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**FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER:**

If you are among the 47 Brothers that have not paid your 2011 Dues, please do so as soon as possible!! These were due 12/31/2010, "not just when you feel like it." At \$75.00 each, a large part of our budget is still out! If you feel that you are in financial distress and have a legitimate reason, contact the Worshipful Master or me and we will work out something.

We wish to thank the numerous Brothers who also made an additional donation this time to help offset the upcoming increase in Grand Lodge Per-Capita dues without our increasing our own Lodge Dues for now.

Last month's big winner for the large screen TV was our own Kurt Joye who also sold the most tickets. The drawing winner for the \$100 gift card was Sherry Livingston who purchased her tickets at the TMRC Family Day last October. Congrats !!

**Johnny B. Price 972-237-1010**

Secretary

**WORDS FROM THE EAST**

Brethren, First and foremost, please make sure you read the 'Secretary's Corner.' When considering the number of endowed members of this lodge, these brothers that have not paid their dues represent almost one-third of our dues paying members. This is a serious financial stress on the lodge!

On March 8, the Masonic Children and Family Services of Texas will be visiting our lodge. They will be providing a brief program on the services they offer, including the Fantastic Teeth Club program which our lodge is participating in. Refreshments will be provided at 6:30, followed by the program. After the program, we will be assembling kits for the Fantastic Teeth Club. A special thanks to Brothers Kurt Joye and Jimmy Emmons for their work on this program. Additionally, I want to thank Brothers Ed Cates and Wayne Osborne for their successful fund raising efforts.

Fraternally,

**Jeff Peterman 972-264-0609**

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**HUNTER TRESTLE BOARD** (subject to Change)

**Thur. Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> --T.B. Hunter Stated Meeting (7:30 PM.)**  
 \*\*\*\*\*Family Meal 6:30 P.M.)

**Tues. Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> --"Assemble Fantastic Teeth Club" Kits**  
 Masonic Family Services will serve Pizza at 6:30 PM.

**Wed. Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> --Public School Day--(GPISD School yet to be determined)**

**Other Tues/Thurs---Degrees or Floor School (7:00 PM)**  
 NOTE-Daily updates to the Trestle Board can be seen by logging on to [www.mastermason.com/tbh1356](http://www.mastermason.com/tbh1356).

**OTHER DATES**

**Tues. Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>--- S.R Hamilton Stated Meeting (7:30 PM.)**  
 (Family Meal 6:30 PM)

**Sat. Mar 5<sup>th</sup> S.R. Hamilton Master Mason Deg.(7:00 PM)**  
 \*\*\*\*Conferred by the Knights of Mecca\*\*\*\*  
 Dinner served at 6:00 PM

**Wed Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> -L.L Blake OES Stated Meeting (7:30 PM)**  
 (Family Meal 6:45 P.M)

**Fri. Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>---G.P. York Rite Chapter/Council (7:00PM)**  
 (Family Meal 6:30 PM)

**Sat. Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> ---Mountain Crk Stated Meeting (8:00 AM)**  
 (Family Breakfast 7:15 AM)

**MASONS WITH MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Benjamin Arata, Jerry Blackburn, Gregory Brown, Mark Calvert, **Gordon Cooper (1927)**, Marvin Crabb, **Gov. Thomas Dewey (1902)**, Charles England, Danny Ray Eudy, Bobby Fincher, Kenneth Fincher, Daniel Fox, **Harry Houdini (1874)**, **Sam Houston (1793)**, **Pres Andrew Jackson (1767)**, **Benito Juarez (1806)**, Charles Miller, Stewart Owings, Stanley Payne, John Phillips, George Poff, Thomas Remkus, Henry Satterwhite III, Ronald Shannon, Jason Sharpe, Marion Stevens, Dale Stevenson, Mearl Taylor Jr., **Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren (1891)**, Chris Whitt.

**DID YOU KNOW (about Gordon Cooper)**

Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr., also known as Gordo Cooper, (March 6, 1927 – October 4, 2004) was an engineer and American astronaut. Out of 109 pilots considered in the original selection process, Cooper was one of the seven and youngest original astronauts selected for **Project Mercury**, the first manned space effort by the United States. Cooper was launched into space on May 15, 1963 aboard the Mercury-Atlas 9 (Faith 7) spacecraft, the last **Mercury** mission. He orbited the Earth 22 times and logged more time in space than all five previous Mercury astronauts combined – 34 hours, 19 minutes and 49 seconds, traveling 546,167 miles at 17,547 mph, pulling a maximum of 7.6 g's . He achieved an altitude of 165.9 statute miles at apogee. He was the first American astronaut to sleep not only in orbit but on the launch pad during a countdown and was the last American to be launched **alone** into Earth orbit and conduct an entire **solo** orbital mission.

In his lifetime Cooper received many awards including the Air Force Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf clusters, the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal, the Collier Trophy, the Harmon Trophy, the DeMolay Legion of Honor, the John F. Kennedy Trophy, the Iven C. Kincheloe Award, the University of Hawaii Regents Medal and the Columbus Medal. He was a **Master Mason** (member of Carbondale Lodge 82 in Carbondale, Colorado) and was given the honorary **33rd Degree by the Scottish Rite Masonic body.**

Cooper was a member of several groups and societies including the Society of Experimental Test Pilots, the American Astronautical Society, **Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shriners**, Rotary Club, Order of Daedalians, Confederate Air Force and Boy Scouts of America.

**MASONIC CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES**

Grand Prairie's T.B. Hunter, S.R. Hamilton, and Mountain Creek Masonic Lodges and the Eastern Star Chapters will gather **March 8<sup>th</sup>** at Thomas B. Hunter building to participate in the **Masonic Children & Family Services "Fantastic Teeth Fan Club" program.** This program provides **free oral hygiene material kits to elementary school students.**

Pizza will be served at 6:30 PM followed at 7:00 PM with a brief orientation about the services available and then our **ASSEMBLY OF 900 KITS (Brethren-please be there to help** and RSVP to Kurt Joye at 972-400-1998 or [kurt820@aol.com](mailto:kurt820@aol.com) , Jimmy Emmons at 214-212-5501 or [pesaddle@flash.net](mailto:pesaddle@flash.net) or Robert Kirk at 817-296-1021 or [mahaltron12@att.net](mailto:mahaltron12@att.net).)

These Kits will then be distributed, on subsequent dates, with MCFS help, at three of our local elementary schools.