



# Hempstead Masonic Lodge #749 AF & AM

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## LIENDO PLANTATION WAR BETWEEN THE STATES FUNDRAISER

Sorry, I couldn't use the term "Civil War", Great Grandpa Milam fought and later was a POW in that war and he said there wasn't a darn thing civil about the Confederacy's War For Independence.

Anyway we had our annual Liendo Fundraiser on November 19, 20, and 21. It reminded me of the one in the year 2000, The following paragraph from the December 2000 Hempstead newsletter is almost a good description of this year's event.

*"The Hempstead and Waller Lodges held a joint fund raising Bar-B-Que at the Liendo Plantation. The turnout was somewhat less than expected since it was about 40 degrees Saturday, with a strong north wind blowing and a continual rain. It did clear up for Sunday, but the damage was done. The profit was pretty low, but the fellowship among brothers was very high."*

This year it was raining Wednesday when Kelly Cox, his son Buck, Mike Risley and Danny Williamson put up the new tent. By the way, the new tent was wonderful to work under. Without center

poles, we had 600 sq. ft. of open space to set up the work area and serving area anyway we wanted

Friday was a pretty good day. There was school bus after school bus full of school children from as far away as Galveston.

W.M. Kelly Cox took a day that should have been spent with moving and the new house to be there. P.M. Paul Cox took a day off to help out. Jim Brown, his wife Becky took some vacation time and his daughter Rachel took a day off school and came up from Atascocita to work. Corky made the day despite half hearted protests from Nellie about the bad weather. Bob Podvin and W.M. Mike Risley also took a day off to put in a days work, P.M. Roy Shields worked the day with us and P.M. Calvin Trapp came over between bus routes to bring the supplies All of us worked hard to get the equipment set up, get the fires started, start the food cooking and serve food as fast as people came up to the counter.

It started raining way before daylight Saturday  
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## CHRISTMAS DINNER 2004



Since our Eastern Star Ladies merged with the Bellville chapter the Lodge will be providing a Christmas dinner at the December stated meeting on December 9, 2004.

All Brothers and their families and former members of the Hempstead's Order of the Eastern Star are urged to join us for an old fashioned Christ-

mas pot luck supper, see old friends and enjoy some good fellowship

Past Master Jimmy Zepeda has volunteered to fix a fried turkey and Worshipful Master Kelly Cox is bringing the ham. Past Master Kenneth Harvey has volunteered that Brenda will furnish the dressing. The Lodge is requesting that everyone bring a covered dish preferable with something in it like a vegetable dish or desert.

The meal will start at 6:30 pm and the December stated meeting will begin at 7:30 pm.

If you haven't attended a meeting lately we would be proud to have you there.

## Liendo Fundraiser (Continued)

morning and rained almost continually until about 2:00 PM. We had a very good turn out with helpers including Junior Bridges, Jim Brown and wife Becky and Rachel were there again along with Corky Daut (Becky's dad), P.M. Kenneth Harvey and W.M. Mike Risley and Son Risley, Bob Scarborough showed up to help, P.M. Roy Shields and P.M. Calvin Trapp with wife Shirley and daughter Candy put in a long day between working with the food and running errands for more supplies. Jimmy Zepeda and son Marcos were there bright and early with the briskets that Jimmy had cooked. Greg Williams was also there to put in a day's work.. Even though it rained all day, we still took in about as much money as we did Friday in spite of the rain.

Sunday was a fairly good day, as far as the weather went. The sun came out for a little while and it didn't start raining until quitting time.

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Before closing, I want to give special thanks to P.M. Calvin Trapp for making numerous trips to Sam's, Brookshire Brothers and DiIorio's for supplies and using his own check book to pay for them.

Also a special thanks to W.M. Kelly Cox, W.M. Mike Risley, P.M. Ed Locklear and Danny Williamson for the exceptional job they did building the new tent. And special thanks to Bubba and Walter Schiel and P.M. Wes Mersiovsky for donating materials.

And one more special thanks to P.M. Jimmy Zepeda for doing the bar-b-que briskets.

Reading him his Miranda rights, a female police officer arrests a man for drunk driving.

The female officer tells the man: "Sir, you have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be held against you."

The drunk replies: "Boobs."

Two nicely dressed ladies happen to start up a conversation while waiting in the LAX airport.

The 1st lady was an arrogant woman married to a very wealthy man. The second was a well mannered elderly woman from the South. When the conversation became about whether they had any children, the arrogant woman started by saying,

"When my first child was born, my husband built a beautiful mansion for me." The lady from the South commented in a slow southern drawl, "Well, isn't that precious."

The first woman continued, "When my second child was born, my husband bought me a beautiful Rolls Royce." Again, the lady from the South commented, "Well, isn't that precious."

The first woman continued boasting, "Then, when my third child was born, my husband bought me this exquisite diamond bracelet at Tiffany's." Yet again, the Southern lady commented, "Well, isn't that precious."

The first woman then asked her companion, "What did your husband buy for you when you had your first child?" "My husband sent me to charm school," declared the Southern lady.

"Charm school??" the first woman cried, "Oh my God! What on earth for?"

The Southern lady responded, "Well for one thing, instead of saying 'Who gives a poop?' I learned to say, 'Well, isn't that precious!'"

## Happy Birthday Hempstead Lodge

Hempstead Masonic Lodge # 749 celebrates it's 111 birthday on the sixth day of this month.

It was Chartered December 6, 1893 when 22 Masons submitted a petition for the new lodge.

The charter members were, E.A. Pace, J . E . McCluskin, Sam Farquhar, John E. Mills, D.D. Robertson, A. Applewhite, H.C. Tomkins, J . W . Renfro, S. Schwartz, H.W. Rankin, W.M. Lupton, E.F. Johns, M.S. Urban, E.H. Jones, F.W. Zaddon, Jacob Hauser, J. Blassingame, G.N. Phelps, J.F. Christoph, E.D. Dixon, L. Mahan, J.H. Morrison

The first Worshipful Master was E.A. Pace who 29 years before was the last Worshipful Master of the old Brazos Lodge #75. Meetings for the new Hempstead #749 were held on the Friday before the first full moon.

## LIENDO PLANTATION, PART OF HEMPSTEAD'S HISTORY

Liendo Plantation was built in 1853 by Leonard Waller Groce, the son of Jared Groce, who was one of the largest most respected land owners in Texas. Originally a Spanish land grant of 67,000 acres assigned to Justo Liendo, the plantation's name-sake, Liendo was one of Texas' earliest cotton plantations. It was considered the social center of Texas receiving and lavishly entertaining early Texas dignitaries and notoriety's. Liendo was considered a typical Southern plantation, having over 300 slaves and being itself built by slave labor. Sufficient in all its needs; it was a self contained community. Like most Southern plantations, however, Liendo fell on hard times after the Civil War and changed owners several times thereafter.

Liendo had always been recognized for its warm Southern hospitality, but few people know that this same tradition of generosity probably saved it from destruction. Among the more notable statesmen and historical figures that have spent time at Liendo was George A. Custer. At the end of the Civil War, he was stationed at Liendo. It is said that both Mr. Custer and his wife were so impressed with the plantation and the gracious hospitality shown them during their stay, that they made sure Liendo was not harmed in appreciation.

Liendo was also occupied by world renowned sculptress Elisabet Ney from 1873 until she died in 1907 and by her husband Dr. Edmond Montgomery until 1911.

She and her husband had immigrated years before from Europe to the United States but had never found a new home until they found Liendo.

In 1960 Carl and Phyllis Detering purchased Liendo from Miss Willene Compton and began their 10 year job of restoring the plantation home. Traveling throughout the deep South and Europe, the Deterings acquired period furnishings and faithfully restored Liendo to its former glory. Liendo is recognized as a Texas historic landmark and is listed on the national register of historic places. Today, Will Detering owns and operates Liendo Plantation and continues the work of preserving and sharing this Texas landmark.

## *From The Editor's Desk*

Hopefully everyone who hasn't paid his dues yet has received the "dues are due" letter by now.

This is just a reminder, that according to the Grand Lodge of Texas laws if your dues are not paid by January 1, 2005 you are in arrears and no longer a Master Mason in good standing.

Being a member not in good standing means we are not entitled to the rights and privileges including a Masonic funeral until the dues are paid.

If it sounds like I'm preaching, I'm really not, because I just received a letter from Bob Scarborough (Secretary of Waller Lodge) today saying that my dues at Waller Lodge are due at this time and warning me that after January 1, 2005 I would be in arrears.

Hempstead Lodge put on an Entered Apprentice degree Tuesday November 30, 2004. This was the first one in awhile, but it went very well. The candidate didn't have to correct anyone.

## REMEMBER US IN YOUR PRAYERS

Brother Ted Wren still feeling pretty tough with breathing difficulties.

Nellie Daut has her blood pressure under control and is feeling much better. She and Corky decided that the family who medicates together stays together. Both had nuclear stress tests Wednesday.

Brother Roy Shields acting chipper, but still suffering from a multitude of problems.

## MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Carter, Richard A. Jr.	12-12-88
Daut, John "Corky"	12-22-92
Hartley, David W	12-08-97
Kluna, Robert W.	12-01-73
Stasny, Roland E.	12-01-73
Zepeda, Jimmy N. Jr.	12-11-80

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carter, Malcolm P.	12-10-52
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There was a middle-aged couple that had two stunningly beautiful teenage daughters.

They decided to try one last time for the son they always wanted.

After months of trying, the wife finally became pregnant and sure enough, delivered a healthy baby boy nine months later. The joyful father rushed into the nursery to see his new son. He took one look and was horrified to see the ugliest child he had ever seen. He went to his wife and said that there was no way he could be the father of that child. "Look at the two beautiful daughters I fathered!".

Then he gave her a stern look and asked, "Have you been fooling around on me?"

The wife just smiled sweetly and said, "Not this time."

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