

# Hempstead Lodge #749

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W.M. - David Hartley  
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J.W. - T. Roy Shields  
S.D. - Kenneth Harvey  
J.D. - Junior Bridges  
S.S. - L.M. Jim Ferguson



J.S. - J. Keith Styers  
SECRETARY - Steve York  
TREASURER - H. Doug Holloman  
CHAPLAIN - John Garrett  
TYLER - R. Wayne Kluna



**THE NEXT STATED MEETING November 9, 2000**  
Meal Served 6:30 PM — Meeting Starts 7:30 PM



## Grand Master Visits Waller County Lodges

W. Vernon Burke, the Grand Master of Texas visited the Waller Lodge at 11:30 AM on Friday October 13, 2000 to dedicate the new dining room and present a 50 year pin to Brother Wayne C. Schultz. There were approximately 70 members and visitors present for the two ceremonies.

Brother John Garrett gave a very informative talk about the conception, funding and completion of the dining hall. Then Grand Master Burke gave a speech regarding the project and presented the 50 year pin to Brother Wayne C. Schultz

After the ceremonies were over an excellent lunch of boiled shrimp, fried catfish, corn on the cob, boiled new potatoes and rolls. Special recognition is due to Mike Risley and John N. Daut for a full days work. They began the cooking about 6:30 AM and finished washing up about 3:30PM.

After leaving the Waller Lodge The Grand Master and his entourage visited The Hempstead Lodge to view the facilities and Brother Wes Mersiovsky's murals that decorate the walls. Some of the visiting brothers loved the painted pillars in the Hempstead Lodge room so much that they sweet talked Brother Roy Shields out of the left over paint so they could copy them. Here again special thanks are due to Brother Shields and the brothers who volunteered their time and energy to make the lodge building look special.

## The Lodge In Hempstead

The first Masonic lodge in what was later to become Waller County was the Brazos Lodge #75. It received it's dispensation in 1850 and it's charter was dated January 24, 1851. Meetings were held the first Saturday after the full moon each month. In those days when members walked, rode horses or in a buggy the meetings were timed to be held at the brightest time of the moon so the brothers could see their way home after the meetings.

Brazos Lodge was first located in Heathville just west of the present day Hempstead which in those days was in Austin County. The lodge was moved to Salem Church in 1854. Two years later it was moved again to Rock Island. From there it was moved to Hempstead in 1858. The Brazos Lodge was finally demised on June 13, 1864.

The present Hempstead Lodge #749 was chartered 29 years later on June 5 1893 when 22 Masons submitted a petition for the new lodge.

## Hempstead Order Of The Eastern Star #510

Next Stated  Meeting

Nov. 6, 2000 7:30 PM



## Outdoor Robed Degree

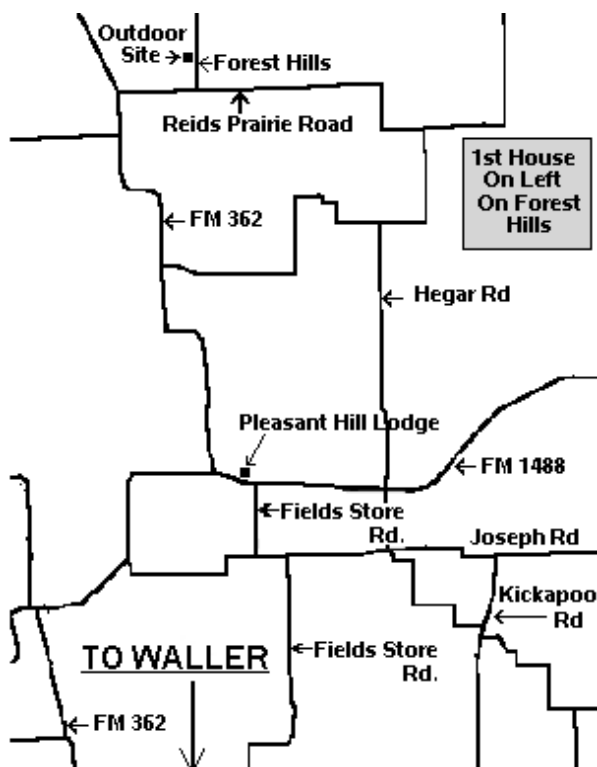
The Pleasant Hill Masonic Lodge #380 will be hosting an outdoor robe degree on November 4, 2000. Brothers from the Hempstead Lodge #749, Waller Lodge #808, Tomball Lodge #1096 and others will participate in presenting the degree.

Everyone will meet at the Pleasant Hill Lodge at 8:30 AM where a Master Mason's Lodge will be opened. The Lodge will then be called from labor and everyone will move to the outdoor site on Forest Hills Road (First house on left) off Reids Prairie Road where the first part of the Masters Degree will be conferred.

After the degree ceremony the lodge will be called to refreshment at noon. when a Bar-B-Que lunch will be served by the Tomball Lodge as a fund raiser for them to purchase a set of robes. A \$5.00 donation is ask for the meal.

After the meal, the lodge will be reconvened at Pleasant Hill to finish the degree.

If you get lost for the outside degree call (936) 931-5310



## Remember Us In Your Prayers

Brother Bill Garrett with eye problems.

Brother John N Daut's Wife, Yvonne with heart problems.

Brother Ted Wren Jr. with breathing problems.

Brother Raymond Paschall is still very ill.

Brother Charlie Hill with a malignancy.

## An Open Letter To The Wives Of The Waller County Masons

John and I will be just about the newest members of the Waller and Hempstead Masonic Lodges. We came here from a different world of lodge activity in Cedar Bayou, Humble, Baytown and Mont Belvieu where the lodge is a man's world.

For that reason we were taken by surprise at our first visits to the Waller County Lodges when we discovered the wives and families attending the social part of the evening. WE LOVE IT. And, since our wives have started attending the social hours they have really enjoyed it.

The main reason they are enjoying the lodge atmosphere is that you ladies (and your husbands) have made our wives (and us) feel welcome and included us as a part of the group. Now, lodge night will be something to look forward to instead of being left at home alone. Both the Waller and Hempstead Lodges are to be commended for including the wives and children and creating a family friendly atmosphere.

John "Corky" Daut and John N Daut Sr.

## CORRECTION

Some Lodge Bulletins and Newsletters have erroneously stated that the Grand Lodge will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2000 and conclude on December 2, 2000



## Our Canadian Brothers

Occasionally I correspond with one of our Canadian brothers by E-mail and wanted to share part of this one because of the description of Canadian Lodge's dress code. (Corky)

From: Vincent Grienti <va\_grienti@canada.com>

Corky,

I visited your website and read the Daut letter. It drives home the fact that any man can petition to join at any time in his life. There is no maximum age.

I was Initiated in April 99, Passed in January 2000 and will be Raised in Sept or Oct 2000. I am 47 years old and regarded as one of the "youngsters" in our lodge.

Canadian lodges have a strict dress code: all regular Brothers MUST wear a shirt, tie and business suit. All Officers of the lodge MUST wear a tux. DDGMs wear a Tux with tails and white gloves.

If you don't conform to the dress code, you are not allowed in the lodge. So, you can imagine what it was like to see a large group of somber men dressed formally. It makes for an incredible experience for the novice.

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### Brother L. C. Eakin Honored For 60 Years Of Mason Service

Brother L. C. Eakin was raised to the Sublime Degree Of Master Mason 60 years ago on August 30, 1940. On Saturday evening October 21, 2000 Brother Eakin was honored at a called meeting of the Hempstead lodge and presented a 60 year pin.

### MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Geisendorff, Fred W. 11-30-51  
Grathouse, Woodrow Wilson 11-22-44  
Hamner, T. Finley 11-24-42  
Smith, Jerry W. 11-16-83

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

John Lloyd Bishop 11-17-27  
Harold Wayne Clark 11-02-31  
L. C. Eakin 11-04-13  
Kenneth Harvey 11-25-50  
Harold Edward Herrin 11-12-42  
Jeffrey Stephen Johnson 11-15-69  
Donald R. Lewis 11-11-49  
Martin Louis Seets 11-24-69  
Kenneth LaRue Smith 11-24-36  
John W. Wiesner 11-13-28  
Harold Ray Woods 11-02-44

## The Editor's Message

As the new newsletter editor and just about the newest member of the Hempstead Masonic Lodge #749, I wanted to introduce myself. Some of you may remember me as "Corky" who wrote "The Pine Island News" column for the Waller County News Citizen for a couple of years. I retired from the City Of Houston as Superintendent of The Department of Solid Waste Management (known by some uncouth people as the Garbage Department).

Just for fun I currently write a newspaper column about growing up during the 1930's and 1940's. It appears in the Humble Observer, The Kingwood Observer and the Southeast Montgomery County Observer. I also create web sites for fun and have many of my own and for other people.

I was born in Hempstead in 1928, moved to Houston in 1929, to Humble in 1957 and to Pine Island in 1999. Mom was born and raised in Pine Island and dad in Montgomery I'm descended from the Milam and Garrett lines on mother's side.

Please call me at 826-6267 or E-mail me at pineilse@swbell.net with any items of Masonic interest or suggestions for this newsletter.



## **Sensitivity**

Submitted By Brother Evertt "Bo" Bozarth  
*Worshipful Master Of Pleasant Hill Lodge*

It's not easy to be a Mason. In fact being a Mason, a real Mason, an active Mason, a faithful Mason . . . is tough. It's hard enough trying to live by all the principles, the tenets and the charges of Freemasonry, you also have to be a brother. Frequently that's not easy.

As Worshipful Brother Mike Smith was so fond of saying, if you were the only Mason on earth, you wouldn't be a Mason. Several years ago Jack Paar wrote a book entitled "MY BROTHER WAS AN ONLY CHILD." That strikes us as funny, even ludicrous, because it is impossible . . . twice. If that brother was an only child, the author couldn't possibly written that statement, likewise, an only child can't be anyone's brother. The only Mason on earth, therefore, couldn't be a Mason because he wouldn't have or be a brother. A Mason is not a "loner". He interacts, sharing with his brethren. He is concerned with the life, health, and welfare of his brothers.

Being a Mason involves being a brother and that means being a member of a group. A Mason is not a "loner". He is an interacter, sharing with his brethren. He is concerned with the life, health and welfare of his brothers, their wives and widows, their children and orphans. The true Mason does not do these things selfishly, hoping that if he does them he will in turn be helped in his hour of need; he does them in loving response to the care he receives from his Heavenly Father, who watches over him.

Being a real Mason involves interaction with other Masons. It involves caring and sharing, giving and receiving understanding and seeking to be understood. It is no different then any other endeavor which involves personal interactions, such as a marriage a basketball team, or a community action committee.

No relationship between people is ever easy.

Relationships require hard work, perseverance, and dedication, whether that relationship is a marriage, parenting, employment, friendship, brotherhood or any other endeavor

As Master Masons, "we are taught to use the trowel to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection, that cement that unites us into one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist except that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work or best agree."

BUT, how often do we sit in the dining room of the lodge and hear one brother make a negative remark about another brother behind his back? How often do we find a lodge split into splinter groups instead of being united into one beautiful perfect and complete whole? How often do we find brethren criticizing the Master or his officers for the way the lodge is run, the kind of food that is served, the way the money is spent, or their ability to perform the work? How often do we find lodges in the same town acting as if they were in competition with one another for membership, prestige, or leadership positions in the Grand Lodge.

It happens all the time.

## **Visit These Masonic Sites On The Internet.**

**Visit our own "Small Town Texas Lodges" web site Featuring Waller County Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star. This newsletter and future issues will be in the archives Visit it at, <http://www.geocities.com/corkyscorner/lodge.htm>**

*The Grand Lodge Of Texas site is located at, <http://www.gltexas.org/index.htm>*

*Texas Master Masons site is located at, <http://www.tx-mm.org/>*

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