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JUNIOR WARDEN - T. Roy Shields
SENIOR DEACON - Kenneth Harvey
JUNIOR DEACON - Junior Bridges
SENIOR STEWARD - L.M. Jim Ferguson



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SECRETARY - - Steve York
TREASURER - - H. Doug Holloman
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THE NEXT STATED MEETING February 8, 2001
Meal Served 6:30 PM — Meeting Starts 7:30 PM



REMEMBER

February is one of those few weird months of the year where the second Tuesday comes after the second Thursday. That means you can still make the Waller #808 stated meeting next week on February the thirteenth.

Masonic Questions and Answers

Q: Why do we use the term Worshipful Master?

A: The title "worshipful" has absolutely nothing to do with any person being "worshipped". It is from an ancient title long in use in England, and it was always clearly understood to mean "respected" or "honorable". As all of us were taught in the military, you are not saluting the man when you salute an officer, you are saluting the man's rank. If your understanding was that the word meant "someone deserving of religious worship", then rest assured that was *never* the meaning of the word. It's like a Judge. He may not be an honorable man, but you still use the term "Your Honor" in addressing him (Another ancient English title).

This "Masonic Questions and Answers" column will hopefully continue as a regular feature in future issues. It is basically intended for the new masons among us and for our Masonic wives and children. However all of us may benefit from being reminded sometime.

*PLEASE let the editor know if you have a question.
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One Exemplary Mason

"On Monday last, Died at Newmarket, in this Co., the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, wife of Richard Aldworth, Esquire, M. P. She lived to the age of eighty, and such were the effects of her early education, under the good Lord Doneraile, her father, and her own happy disposition, that from her infancy perhaps there passed not a day which might not have been distinguished by some one act of her benevolence or charity. She lived for the most part of her time in the country, in the midst of her servants, to whom her house afforded the most cheerful hospitality; the meanest of them, when their wants required it, had access to her, and when the indigent or sick called on her, she never failed to disperse her favours with that bounty and humanity which a large fortune enabled her, and a still larger soul induced her to bestow; indeed, Heaven seemed to have appointed her Guardian of the Poor whom she relieved without ostentation.

She possessed the fairest sentiments of religion, and as if the manner of her death was meant as an anticipation of that happiness which awaited her, she spent in slumber her last hours, those hours so very dreadful in the general, without the least pain or opposition, her mind quite disengaged from a world in which she did her own duty, while the tears and lamentations of thousands about her expressed their feelings for kind Benefactress."

The Hon. Mrs. Aldworth was born in 1695, and died in 1775. The above is from Memoirs of the life of the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, one female who obtained the honour of initiation into the sublime mysteries of Freemasonry. (Extract from "Caulfield's Annals of St.

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Finn Barre's Cathedral, Cork.")

Elisabeth Aldworth's father, Lord Doneraile, who was a very zealous man occasionally opened Lodge in his home with his sons and some friends from the neighborhood. It appears that just before a young man was initiated into the first steps of Masonry, Mrs. Aldworth, then a young girl, happened to be in an apartment, adjoining the room usually used as Lodge-room.

The room she was in was being repaired and altered and among other things, the wall was reduced in thickness. The young lady could hear the voices on the other side of the wall and filled with curiosity regarding the mysteries of Masonry she used her scissors to pick out the mortar and removed a brick from the wall so she could view the forbidden and mysterious ceremony as the young man was taken through the first two steps.

Her curiosity satisfied, she got scared and decided to slip out of that part of the house. The only way out was through the back of the room where the ceremony was being performed. It was a very large room so she attempted to escape that way. She slipped across the room, and softly opening the door. Standing there was a grim and surly Tyler with his long rusty sword.

Her shriek alarmed the Lodge and all the members rushed to the door. There they found out from the Tyler she had been in the room during the ceremony. In those days it was a very serious offense and her prompt death was discussed. Her younger brother, however begged for her life to be spared, on the condition that she be initiated through the two steps she had already seen. She agreed and they conducted her through the mysteries of Freemasonry.

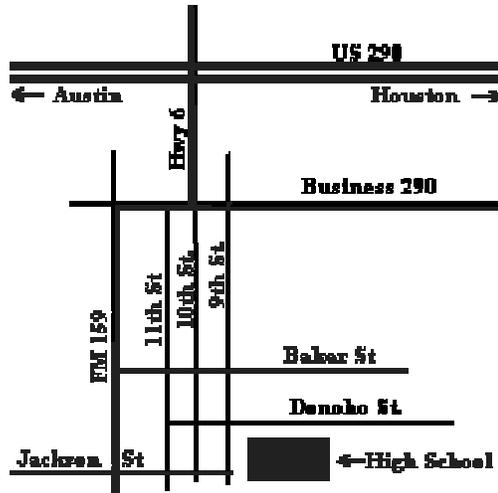
Masonic Study Nights

*Waller Lodge #808 Monday Nights
At 7:30 PM*

*Hempstead Lodge #749 Wednesday Nights
At 7:30 PM*

Study Floor Work and/or Degree Work

Ladies Valentine Banquet
Presented By The Waller County Masonic Lodges
Saturday February 10, 2001 6:00 PM
At The Hempstead High School
(See Map Below)



MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Bridges, Junior W.	2-1-71
Chamberland, Clarence C.	2-7-61
Clark, Harold Wayne	2-22-57
Johnson, Jeffery Stephen	2-5-98
Smith, Lavohn H	2-28-58
Wallingford, George G.	2-15-47

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Crow, John E.	2-7-27
Hamner, T. Finley	2-7-21
Hester, Sidney Joe Jr.	2-28-53
Kluna, Robert Wayne	2-8-42
McWilliams, Robert Lee	2-15-41
Paschall, Clarence R.	2-8-17
Styers, Julian Keith	2-25-69

Remember Us In Your Prayers

Raymond Paschall is still very ill
David Hartley Very Near Back Surgery
Roy Shields sister in the hospital
Paul Cox's (Waller WM) wife - cancer operation



It's Masonic Law In Texas

THE WARDENS

Art. 285. (323). **Duties of Wardens.**

When the Worshipful Master is absent the Senior Warden succeeds to all his duties. When the Worshipful Master and the Senior Warden are absent the Junior Warden succeeds to all their duties. In the absence of the Worshipful Master and the the Wardens, the last Past Master of the Lodge present may preside.

Art. 286 (323). **Junior Warden: Not Affected: When.**

The Junior Warden is not affected by the Senior Warden having to act as Worshipful Master, nor by the absence of the Senior Warden from a meeting at which the Master is present, nor by a vacancy in the office of Senior Warden, but retains his station and a pro tempore Senior Warden shall be appointed.

This "It's Masonic Law In Texas" column will hopefully continue as a regular column in future issues. If you have a question or suggestion regarding the wording or meaning of Masonic law, please let me know and I'll try to help in this column.

Visit These Masonic Sites On The Internet.

The Grand Lodge Of Texas

<http://www.gltexas.org/index.htm>

Small Town Texas Lodges (Waller County Lodges and Eastern Star Pages)

<http://www.geocities.com/corkyscorner/lodge.htm>

Texas Master Masons

<http://www.tx-mm.org/>

Hempstead Lodge #749

<http://www.geocities.com/hempstead749/>

Waller Lodge #808

<http://www.geocities.com/waller808/>

The Editors Corner

In January's newsletter I stated that "I wish some of you brothers who have been missing meetings lately would put aside old feeling or misunderstandings and come to the next meeting so that we can meet and shake hands."

Well it worked. (a little bit) At the January meeting I shook hands with 2 brothers that I had never seen at the Hempstead Lodge before. Both of them said they had read "The Editors Corner" column in the January newsletter. This month there is a coupon on the last page, good for on free dinner for the rest of you.

On another subject, the Wednesday study nights at the Hempstead Lodge are going very well with brothers teaching the Entered Apprentice work and opening and closing the Lodge for brothers who hope to work through the chairs. It won't be long before we have an E.A. ready to turn in his work. It is my hope that all of the other Entered Apprentices who have slowed down on learning the work will read this and join us on Wednesday night to begin studying the work again and joining in with the fellowship.

Study starts at 7:00 PM at the Hempstead Lodge at 701 Main Street every Wednesday night.

We Regret To Report That
Brother Charles Dixon Hill
passed away on Wednesday January 24, 2001. Brother Hill was 66 years old and had been a member of Hempstead Masonic Lodge #749 for 33 years. Brother Hill will be remembered as an avid hunter who loved hunting in New Mexico.

NOTICE
**The 2001 Lodge Dues Are
Now Past Due. Are yours?**

*Value \$5.00
or more*

**Good Only For February 8, 2001
6:30 PM At Hempstead Lodge**

*Value \$5.00
or more*

This Coupon Good For One Free Dinner

For All Masons Who Haven't Attended A Lodge Meeting In The Past Six Months. Bring The Wife And Kids And They Will Eat Free Also Then You Can Enjoy The Fellowship Of A Lodge Meeting At 7:30 PM

In Fact you don't even need to cut out this coupon, just come on down.

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