

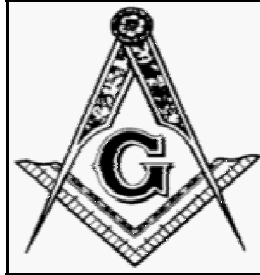
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THE NEXT STATED MEETING June 13, 2002

Meal Served 6:30 PM — Meeting Starts 7:30 PM

Good Food + Big Smiles + Hearty Handshakes = A Real Welcome



Texas Masonic Heroes

Sam Houston - Part II

"A Man of Honor"

In 1832, Sam Houston crossed the Red River into Texas and settled in Nacogdoches, where he again took up a law practice. The Americans in Texas were subjected to Mexican political turmoil, and after a decade of peace between them and Mexico, the actions of Mexico's new dictator, Santa Anna, set off resentment and dissatisfaction among the Americans. The stage was set for dramatic and moving events, and Houston entered at just the right moment to take a lead in those changes. Sam Houston was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence for Texas at Washington-on-the-Brazos. He was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Texas Army, which was nothing more than scattered bands of settlers and adventurers from the United States.

Sam Houston's Army began a classic withdrawal movement into east Texas, forcing the Mexicans to abandon their supply lines behind rising rivers, until he arrived at the mouth of the San Jacinto River, where it empties into Galveston Bay. On the afternoon of April 21, 1836, just as Santa Anna felt he had the Texans trapped, Sam Houston led the charge in what was to become one of the most significant battles in American history. Some 800

Texans mounted a surprise attack against the Mexican encampment. With the battle cry, "Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!", the Texans charged. Outnumbered and outgunned, the Texas Army defeated a

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Bar-B-Que Cook Off Benefits The Masonic Home And School

By "Corky"

A fair breeze blew through the oak trees every once in a while, but it was still a typical Waller County summer day, hot. The fact that there was a horde of large fire breathing Bar-B-Que pits scattered throughout the area didn't help. I was there part of the day to represent the Hempstead Lodge as one of the Officers and give moral support. I finally had to take the old advice, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen".

Brookshire #1066, Hempstead #749, Katy-A.S. Crutcher 1439, Morton #72, Pleasant Hill #380, Rosenberg #881 and Waller #808, of the Texas Masonic District #108 entered the first annual District wide Bar-B-Que cook off competition held in front of Joe Rutledge's place on FM 359 in Pattison, Texas to raise money for the Texas Masonic Home and School.

There were nine different categories of Bar-B-Que pit cooking judged, including Biscuits, Eggs, Ribs, Beans, Chicken, Any Meat, Wild Game, Anything Smoked and Brisket. A different category was judged every half hour from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

There was also a silent auction, a talking auction and a yard sale during the day with donated items to raise additional funds.

Hempstead Lodge's cooking team was led by 'Tiler' Wayne Kluna and wife Betty with a little help from W. M. Ted Wren Jr., S.W. Roy Shields, J.W. Kenneth Harvey, S.D. Stephen Lyons and Robert Kluna. The Hempstead team won three trophies and a handful of second and third place ribbons.

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The Star Corner

In 1867 and 1868 Mr. Macoy compiled and published a Ritual, using Dr. Morris' Rosary as a guide. This was the beginning of the organization of Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star in the States as well as internationally. He immediately attempted to make the work more systematic and succeeded in adapting it to organized Chapters in such a way as to assure their success.

Dr. Morris traveled extensively in foreign countries. He spent nearly a year in the Holy Land. He organized the first Masonic Lodge in Jerusalem, Royal Solomon Number One, and became its first Worshipful Master. He was an author of great ability and wrote numerous and valuable works on Masonry and its kindred subjects. The most popular were, "The Lights and Shadows of Masonry" and "Free Masonry in the Holy Land." He contributed to columns in almost every Masonic publication.

He was also a poet of unusual attainment, having written over four hundred poems. His best known poem is "The Level and the Square." Many of these poems were devoted to the Order of the Eastern Star and are still used by Chapters.

Aside from his work in Masonry and Eastern Star, he wrote many religious songs which are used by Churches and Sunday Schools. While seated on the shore of the Sea of Galilee in Palestine, he wrote the beautiful song "O, Galilee."

In 1858-1859 Dr. Morris served as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky. In 1860 he drafted the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Having passed through the chairs in the Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Council, Commandery, Consistory and Grand Lodge, and having spent most of the strength, thought and wisdom of his early manhood in a close study of the Rituals, codes, principles and tenets of Masonry, he was conceded to be one of the most versatile and learned Masons of his day.

In 1880 the General Grand Chapter conferred on Dr. Morris the title of "Master Builder of the Order of the Eastern Star" and August 31st, the birthday of this illustrious man, was set apart as the Festal Day of the Order, to be observed by having special programs on that day. He also had the Degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Laws conferred upon him

*A Note From The
Secretary's Desk*

At this month's meeting, June 13, 2002, we will elect new officers for the Hempstead Lodge's Masonic year 2002/2003. Remember, starting with the July Meeting we will be open under new management.

Let's Visit A Neighboring Lodge

There are 20 different ones less than an hour away.

1st Monday	Bellville	#223	7:30 pm	
2nd Monday	Navasota	#299	7:00 pm	
3rd Monday	Conroe	#748	7:00 pm	
3rd Monday	Sugarland	#1141	7:30 pm	
1st Tuesday	Oak Wood	#1444	7:30 pm	(Woodlands)
1st Tuesday	Northwest	#1434	7:30 pm	(Spring)
2nd Tuesday	Waller	#808	7:30 pm	
2nd Tuesday	Morton	#72	7:30 pm	(Richmond)
2nd & 4th Tue.	Cypress	#1423	8:00 pm	
3rd Tuesday	Montgomery	#25	7:30 pm	
3rd Tuesday	Rosenberg	#881	7:30 pm	
2nd Wednesday	Hurbert	#67	7:30 pm	(Chappell Hill)
1st Thursday	Brookshire	#1066	7:30 pm	
1st Thursday	Graham	#20	7:30 pm	(Brenham)
2nd Thursday	Katy- A.S. C.	#1439	7:30 pm	
2nd Thursday	Tomball	#1096	7:30 pm	
2nd Thursday	San Felipe	#239	7:30 pm	(Sealy)
3rd Thursday	Spring	#1174	8:00 pm	
3rd Friday	Planters	#147	7:30 pm	(Plantersville)
3rd Saturday	Pleasant Hill	#380	12:00 noon	(Fields)

later in life.

The crowning event in the career of this remarkable man occurred in 1884 when over 500,000 Master Masons throughout the world expressed their desire that he be crowned with the laurel wreath, symbolizing Poet Laureate of Masonry. One hundred years had elapsed since the first Poet Laureate, Robert Burns, had received this honor. Dr. Morris was the first poet thought capable of filling this place after Robert Burns. In the presence of more than seven hundred dignitaries this honor was conferred for the second time in the history of the craft.

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Please send your Comments and Suggestions For the Eastern Star column to Corky at 979-826-6267 or to pineilse@swbell.net



Sam Houston (Continued from page 1)

force nearly twice its size in only eighteen minutes. The Texans suffered only 6 killed, while the Mexican Army had 630 killed, 208 wounded, and the Texans took 730 prisoners. Santa Anna was captured alive. The self-styled "Napoleon of the West" received from a generous foe the mercy he had denied Travis, Crockett and Bowie at the Alamo and Fannin at Goliad. Sam Houston dictated to him the terms of Texas Independence.

Houston was elected the first President of the Republic of Texas and served from 1836 to 1838, and again from 1841 to 1844. On December 20, 1837, Houston presided over the Masons that met in the Texas Senate Chamber and resolved to form the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas. By then, three lodges had been chartered in Texas by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana: Holland Lodge No. 36, Milam Lodge No. 40 at Nacogdoches, and McFarland Lodge No. 41 at San Augustine. President Houston presided over a convention with representatives of these three lodges in the city of Houston, and elected Anson Jones the first Grand Master of Masons in Texas. Sam Houston married Margaret Lea in Marion, Alabama, in 1840. (Tiana, his Cherokee wife, had died earlier.) Although in her twenties when introduced, it was apparently love at first sight for Margaret.

After Texas was admitted to the Union, Sam Houston served as U.S. Senator for Texas from 1846 to 1859. In 1859, Houston ran for Governor of Texas on an anti-secession platform, which meant he was opposed to having Texas secede from the Union. However, in 1861, Texas voted to secede anyway. Houston refused to take an oath of allegiance to the new Confederacy, and he was removed as governor. Houston then retired to private life to the town of Huntsville. His son, Sam Houston Jr., fought for the Confederates and was wounded in Tennessee. Sam Houston died in Huntsville in July 1863, while Margaret was at his bedside. His final words were "Texas -- Texas ! -- Margaret -- ".

Sam Houston was truly "a Man of Honor" and is certainly worthy of our emulation. He was a dedicated Mason. Houston, and great leaders like him, established our State and our fraternity under trying conditions and would be proud to see the way it has grown in the past 160 years. Now it is up to us to see that the tradition is carried on. We must educate our

children in the values that were cherished enough by our founders that they risked and sacrificed their lives that we might live in a free country. We must see that Masonry in Texas remains an influence for good that cannot be denied. We must educate our members of the Craft so that our children's children will be as proud of us as we are of our founders. Brethren, love your lodge, and help it to grow. Love your fraternity and practice its tenants that "the world at large" may be "convinced of its good effects."

This was the last half of the Sam Houston story and was the ninth in this series on famous Masons who made Texans History.

Cook Off (Continued From Page 1)

As a first time event we didn't raise as much money as we had hoped to although \$2,100 is a respectable amount. In my opinion we were hampered by the facts that we tried to accomplish to much within the short amount of time we had to make the plans and do all of the work necessary for such a major undertaking..

Next year, with the advantage of having 20-20 hindsight and more time for planning, we feel that a District wide Bar-B-Que cook off to raise funds for the Masonic Home and School will become an annual event that we can all look forward to with pride.

TEXAS WISDOM

Never slap a man who's chewin' tobacco.
Don't squat with your spurs on.
Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
Always drink upstream from the herd.
There's 2 sure fire ways to argue with a wife.
Neither one will work.

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Crow, John E.	06-10-68
Hester, Sidney Joe Jr.	06-30-80
Woods, Harold Ray	06-20-74

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

Garrett, William F. "Bill"	06-26-38
Geisendorff, Fred W.	06-17-28
Sweetman, Clyde O.	06-10-21
Vines, James Ray	06-13-46
Weaver, Walter A.	06-18-10
Zach, Freddie Ray	06-06-45

There are three guys, a redhead a brunette and a blonde, working 20 stories up on steel girders. Come lunch time, they all sit together.

The redhead looks at the other two and says, "Fifteen years, fifteen years I have been working on top of these buildings. Everyday it is the same - tunafish sandwiches. If it is tunafish again today, that is it! It's over!" He opens up his lunchkit, sees that it is tunafish and jumps.

The brunette looks at the blonde and says, "Twenty years, twenty years I have been working on top of these buildings. Everyday it is the same - baloney sandwiches. If it is baloney again today, that is it! It's over!" He opens up his lunchkit, sees that it is baloney and jumps.

The blonde looks around and says, "Twenty-five years, twenty-five years I have been working on top of these buildings. Everyday it is the same - peanutbutter sandwiches. If it is peanutbutter again to day, that is it! It's over!"

He opens up his lunchkit, sees that it is peanutbutter and jumps.

A few days later the three widows are gathered at the funeral.

The redhead's widow is crying and saying, "If only I had know that he didn't like tunafish, I never would have made him tunafish."

The brunette's widow is crying and saying, "If only I had know that he didn't like baloney, I never would have made him baloney."

The blonde's widow is crying and saying, "I don't understand, he makes his own lunch."

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