

Thomas B. Hunter Lodge #1356 933 S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St P.O. Box 531406 Grand Prairie, TX 75053 972-262-6560 May 2010



### WORDS FROM THE EAST



Brethren, I thank all of you that went to Dubiski Career High School in Grand Prairie for our annual Public School Day visit. The official count was 39 Masons from the Lodges here in Grand Prairie. We were treated to an outstanding lunch provided by the culinary students at the school. A Special Thanks also goes out to

Brother Abe Clauser for all of his hard work in getting this visit set up. On <u>May 27<sup>th</sup></u> we will be having a "**Past Master's**"

On <u>May 27<sup>th</sup></u> we will be having a "Past Master's" dinner to honor our Past Masters. Then on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>June 5<sup>th</sup></u> we will be having our Family Day at Loyd Park in Grand Prairie under a pavilion and will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers. There is a volleyball court, a playground for the kids, and a swimming area.. Fraternally,

## Harold Price 469-223-3689



WORDS FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren, as this Masonic year comes to an end, I want to thank the Stewards for their support and dedication for providing outstanding meals and support throughout the year. I especially want to extend my thanks to Brother Kurt Joye; Brother Joye has not only been the pillar of the kitchen but has show his dedication to Masonry by attending multiple Masonic functions, visiting other lodges with Right Worshipful DDGM Forest Sanderson and expanding his knowledge of the Esoteric work.

I also want to thank all the Brethren for their donations of food, time, and money that kept us under budget for this year. It has been an honor for me to serve Thomas B. Hunter as Junior Warden for this Masonic year and I look forward to many more years of service.

Fraternally,

### Brad Hill 972-606-1007

#### WORDS FROM THE WEST

Brethren, Almost all quiet on the western front. In addition to plans to replace the siding on our storage shed, we have several brethren working to provide some much needed grounds improvements. Several brethren are working fill the holes in our overflow parking, and to level the ground behind the lodge building. These improvements will be provided at little to no cost to the lodge, thanks to some generous brethren. Besides these projects, if you see something at the lodge that needs to be addressed please let me know.

# Fraternally,

## **Jeff Peterman** 972-264-0609

WORDS FROM THE STEWARD

Why is an Apprentice "Entered"?

After giving this lesson at the last Stated Meeting I had numerous Brethren enquire about a copy of the lesson: Said copy is now printed on the back (or outside) of this newsletter. **OH and by the way the meal for May's meeting is BBQ brisket. sausage, beans, potato salad and cole slaw.** Fraternally,

Kurt Joye 972-606-0319

HUNTER TRESTLE BOARD (subject to Change)

Thur. May 6<sup>th</sup> --T.B. Hunter Stated Meeting (7:30 PM.) Family Meal 6:30 P.M.) Thur. May 27<sup>th</sup> -Hunter Past Master's Dinner(7:00 PM) Other Tues/Thurs----Degrees or Floor School (7:00 PM) NOTE-Daily updates to the Trestle Board can be seen by logging on to <u>www.grandlodgeoftexas.org</u>, then click on "Lodge Locator" and then select Lodge No 1356.

### **OTHER DATES**

Tues. May 4th-S.R. Hamilton Stated Meeting (7:30 PM.) (Family Meal 6:30 PM Wed. May 5th -L.L. Blake OES Stated Meeting (7:30 PM) (Family Meal 6:45 P.M.) Thur. May 6<sup>th</sup> ------NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER "Surely our country needs prayer now more than ever" ----Rev. Franklin Graham Sat. May 8<sup>th</sup> ---Mountain Crk Stated Meeting (8:00 AM) (Family Breakfast 7:15 AM) Sun. May 9<sup>th</sup> ------Mother's Day Fri. May14th -G.P. York Rite Chapter/Council (7:00 PM) (Family Meal 6:30 PM) Sat & Sun, May 15 & 16-----Masonic Oak Weekend (Brazoria, Texas---see Sec for more info) Mon. May 31<sup>st</sup> ---------Memorial Day Gone but not Forgotten Ceremonies at: (Grand Prairie Veterans Memorial at 10:00 AM) (DFW National Cemetery at 11:00 AM)

### **MASONS WITH MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Bobby Adams, Eddy Arnold (1918), R.E.B. Baylor (1793), Billy Ray Bell, Irving Berlin (1888), Brad Boganwright, Donald Bramblet, Mark Buie Sr., Jason Byrd, Gen Mark Clark (1896), Johnny Denbow, Troy Dennis, Burnley Donaldson, Ulysses Ebalo, Fred Eisenhower, Douglas Fairbanks (1883), Travis Franklin, Marland Glover, Clyde Golden, Richard Gonzales, Paul Hale, Gene Head, Matt Herring, Brad Hill, Robert Huffer, Jimmy Ketner, Joe Livingston, J. La Rue Marley, Jesse Milam (1884), David Parker, Norman Vincent Peale (1898), Gary Peerman, Johnny Price, James Robertson, W. Forest Sanderson, Billy Seals, John Sellars, Charles Sisemore, Charles Smith, Roger Smith, Ronald Storm, Kevin Story, Mark Truelove, Harry Truman (1884), Vernon Watson, John Wayne (1907), Steven Woody

"Life is a Journey-Enjoy the Ride" "NUMBERS 6: 24-26"

### Definition of a Freemason, 1823

In the Farmer's Almanac of 1823 the following was printed under the heading, "Definition of a Freemason".

The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict, they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil in the next world.

A Freemason would be just even if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator.

In every climate, under every system of religion he is the same. He kneels before the universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others.

He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself.

He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended.

He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principle.

ANAGRAM-the transposition of letters in a word to form a new word:or sentence--i.e. The word: PRESBYTERIAN Transposed is: BEST IN PRAYER. The word: ASTRONOMER Transposed is: (answer in June newsletter)