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## **THE NEXT STATED MEETING May 9, 2002**

Meal Served 6:30 PM — Meeting Starts 7:30 PM  
Good Food + Big Smiles + Hearty Handshakes = A Real Welcome



## **Texas Masonic Heroes**

### **Sam Houston**

"A Man of Honor"

On September 27, 1997, Past Grand Master Joseph W. Regian, and several hundred Masons, their wives and friends, dedicated a memorial at the Sam Houston monument near Huntsville. The monument is a 67 foot high replica of Sam himself that can be seen for 6½ miles down Interstate Highway 45, and is the highest point between Houston and Dallas. The spectacular monument, A Tribute to Courage, is the world's tallest statue of an American Hero. The memorial dedicated by PGM Regian tells of the Masonic affiliation of this great man. But who was this man who deserves, Such a statute and memorial? Lets learn a little about him.

Sam Houston was a man of towering proportions and an immense personal presence. The man was tall and handsome, with a warm rich voice. In later years an observer described him during one of his speeches: "There he stood, an old man of seventy years, on the balcony ten feet above the heads of the thousands assembled to hear him, where every eye could scan his magnificent form, six feet three inches high, straight as an arrow, with deep-set and penetrating eyes, looking out from heavy and thundering brows, a high forehead, and a voice of the deep basso tone which shook and commanded the soul of the hearer, adding to all this a powerful manner, made up of eliberation, Self-possession, and restrained majesty of

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## **Big Bar-B-Que Cook Off**

On June 1, 2002 the Members of the 108th Masonic District of Texas will host a Bar-B-Que Cook Off to raise money for the Masonic Home and School. There will be nine different cooking categories judged. A different one every 30 minutes from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM including, Biscuits, Eggs, Ribs, Beans, Chicken, any Smoked Meat, Wild Game, Anything Smoked and Beef Brisket.

You may buy presale tickets for a bar-b-que plate for \$6.00 from the 108th. District's Lodge members or buy tickets at the event's ticket booth for \$6.50. All teams will only sell bar-b-que plates/dishes for coupons, no cash. Coupons for drinks, sodas, Lemonade, or bottled water will be available for \$1:00 each.

There will also be a silent auction for a number of items either new, antique or junktique items along with a talking auction for some items.

Teams may start setting up their booths anytime

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## **PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

**SO FAR TODAY GOD,  
I'VE DONE ALRIGHT,  
I HAVEN'T GOSSIPED,  
I HAVEN'T LOST MY TEMPER,  
HAVEN'T BEEN GRUMPY,  
NASTY OR SELFISH,  
BUT IN A FEW MINUTES,  
I'M GOING TO GET OUT OF BED,  
AND FROM THEN ON,  
I'M GOING TO NEED,  
A LOT OF YOUR HELP!**



## *The Star Corner*

Dr. Rob Morris, Master Builder of the Order of the Eastern Star, was born August 31, 1818, near Boston, Massachusetts. His childhood and young manhood were spent in New York where he received many educational advantages including a splendid college training which qualified him as a successful lawyer, lecturer, educator and instructor in Masonry. He devoted many years in research and creative writing.

Dr. Morris became a Master Mason in Oxford, Mississippi, March 5, 1846. At this time he was President of Mt. Sylvan Academy. He soon became interested in an idea that the female relatives of Master Masons should share, in a measure, the benefits from knowledge of this great fraternal Order. Embued with this desire, his fertile mind set forth to evolve an Order which would benefit both men and women.

While President of Mt. Sylvan Academy, he met and later married Miss Charlotte Mendenhall. Several children were born of this union. Mrs. Morris was an inspiration to Dr. Morris and a real helpmate for nearly fifty years. They both worked on the idea of the Order and invited brother Masons and their wives to discuss the plans with Dr. Morris demonstrating to them the theories he had formulated. This may be rightfully termed the origin of the Order of the Eastern Star, although it was many years before it was recognized or its principles felt by those who were fortunate enough to come within its scope.

During the years he taught as principal in "The Little Red Brick School Building" in Richland, Mississippi, 1849 - 1850, he worked with zeal writing a Ritual of the Order of the Eastern Star. In 1850 he systematized the Degrees with the idea of giving them form, he decided on the degrees, contemplated the themes, incorporated from the pages of antiquity the heroines and names upon which the beautiful work is built, established the signs and passes, colors and emblems of the Order and promulgated the fundamental principles which have remained unchanged through the years.

The first Ritual was compiled and published under the title of "The Rosary of the Eastern Star."

In 1855 he organized a Supreme Constellation with himself as the Most Enlightened Grand Luminary, with headquarters in New York City. Charters were issued in

all parts of the United States.

In 1860 the Constellation form of organization was discontinued and charters were issued for the organization of Families. In 1868 the Constellation and Families became lost except for their historical value.

In 1866 Dr. Morris became associated with Mr. Robert Macoy of New York City. Upon Mr. Morris' departure for the Holy Land he transferred to Robert Macoy all the authority he had assumed and exercised in planning the Order of the Eastern Star. Under Mr. Macoy's guiding hand the Supreme Grand Chapter was organized. This was a self-constituted body. Deputies were appointed in all parts of the United States, the Territories and in Mexico.

**(To Be Continued Next Month)**

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

Corky with nothing to say? No soapbox to get on? No cause to further? I can hardly believe it myself. It's like Ted not standing up if the question is ask, "Does any other Brother have anything to add for the good of Masonry". So I am going to play it cool this time.

Actually, I was going to brag about the fact that 3 officers from the Hempstead Lodge attended the "Cook Off" planning session this past Sunday afternoon.

Pleasant Hill Lodge also had 3 representatives present, but that was all of the of the Brothers I saw at the meeting from north Waller County.

But, I won't brag because that would sound "tacky".

### **COOK OFF** Continued from page 1

Friday May 31, 2002. There is plenty of room for camping for those who wish to stay Friday Night.

The event will be held on the grounds of "Joel's Country Cafe" (D. M. R. O. Joe Rutledge's place) located just north of Pattison at 6315 FM 359 North, next to the C & D Drive In Grocery.

Come on out and enjoy good food, good fellowship, get a bargain at the auction and remember that all profits will go to the Masonic Home and School.



**Sam Houston (Continued from page 1)**

action, leaving the hearer impressed with the feeling that more of his power was hidden than revealed, ".

Sam Houston came from a lineage of Scots who had settled in Virginia in the early 1700's. His father, also named Samuel Houston, was a member of Morgan's Rifle Brigade during the Revolutionary War, and had a lifelong commitment to military affairs. Sam Houston was born March 2, 1793 near Lexington, Virginia. In the spring of 1807, after the death of his father and around his 14th birthday, Sam moved to eastern Tennessee with his mother and family, but Sam was a free spirit. He was not cut out to be a planter.

One morning, at the age of 15, Sam crossed into Indian country, spent some three years, off and on, with the Cherokees and was adopted as a son by the chief Ooloo-te-ka, which translated means "He-puts-the-Drum-Away." This new father gave him the name Col-oh-neh, which was the word for "Raven". His boyhood stay with the Indians shaped his outlook on life, and developed a life-long call to the wilderness. Houston's planning and cunning were those of an Indian -- carefully listening and stalking.

At the age of 19, Sam returned from the Cherokees and taught school until he had enough money to pay his debts. In 1813, Sam joined a militia assembled by Andrew Jackson after receiving permission of his mother. She gave her son two gifts: a gold ring and a musket. Inscribed inside the gold ring was the word "honor," because she said this one word epitomized the creed that should forever be a part of Sam Houston's life, Houston wore this ring until his death.

Houston followed Andrew Jackson to Alabama to fight in a war against the Creek Indians, who were allies of the British. Houston led several courageous charges and was wounded from an arrow, as well as from bullets to the arm and shoulder. Houston forced a young lieutenant. at the point of a sword to pull the arrow out of his leg in the midst of the battle, which Andrew Jackson took notice, and became the start of a lifelong friendship between the two men. In 1817 Houston joined Jackson's Lodge, Cumberland No. 8 at Nashville.

After leaving the Army in 1818, Houston went to Nashville and studied to be a lawyer, and quickly began to rise in Tennessee politics. He became a part of the inner circle of advisors to Andrew Jackson. In 1823, he was elected to the U.S. Congress, and four years later

he was elected governor of Tennessee.

Houston resigned as governor after a failed marriage and retreated to his old friends - the Cherokees, who at that time had moved to Arkansas. Sam proclaimed himself a "citizen" of the Cherokee nation, and took a Cherokee wife, named Tiana Rogers, a widow. (Tiana's nephew, several generations removed, was Will Rogers). Through the force of his personality, Sam Houston became a **leader** among the Indian tribes of the area, serving for them as an ambassador to Washington. He came to Washington dressed Indian style, which was quite unique. Imagine Sam Houston, tall and forceful, appearing before President Andrew Jackson, arrayed in colorfully woven blankets, a buckskin coat with metal ornaments, his face clean shaven in the Indian style.

*The other half of Sam Houston's story will be continued in the June Issue. This is the ninth in the series on famous Masons who made Texans History.*

**Don't Forget, The Election For New Officers Will Be At The June Meeting**

**Say A Prayer For**

Kenneth Harvey's family. Kenneth just lost his father.  
David Hartley still suffering from the car accident.  
Roy Shields, suffering from a few different ailments.  
Ted Wren still having trouble with breathing

**MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES**

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Carter, Malcolm Pierce | 5-02-74 |
| Parham, William E      | 5-05-82 |
| Sweetman, Clyde O.     | 5-09-50 |
| Weaver, Walter A.      | 5-28-43 |
| Wiesner, John W        | 5-25-51 |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO**

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Garrett, John A.          | 5-02-65 |
| Hartley, David Wade       | 5-02-59 |
| Lyons, Steven Dale        | 5-07-60 |
| Zepeda, Jimmy Nazario Jr. | 5-30-48 |
| Zermeno, Christopher M.   | 5-14-73 |

## HOW TO BATHE A CAT

1. Thoroughly clean the toilet.
2. Add the required amount of shampoo to the toilet water and have both lids up.
3. Find the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.
4. In one smooth movement, put the cat in the toilet and close both lids. (You may need to stand on the lid so that he cannot escape.) The cat will self-agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from your toilet, the cat is actually enjoying this. **CAUTION:** Do not get any part of your body too close to the edge of the seat, as his paws will be reaching out for anything they can find.
5. Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a "Power Wash" and "Rinse", which I have found to be quite effective.
6. Have someone open the door to the outside and ensure that there are no people between the toilet and the outside door.
7. Stand behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift both lids.
8. The now clean cat will rocket out of the toilet, and run outside where he will dry himself.

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