

# 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 July 12, 2001**

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



## Steven W. York, A Lodge Secretary And Lodge Brother First Class

The Master of the Lodge gets the limelight, but the Master comes and goes annually, while the Secretary seems to go on forever! He is the man whose duties range from priest and pastor to that of lawyer, accountant, collector, bookkeeper, general business manager, purchasing agent, computer wiz, editor, office boy, general advisor and continual factorum.

It is just as well to remember that the Secretary is often more important, in some respects at least, than any other official of the Lodge. He should not only be accorded the consideration involved in such case, but he should also be selected for his ability and willingness to fill all of these jobs, most of which the average Lodge member doesn't realize they have to be done.

His bookkeeping involves a hundred and one accounts; he minutes every action of the Lodge; notifies members of their degrees and even indulges in coaching new members and floor instruction at times; he makes out vouchers and pays accounts; if a member is sick, he hears of it; if he dies, he is called; if a member is distressed, he is the first one sought out, and not infrequently he is called to settle family squabbles

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## New Officers - 2001/2002 For Hempstead Lodge #749

Worshipful Master - Ted Wren Jr.  
Senior Warden - - T. Roy Shields  
Junior Warden - - Kenneth Harvey  
Secretary - - - - John "Corky" Daut  
Treasurer - - - - Malcolm P. Carter

← The Hempstead Lodge #749 and Waller Lodge #808 Are Joining Together To Present A Dual, New Officers Installation. The Banquet And Ceremonies Will Begin At 6:30 PM On Friday July 13, 2001 At The Lions Club At 3007 Waller Street In Waller, Texas (One block east of FM 362)

## Sgt. David Hartley, Hempstead Lodge's New Junior Past Master

What can I say about David? Well, let's see, for starters, he has led the Hempstead Lodge through some very successful fund raisers during his year.

He was able to get the four Waller County Lodges, Brookshire, Hempstead, Pleasant Hill and Waller together enough to put on a really great Valentine Day Banquet to honor the wives,

widows and daughters of Waller County Masons and all of the widows of Waller County whether Masonic or not. We hope Brother David has started what will be an annual event.

I think the best way to describe Brother David's year as Worshipful Master is to say that in spite of personal tragedy, his own physical problems, a family and job, he did his best to build up the membership of Hempstead Lodge and pull the existing members back together. He was also one Brother who was there when someone needed a brother for help and advice.

## In Memorandum

Our Brother Earnest Nathen York age 72, the beloved Uncle of Steve York and a Member of



### Where Did They All Go?

One of the surest ways for a Lodge to deteriorate is for the members to loose interest and grow slack in their attendance. Why is attendance so necessary?

To begin with a candidate has only one way to evaluate the Lodge on his initial appearance. Does he find the men present who signed his petition, or did their interest fade when they presented his petition to the secretary, considering that the putting on the degree and teaching the candidate was someone else's problem?

Does the candidate feel lost and among strangers when he first comes to the Lodge? Is he accompanied by the brethren who recommended him, or else do they meet him at the Lodge? When he received the first degree, does he see familiar faces and hear the voices of his friends, or is he completely among strangers? Where are the men who assured him that Masonry is one of the finest organizations he could be elected to, and where men are brothers.

We must remember that the Masonic Hall is our Masonic Home and we as members are the hosts for the visitors and should greet the warmly. Even those of us who can't teach can at least greet and welcome new brothers to be, sit with them at the meal, include them in the conversations and make them feel wanted.

When the degree begins and the candidate is cast among a bunch of strangers and confronted with an imagination that is running wild and being led into the unknown for what seems hours, hearing friendly voices or seeing friendly faces can make a lot of difference. The act of becoming a Brother should begin after a candidate's petition is voted on and not after he is raised. After all we want every new E.A. to eagerly come back for the next two degrees.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO**

Buffington, Bobby Glen	07-07-43
Culberson, Al S.	07-07-36
Faure, Jimmy L.	07-26-35
Lay, Thomas Fox	07-12-28
McWilliams, James Kevin	07-21-63
Parker, Monte Paul	07-13-58
Stanley, William J.	07-25-26

## *A Note From The Secretary's Desk*

Well Brothers, we are starting on a new year, a Masonic Officers year for the Hempstead Lodge that is. The new Lodge officers have been elected and will be installed on July 13, 2001.

For a while now it seems that I will be writing my column as the "Official Lodge Secretary". I wasn't to sure of it this week. I just got home from the hospital today. I had an Angioplasty. While in there they siphoned a couple of small blood clots out of one of the arteries and left a Stent in a narrowed section. A one day outpatient procedure. Right??? Nope the kidneys got upset with all that radioactive dye and started complaining which kept me in the hospital for another 3 days. Have you ever heard the term "Foley Catheter", well you don't want to talk to anyone who uses the term in connection with your body.

Enough about my adventures. Now I want to make sure that all of you attend the New Officers Installation Banquet And Ceremonies that the Lodge is putting on for just for me. Now old T. W. thinks it's being put on just for him, but I won't tell if you don't.

### **MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES**

Bishop, John Lloyd	07-12-56
Buffington, Bobby Glen	07-29-71
Culberson, Al S.	07-09-59
Moseley, Darryl E.	07-22-80
Shields, Thomas Roy	07-20-40
Smith, Kenneth LaRue	07-31-65
Smith, Lavohn H.	07-28-21

### **In Memorandum**

Our Brother Lawrence Wayne Morrow age 87. Brother Morrow received his 50 year Certificate this year. He died on May 24,2001 and was buried in the Hempstead Cemetery



### Masonic Questions and Answers

**Q: Does A Masonic Obligation Have To Be taken On The Christian Bible.**

**A: No,**

Even though the Masonic Lodge is an organization with Christian members, it is not a Christian organization. The Grand Lodge of Texas law states,

**”It is the policy of this Grand Lodge to permit a candidate whose religious persuasion is based upon other than the Holy Bible to be obligated upon the book of his chosen faith and the same may be situated upon the Altar in front of the Holy Bible during the conferral of the three degrees of Masonry.”**

*Before an E.A. initiation recently, I ask one of the older brothers if we shouldn't use the Holy Book of the candidate's religion. I was quickly told "Nope, if he joins my Lodge, he'll have to use my Bible."*

*It wasn't a problem after all, because the candidate took his obligation on the Bible without protest. Now, the thing that bothers me is that I wonder if that older brother had been forced to take his obligation on the Koran or any book other than "His Bible" would he have felt he was really obligated?*

*Think about it, if Masonry is an organization whose members are only bound to each other and to the Lodge by the obligation and their conscience, shouldn't the obligation be one that is taken on a Holy Book that is binding to the man taking it???*

**“Masonic Questions and Answers” PLEASE let the editor know if you have a question.**



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and to smooth out the rough spots in the daily life of Craftsmen. All together, he has a real job and one which is very rarely appreciated.

*I didn't actually think up the above. I wish I had, but I found it on the Internet. I think it aptly describes the dedication that Brother Steve York has shown and the work he has performed for this Lodge for the past 5 years and it lets him know that he was appreciated.*

*Thanks Steve, you left big footsteps to follow and I can only hope that some day one of our good brothers can say these same words about me. Corky*

## It's Masonic Law In Texas

*Art. 324 Reinstatement After Three Years*

A member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues and remains so for three years is not reinstated automatically upon payment of dues in arrears, but is required to present his petition in writing, to the Lodge at a Stated Meeting requesting reinstatement. The petition must be accompanied by payment of all dues in arrears to the date of his suspension, unless the amount thereof has been reduced under Art. 314, in which event the amount authorized shall be paid. The Worshipful Master shall appoint a Committee for Investigation and Report. The petition shall lay over to a subsequent Stated Meeting when a ballot shall be taken.

*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*

### Appointed Officers - 2001/2002 For Hempstead Lodge #749

Senior Deacon - - Steven D. Lyons  
Junior Deacon - - L.M. "Jim" Fergerson  
Tyler - - - - - Wayne Kluna  
Chaplain - - - - John Garrett  
Senior Steward - - John N. Daut Sr.  
Junior Steward - - Malcolm A. Carter

### 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/>

## ***Guns & Doctors***

*Number of physicians in the US: 700,000.*

*Accidental deaths caused by physicians per year: 120,000.*

*Accidental deaths per physician: 0.171*

*(U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services)*

*Number of gun owners in the US: 80,000,000.*

*Number of accidental gun deaths per year (all age groups): 1,500.*

*Accidental deaths per gun owner: 0.0000188*

*Statistically, doctors are approximately 9,000 times more dangerous than gun owners.*

**"FACT: Not everyone has a gun, but everyone has at least one Doctor."**

*Please alert your friends to this alarming threat. We must ban doctors before this gets out of hand. As a Public Health Measure I have withheld the statistics on Lawyers for fear that the shock could cause people to seek medical aid.*

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