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The Philalethes Versus Grand Lodge?

According to a letter posted on the Grand Lodge of Texas web site by Reese L. Harrison, Jr., MPS, Grand Master of Masons in Texas, it appears the Philalethes Society is attempting to dictate to the Grand Lodge of Texas how it operates and who serves on it's committees, as illustrated by the paragraph quoted below from the letter.

"Your magazine editor posted an email to the Philalethes Yahoo!-Group on Friday, May 28, 2004, at 4:51 PM, regarding the Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas requesting his resignation as "Chairman of the Investigation Committee." The undersigned will not accept the resignation of the Committee Chairman if it were offered, and the posting interferes with the internal operating procedures of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas as stated in 1950 and restated in 1953, and the posting and its contents will be reported to the members of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas meeting in Grand Annual Communication for their consideration. There is no investigation committee as

such. Documents handed out by the Fraternal Relations Committee Chairman at a May 2004 committee meeting of the Southwest Chapter are not "lies about the Society and what the Society stands for" unless the Society disavows photocopies of its 1974, 1988 and December 2003 bylaws. Of course, the Preamble to the Society bylaws as of September 30 is inconsistent with the bylaws as noted herein."

In my opinion, it appears that the Society's magazine editor is disregarding the possible consequences to the society for his action. The requirement that a Society member must be a Master Mason gives the Grand Lodge of Texas the right to decide if the Society is recognized by the Grand Lodge.

If the Grand Lodge of Texas decides to revoke it's recognition of the Philalethes Society, it would be a **Masonic offence** for any Texas Mason to belong to the Society and any Texas Mason who does not resign from the Society would be **subject to suspension**.

The Society could loose all of it's Texas members either by resignation or because they were suspended.



From The East

I would like to thank all the members and visiting Brethren who attended last months meeting.

I would also like to give a BIG thanks to Brenda Harvey and Toya Cox who always stay around to clean up after us. If any of you Brothers should happen to see one of these ladies around, please give them a personal thank you.

Brother Wayne Kluna, Brother Steve York and Brother Freddy Zach if you are not doing anything Thursday evening September 9th, we would like to see ya'll at Lodge. We miss and need you and all of our other Hempstead Lodge Brothers. This months meal will be furnished by Bob Podvin so come on out and see what surprise he has for us.

Should any Brother need anything please give me a call at one of the following numbers. Home 936-931-2669, Cell 281-793-7458, Pager 713-938-4248.

Kelly Cox

Don't forget Your friend

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead.

He remembered dying, and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road.

It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing before it he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like Mother of Pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold.

He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side.

When he was close enough, he called out, "Excuse me, where are we?"

"This is Heaven, sir," the man answered.

"Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the man asked.

"Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some iced water brought right up."

The man gestured, and the gate began to open. "Can my friend," gesturing toward his dog, "come in too?" the traveler asked.

"I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets."

The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog.

After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road which led

through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence.

As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

"Excuse me!" he called to the reader. "Do you have any water?"

"Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there".

The man pointed to a place that couldn't be seen from outside the gate.

"Come on in."

"How about my friend here?" the traveler gestured to the dog.

"There should be a bowl by the pump."

They went through the gate and sure enough, there was an old fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveler filled the bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to the dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree waiting for them.

"What do you call this place?" the traveler asked.

"This is Heaven," was the answer.

"Well, that's confusing," the traveler said. "The man down the road said that was Heaven,."

"Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates?"

Nope. That's Hell."

"Doesn't it make you mad for them to use heaven's name like that?"

"No. I can see how you might think so; but, we're happy they screen out the folks who are willing to leave their friends behind."

Little Known Facts Bout Texas

Beaumont to El Paso: 742 miles. Beaumont to Chicago: 770 miles

The Flagship Hotel in Galveston is the only hotel in North America built over water.

The worst natural disaster in U.S. history was in 1900 caused by a hurricane in which over 8000 lives were lost on Galveston Island.

Texas is the only state to enter the U.S. by TREATY, instead of by annexation. (This allows the Texas flag to fly at the same height as the US

flag.)

El Paso is closer to California than to Dallas.

The Capitol Dome in Austin is the only dome in the U.S. which is taller than the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. (by 7 feet).

Caddo Lake is the only natural large lake in the state.

A Live Oak tree near Fulton is estimated to be 1500 years old.

Tropical Storm Claudette brought a U.S. rainfall record of 43" in 24 hours in and around Alvin in July 1979.

ONE VERSION OF FREEMASONRY

After the Norman conquest, England was invaded by a perfect army of ecclesiastics; and churches, monasteries, cathedrals and abbeys were commenced in every part of the country.

Where these buildings were being erected in towns the work could be undertaken by the local guild, but when they were far from the populous places a difficulty as experienced in procuring sufficient skilled labor.

To meet this, it is supposed that many experienced members of the guilds were induced to sever their connection with the local body and accept service under the new ecclesiastical authority, thus becoming free from the restrictions and limitations to which they had previously been subject, and henceforth being designated Freemasons.

From The Editor's Desk

To the Brothers of Hempstead Masonic Lodge , I hope that everyone will enjoy the new look and feel of the Hempstead Masonic Lodge newsletter.

The print size is a little bigger, the column width is a little bigger and future subject matter will be a little less controversial.

Corky

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Banks, Daniel	9-19-86
Seets, Martin "Marty"	9-28-98
Vines, James Ray	9-30-86
Wren, Ted W. Jr.	9-21-63

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Acock, Melvin Leroy	9-15-42
Smith, Jerry W.	9-18-45

Hempstead Masonic Lodge Fund Raiser

Current plans are to have a chicken Bar-B-Que Fund Raiser at the City of Hempstead railroad track facility at Austin St. on September 18, 2004. If you can, come by and give us a little help. If you can't, we understand, but don't forget to buy some delicious chicken halves.

Space Travel

There was an American and a Russian sitting at the bar talking about outer space and how someday a man would land on Mars.

The Russian said, "Well, of course it will be a Russian space craft, after all the Russians were the first men in space."

The American spoke up and added, "Well maybe so, but don't forget, the Americans were the first men to walk on the moon."

The blond on the next stool over interrupted with, "The Russians may have been first in space and the Americans may have been first on the moon, but now there is a ladies space group and we are going to be the first ones to land on the sun."

The American and the Russian roared with laughter and said, "You dumb blond, you can't land on the sun, you'd burn up instantly."

"Well, you're the dummies," she answered, "you aren't half as smart as you think you are. We are only going to land at night."

REMEMBER US IN YOUR PRAYERS

The V.A. informed Brother Ted Wren Jr. that he will soon be back, near the top of the lung transplant list.

Ted Wren's mother Nanny sees things much differently after her cataract operation.

Ed Locklear's mother-in-law, Elvera Schiel, passed away August 19, 2004

"Excuse me." the customer ask the waiter, "How do you prepare the chicken?"

"We look them right in the eye and say, 'You are about to die'." The waiter answered.

Dumb. Boeing employees decided to steal a raft from an airplane they helped build. They took the raft to the river to try it out. Everything seemed to be going smoothly.

They were shocked when the Coast Guard hovered over them. The Global Positioning Radar was activated immediately when the raft was put in the water. Caught red-handed. Fired immediately.

Dumber. A cell phone left in a stolen car began to ring. The thief answered. An alert policeman calling the number calmly said, "Hey, I saw the ad for your car. I'd like to look at it. I think I want to buy it."

"OK," the thief thought, "I'll make some money off this one and steal another one." Caught red-handed. Jailed immediately.

Dumber than dumb. A man pleaded with the judge that the arresting officer had no reason for searching him.

"Yes," the judge said, "You had a bulge in your coat pocket."

"No," your honor, "The jacket I have on is the same jacket I was wearing when he searched me."

The judge looked at the coat and laughed so hard he had to recess for five minutes. The defendant still had a pack of cocaine in his coat

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