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Vote Wisely This Coming Election

A powerful senator died after a prolonged illness. His soul arrived in Heaven where he is met by St. Peter.

"Welcome to Heaven," says St. Peter. "We seldom see a high official around these parts, so we're not sure what to do with you."

"No problem, just let me in," says the man.

"I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in Hell and one in Heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity."

"Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in Heaven," says the senator.

"I'm sorry but rules are rules."

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to Hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a club and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him. Everyone is very happy and in evening attire. They run to greet him, hug him and reminisce about the good times

they had while getting rich at the expense of the people. They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster and caviar.

Also present is the Devil, who really is a very friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go. Everyone gives him a big hug and waves while the elevator rises.

The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens in Heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him.

"Now it's time to visit Heaven," he says.

So 24 hours pass with the senator joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns.

"Well then, you've spent a day in Hell and another in Heaven. Now choose your eternity."

He reflects for a minute, then the senator answers, "Well, I would never have said it, I mean

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From The Secretary's Desk

The preparations for the Liendo Plantation fundraiser appear to be nearing completion. W.M. Kelley Cox has finished building the framework for the new tent from square steel tubing and wooden posts donated by J.W. "Bubba" Schiel, Danny Williamson, Zane Williamson and his brother will be sewing up the tent covering with material furnished by Wes Mersiovsky.

It appears that the members of the Hempstead fund raising committee owes Waller Lodge W. M., Mike Risley, a big vote of thanks for completely taking over the Joint Lodge Fund Raiser thereby

saving them from having to help make decisions.

W.M. Risley set up a meeting for 6:00 pm on September twenty second with Mr. Deterring and a few Waller members. He surprised the 'committee' when he handed a typed proposal, that the committee had not seen, to Mr. Deterring which basically proposed that everything was to be same as last year, including the prices for food.

That brought a strong protest, from those members present who reminded him, wholesale food prices, especially for meat had risen so much that our prices would also have to be increased.

On October fourth W. M. Risley and two of the Waller members met to discuss which foods were to be sold, where to buy them and prices.

RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION OF CHILDREN INTO THE MASONIC HOME AND SCHOOL

While researching old papers for local Lodge histories, I stumbled upon these guidelines for the admission of a child to the Masonic Home and School as Revised and Passed by Board of Directors July 14, 1946. (Reprinted below)

From what I have gathered, listening to many discussions between Master Masons regarding the Home and School, I feel that if these same guidelines were strictly followed today, the Home and School would be financially sound and strongly supported by all Texas Masons.

In almost every discussion, I have heard about the Home and School, the complaint is always made that the home and school was created for orphaned children of the Master Masons of Texas and it is felt that the intent was wrongly altered against the wishes of the majority to allow enrollment of children of non-Masonic parents.

1. An application for admission of a child into the Home must be made by the Lodge of which the father is or was at the time of his death a member in good standing. An application will not be considered other than by such Lodge.
2. The applicant, to be admitted, must be the child of a Master Mason in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge in Texas, and must come under one of the following classifications:
 - (a) The applicant's father must be deceased.
 - (b) The applicant's father must be incurable ill or insane.
 - (c) The applicant's mother must be deceased or incurably ill or insane, and the father unable to provide a home for the applicant.
 - (d) The applicant must be deprived of a home because of the desertion of the mother, all cases to be considered separately and upon individual merit; and in no case will an applicant from a broken home be admitted until a decree of divorce has been granted.

NOTE: A child legally adopted by a foster father is to be considered on the same basis as a child of a natural father.

NOTE: The Masonic Home and School cannot take a child for pay.

3. A child under three years of age or one who has reached its thirteenth birthday will not be admitted.

4. A child who has property sufficient to maintain and educate it will not be admitted.

(It is not the function or purpose of the Home to care for a child in order that an estate may be conserved.)

5. A child who has a close relative or relatives able and willing to care for it will not be admitted.

(After all, the normal home is the best atmosphere in which to rear a child. If close relatives are able and desire to care for the child it is best that they should assume the responsibility. This will give the Home the chance to care for some child not so fortunately situated.)

6. A child afflicted with tuberculosis or any other communicable disease, or who is deaf, dumb, blind, or of unsound mind will not be admitted.

(It is the function of the home to rear and educate normal children. It is unsound educational policy to try to train normal children along with children who are mentally, physically, or morally defective.)

7. Any child who develops vicious habits or becomes insubordinate will be dismissed from the home.

(It is not the function of the home to assume the work of a reformatory. It is unfair to good children to subject them to the influence of a few vicious residents.)

8. Should a mother who has a child in the Home marry it is presumed that she and her husband will assume the normal responsibility of parents and relieve the Home of the care of her child to the end that more needy and helpless children may be received.

9. A mother who persists in violating the visiting regulations, or who criticizes and finds fault with the Home to such an extent that any child of hers becomes dissatisfied and hard to control, shows so little appreciation of the Home's service, and so little of the spirit of co-operation as to become a positive disturbing factor in the life of the Home. When, by conference with such mother, her co-operation cannot be secured, each child will be returned to her.

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Heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in Hell."

So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down,! Down to Hell.

Now the doors of the elevator open and he is in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags.

The Devil comes over to him and lays his arm on his neck.

"I don't understand," stammers the senator. "Yesterday when I was here there was a golf course and club and we ate lobster and caviar and danced and had a great time. Now all there is, is a wasteland of garbage and my friends are miserable."

The Devil looks at him, and says, "Yesterday we were campaigning. Today you've already voted for us!"

Vote Wisely In This Coming Election, But Most Important Don't Forget To Vote.

The oldest minutes of Royal Arch Masonry discovered are those of Fredericksburg Lodge, Virginia, Dec 22, 1753, and the earliest records in England of 1758. The Royal Arch is now the most popular and universally practiced of the so-called higher degrees. The earliest recorded reference to it so far discovered was found in 1743, when the master of the Lodge at Youghai, Ireland, was preceded by "the Royal Arch carried by two Excellent Masons."

Remember These In Your Prayers

Steve York's daughter, Michelle Brewster, almost lost her life last August having the baby. Now she is with child again. Steve ask that we please remember her in our prayers again.

I was told that Worshipful Master Kelly Cox has been ill, with kidney stones.

The Power Of Prayer

After starting a new diet, I altered my drive to town to avoid passing my favorite bakery.

I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window was a host of my favorite goodies.

I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, "Lord, it's up to you. . . if you want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery."

And sure enough, He answered my prayer. On the eighth time around the block, there it was!

The 1723 Constitution

In 1723 Brother James Anderson's Constitutions of the Freemasons appeared. It was purported to have been compiled from old Manuscripts and Records, many of which have doubtless been lost. Brother R.F. Gould calls attention to "three striking innovations" in the 1723 Constitutions, to-wit: "It discards Christianity as the (only) religion of masonry, forbids the working of the Master's part in private lodges, and arbitrarily imposes on the English craft the use of two compound words, Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, which had no previous existence in its terminology." Brother Gould believed that at the formation of the grand lodge in 1717 it inherited from the time immemorial Masons only two degrees, and that the fellow Craft and Master Mason were one.

Worshipful Master Cox announced that Hempstead Lodge will have another fundraiser, probably in February. The plan is to have a yard sale at Steve York's place on Hwy. 6 like we had a few years ago. The Worshipful Master wanted to tell everyone not to discard any unwanted items that we could sell at the fundraiser.

Masonic Anniversaries

Smith, Huey D. 10-16-81

Happy Birthdays

Chamberland, Clarence 10-04-36
Holloman, "Doug" 10-19-41
Shields, Thomas Roy 10-30-16
York, Steven Wayne 10-08-51

In Florida, an atheist became incensed over the preparation for Easter and Passover holidays and decided to contact the local ACLU about the discrimination inflicted on atheists by the constant celebrations afforded to Christians and Jews with all their holidays while the atheists had no holiday to celebrate.

The ACLU jumped on the opportunity to once again pick up the cause of the godless and assigned their sharpest attorneys to the case. The case was brought before a wise judge who after listening to the long, passionate presentation of the ACLU lawyers, promptly banged his gavel and declared, "Case dismissed!"

The lead ACLU lawyer immediately stood and objected to the ruling and said, "Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? Surely the Christians have Christmas, Easter and many other observances.. And the Jews-- why beside Passover they have Yom Kippur and Hanukkah... and yet my client and all other atheists have no such holiday!"

The judge leaned forward in his chair and simply said "Obviously your client is too confused to know about or for that matter to even celebrate the atheists' holiday!"

The ACLU lawyer pompously said "We are aware of no such holiday for atheists, just when might that be, your honor?"

The judge said "Well it comes every year on exactly the same date---April 1st!"

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