

Hempstead Lodge #749 A.F. & A.M.

A Friendly Neighborhood For Your Permanent Masonic Home

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JUNIOR WARDEN - Kenneth Harvey
SENIOR DEACON - Steven D. Lyons
JUNIOR DEACON - L.M. Jim Ferguson
SENIOR STEWARD - John N. Daut

JUNIOR STEWARD - Malcolm A. Carter
SECRETARY - - - John "Corky" Daut
TREASURER - - - Malcolm P. Carter
CHAPLAIN - - - John Garrett
TYLER - - - - R. Wayne Kluna
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THE NEXT STATED MEETING August 9, 2001

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

Good Food + Big Smiles + Hearty Handshakes = A Real Welcome



Masonic Questions and Answers

Q: Why the Secrecy in Masonry?

A: Can you think of anything said in a lodge room recently that could not have been said in public without doing harm to Masonry? Is there any need for secrecy today?

When the concepts that have become Masonic concepts first emerged, the people were uneducated and lived in a society in which order was necessary to preserve life. The Mysteries which we have inherited were clothed in ceremony and ritual, and their deep meanings were restricted to the intellectual class. Secrecy was needed so that the ignorant would not pervert the lessons and knowledge of these Mysteries to the detriment of society. Such knowledge in the hands of men motivated by false and petty reasons would have been dangerous to order and therefore to life. Such organizations as the Essene Order, the Dionysian Mysteries, the Delphic Mysteries, the Pythagoreans, early Christians, Knights Templar, Rosicrucians and finally Masonry, were meant to be places of learning and investigation into the philosophical and scientific vanguard so that society could progress. Their secrecy was never for the purpose of evil.

When our Order was organized into a public institution, it was hoped that three things would occur: (1) greater access could be made of the intellectuals of that day; (2) the general good of society could be improved; and (3) men of caliber and integrity could oversee the dispersal of the knowledge for the good of all. Free thought and discussion can occur in an organization where no revelation is made of its discussions to the

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The Worshipful Master's Message

W.M. Ted Wren Jr.

To Every Members of Hempstead Masonic Lodge. It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve as Worshipful Master of our lodge. I know I have some "Big Shoes" to fill with some of the names and pictures on the wall of our past Master. In fact I think David wears a size 13 1/2.

Back to the serious side, I hope to have some good fund raisers. Some will be for the Hempstead Lodge only and some will be together with Waller Lodge as in the recent past. I am proud to say that my son Ted W. "Trey" Wren is the Worshipful Master of the Waller Lodge and since many of us hold a dual membership in Waller Lodge I am sure the two Lodges will have a very close relation.

I would like to invite anyone who would like to have an input in our Lodge's newsletter to feel free to let us know. Not that our new Secretary Brother Corky is not doing a fantastic job, but this is your newsletter also. Feel free to call me at 826-6472 or Brother Corky at 826-6267.

As some of you know, Hempstead Lodge along with Waller Lodge had a joint Installation of officers, which was a huge success with the Lions Club building just about full of Lodge Brothers, family and visitors.

I want to say once more that I am very proud to be Worshipful Master of Hempstead Lodge. I am also very proud of the fact that my son "Trey", my father Ted "T.W." Wren and myself all had the opportunity to Serve as the Worshipful Master of Waller Lodge No. 808.

If you like what's happening this year, I want

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public. Peace and harmony does not mean an absence of disagreement; it merely means a willingness to continue to love in disagreement. It was in such a careful atmosphere that the Boston Tea Party was planned and where Madison forged the Bill of Rights. In such an atmosphere, Benjamin Franklin developed his concepts, and his brilliance was recognized.

Consider the value of such an atmosphere. Both radical and conservative decisions could be arrived at without fear of preliminary discussion leaking out. The brethren could agree and disagree without lasting bitterness. The Master, acting as moderator, could insure that all is done in a gentlemanly way, without rancour. The Brethren could find even higher truths together that would aid all of society, and those truths could be released in the most beneficial of ways.

Unfortunately, little like that occurs today. The business of most lodges could be revealed without threat to the lodge or to society. And, in light of today's intense anti-Masonic criticism, many feel that this is the way it should be. But, perhaps we should preserve at least a modicum of secrecy in order to maintain an atmosphere of freedom of discussion in our lodge meetings and never completely open them to the profane. That kind of secrecy is one of the many things that makes Masonry unique. (From The Grand Lodge of Texas Web Site)

"Masonic Questions and Answers" Is basically for new Masons, Masonic wives and children. However, we may all benefit from being reminded sometime. PLEASE let the editor know if you have a question.

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Acock, Melvin Leroy	8-21-92
Eakin, L. C.	8-30-40
Garrett, John A.	8-23-94
Harvey, Kenneth	8-17-98
Smith, Gary Lynn	8-27-98
Styers, Julian Keith	8-21-90

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Bridges, Junior W.	8-28-32
Carter, Malcolm Pierce	8-14-52
Carter, Richard Albert Jr.	8-27-65

*A Note From The
Secretary's Desk*

If you missed the combined Installation Banquet and Ceremonies for the new officers of both Hempstead and Waller Lodges, you missed a great meal of baked ham, baked beans and potato salad. You also missed some good fellowship and seeing Brothers you haven't seen for a long time. Even better, you missed the unique opportunity of seeing a father and son both being installed as Worshipful Masters. Ted W. Wren Jr. as W. M. of Hempstead Lodge #749 and son Ted W. "Trey" Wren III as W.M. of Waller Lodge # 808.

We were honored to have District Deputy Grand Master, Burienne F. Stuart who served as the Marshall. and Brother Lee E. Cook, Secretary of Rosenberg Lodge #881 who installed the new officers. Brother Lee Cook had also installed Ted W. Wren Sr. as W.M. of Waller Lodge in 1990. The other New Officers installed were,

Senior Wardens

Richard Ventrca - Waller T. Roy Shields - Hempstead

Junior Wardens

John N. Daut - Waller Kenneth Harvey - Hempstead

Secretary

Bob Scarborough - Waller John "Corky" Daut - Hempstead

Treasurer

Jim Faure - Waller Malcolm P. Carter - Hempstead

Senior Deacon

David Reynolds - Waller Steven Lyons - Hempstead

Junior Deacon

Mike Risley - Waller Jim Ferguson - Hempstead

Senior Steward

Roy Shields - Waller John N. Daut - Hempstead

Junior Steward

Eric Flanagan - Waller Malcolm A. Carter - Hempstead

Tyler

Jim Hooper - Waller Wayne Kluna - Hempstead

Say A Prayer For,

Steve York's wife Pam as she recuperates from surgery
Roy Shields in his fight to improve his breathing
Junior Bridges wife as she recuperates from surgery



**New Committees For Hempstead
Masonic Lodge #749 A. F. & A. M.**

Attendance and Visitation Committee

- Chairman - Ted Wren Jr.
- Members - Roy Shields
Kenneth Harvey

Audit Committee

- Chairman - Bill Parham
- Members - Jim Ferguson
John Garrett

Benevolence and Sickness Committee

- Chairman - Ted Wren Jr.
- Members - Roy Shields
Kenneth Harvey

By-laws Committee

- Chairman - David Hartley
- Members - Bill Parham
Kenneth Harvey

Community Builder Committee

- Chairman - Jim Ferguson
- Members - Jimmy Zepeda
Doug Holloman

Degrees and Instruction Committee

- Chairman - Steve York
- Members - John Garrett
David Hartley

Flag Committee

- Chairman - Jim Ferguson
- Member - Junior Bridges

Funeral Committee

- Chairman - Steve York
- Member - John Garrett

Golden Trowel Committee

- Chairman - David Hartley
- Members - Bill Parham
Doug Holloman

Life Program

- Chairman - Kenneth Harvey

Mirabeau B. Lamar

- Chairman - Jimmie Zepeda
- Member - Bill Garrett

Maintenance Committee

- Chairman - John Garrett
- Members - Jim Ferguson
Junior Bridges

Special Events Committee

- Chairman - Wayne Kluna
- Members - Jimmie Zepeda
Jim Ferguson

Phone Committee



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to invite you to come to Lodge and let us know. At the same time if you don't like what's happening this year I would still invite you to come to Lodge and let us know.

I am very proud of the lineup of new officers for Hempstead Lodge this year and with their help along the way, I think we will have a great year.

HELP - VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for Hempstead Lodge's annual "COOKING FOR TEACHERS" Luncheon on Wednesday August 15th at 12:00 noon. If you can help please notify

Hempstead Lodge By Laws

Article XIII.

RULES OF BUSINESS

The rules of conducting the business of this Lodge shall be as nearly as possible the same as those proscribed for the Grand Lodge, and in addition, as follows:

Section 1. When a question is decided, the same matter shall not be acted on during the meeting, unless on motion to reconsider, which can only be made by a member voting in the majority, and at that or the next meeting, when there must be an equal or greater number of members present than when the action was had.

Section 2. **All questions of order shall be decided by the Master without appeal or debate;** but the Master may ask the advice of any member before deciding; and **he has the right, at any time, to declare the Lodge closed or called off, for the purpose of stopping angry debate or confusion.**

One of the Brothers suggested that knowing the "By Laws" of our Lodge may be of more benefit to our members than Grand Lodge of Texas Law. If you have a question, please let Corky know.



- Chairman - Roy Shields
- Member - David Hartley

Widows Committee

- Chairman - Bill Garrett
- Members - John N. Daut Sr.
Roy Shields

A dietitian was once addressing a large audience in Chicago.

"The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago.

"Red meat is awful. Soft drinks erode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. Vegetables can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water.

"But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all have, or will, eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

A 75-year-old man in the front row stood up and said, "Wedding cake."

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