes after the second Thursday . That means you can still make the Waller #808 stated meeting next week on March the thirteenth.**

## Visit These Masonic Sites On The Internet.

**The Grand Lodge Of Texas**  
<http://www.gltexas.org/index.htm>

**Small Town Texas Lodges (Waller County Lodges and Eastern Star Pages)**  
<http://www.geocities.com/corkyscorner/lodge.htm>

**Hempstead Lodge #749**  
<http://www.geocities.com/hempstead749/>

**Waller Lodge #808**  
<http://www.geocities.com/waller808/>

**Wanted Immediately, 10 Good Masons  
To Fill Existing Openings.** (More than 10, OK)  
**Hempstead Lodge needs some of our missing Masonic  
Brothers to fill empty seats on Lodge Meeting nights.**

**Hours;** 6:30 PM to 8:30 or 9:00 PM.

**Days;** March 8, 2001 and the 2nd Thursday each month thereafter.

**Benefits;** Become Reacquainted With Old Friends, Meet  
New Friends, Enjoy Fellowship, Free Dinner included.

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