

Thomas B. Hunter Lodge #1356 933 S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St P.O. Box 531406 Grand Prairie, TX 75053 972-262-6560 December 2011



## **WORDS FROM THE EAST**

Brethren,

The month of November was a very special month to give thanks to our military men and women both past and present who have served and fought for

our freedom. Without their commitment and dedication we would not be able to stand tall and free. So I give personal thanks to all of our veterans.

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Christmas party being held December 15<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church located at 122 North Center Street, Grand Prairie. The celebration will begin at 6:30 PM. Thomas B. Hunter will be providing the main course meal and we ask if you are able to bring a covered dish or a desert. Entertainment will be provided by the Grandlund Singers and we are expecting a special visit from Santa Clause. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the festivities. So please be sure to bring your family and friends for this special occasion.

Fraternally,

Brad Hill 214-280-1007

Brad Hill W.M.

## WORDS FROM THE SOUTH

The Charges of a Freemason

"Concerning God & Religion"

A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid Atheist, nor an irreligious Libertine.

But through ancient times, Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation, what ever it was, yet, it is now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good men and true, or men of honor and honesty by what ever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished; whereby Masonry becomes the center of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance.

Fraternally,

Stewart Owings 972-533-9164

Stewart Owings J.W.

MASONIC DATES ARE WRITTEN "A.L." WHICH NEVER CORRESPOND WITH THE NUMBER OF THE YEAR IN WHICH WE LIVE; WHY?

Freemasonry's practice has followed the ancient belief that the world was created four thousand years before Christ; that when God said "Let there be light" the world began. Therefore Masons date their doings four thousand years plus the current year, "Anno Lucis," or "In the year of Light." It is but another of Freemasonry's many ties with a day so old no man may name it.

## BEFORE GOD'S FOOTSTOOL ...

"Before God's footstool to confess, A poor soul knelt and bowed his head "I failed" he cried. The master said, 'Thou didst thy best - that is success!""

-Anon

Masons, being human, are generally less than perfect. Anybody who expects otherwise has a poor understanding of human nature and if perfection was a requirement for membership, there would be very few Masons indeed. Freemasonry itself, though, may be deemed to be perfect, in that it provides a vehicle for us to embark on a path that may eventually, through our own efforts, lead us to that perfection which we have come to understand is the ultimate goal of human endeavor. So, perfection is not required of us, but what is expected is a deep and heartfelt commitment to try to do our best in all spheres at all times. No one can ask us for more.

-Jonti Marks

## MASONS WITH DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Carl Cinicolo, James H. Dodd Jr., Cecil J. Farrell, Darren F. Ferrar, Reecie K. Giesecke, Murray K. Gray, Danny R. Hammontree, David R. Hestilow, Roger L. Ingersoll, Darold D. Jordan, Ronald L. Lange, Roy S. Lee, Tommy R. Massegee, Darrell. Mclaughlin, Johnny E. Owens, Marshall L. Page, Timothy P. Pederson, Ken L. Pittman, Vance O. Prince Jr., Robert D. Robertson, Robert P. Segui, Edward J. Singleton, Jerry E. Spaulding, Gus O. Virkus, Tommy T. Watson, Bobby R. Watts, Charles F. Wilson, John R. Wright, Boyce D. Wyatt

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

Thur. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> --T.B. Hunter Stated Meeting (7:30 PM) Family Diner (6:30 PM) Thur. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> --T.B. Hunter Christmas Celebration at the First United Methodist Church in Grand Prairie (6:30 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 www.tbh1356.org and/or, on facebook www.facebook.com/tbh1356

# OTHER DATES

**Dec.** 1<sup>st</sup> **Thru** 3<sup>rd</sup> – Grand Annual Communication (Waco)

Mon. Dec. 5th - G.P. DeMolay Stated Meeting

(7:00PM) (Family Meal 6:30 PM) **Tues. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> -** S.R Hamilton Stated Meeting

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

Fri. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> - G.P. York Rite Chapter/Council (7:00PM) (Family Meal 6:30 PM)

Sat. Dec. 10th - Mountain Creek Stated Meeting (8:00 AM) (Family Breakfast 7:15 AM)

Sat. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Sun. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Tues. Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> - St. John the Evangelist Day

# Thomas B. Hunter Masonic Lodge No. 1356

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A.F. & F.M. 933 S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Grand Prairie, Texas

Stated Meeting-1st Thursday 7:30 P.M. Degrees & Floor School—7:00 P.M. Chartered 8 December 1955

## OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2011/12

Worshipful Master	Brad Hill	214-280-1007
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# PAST MASTERS



Sam Davis\*, Gordon Furnas\*, Anson Brundage\*, Earl Bodine\*, Fred Fanning\*, William Elliott, Byron Susan\* (DDGM 1966-67,1979-80), William Mercer\*, Jimmy Dodd, Van Paris\*, C.W. Wagner\*, Travis Ray\*, J.T. Phillips, William Regan\*, Wiley Oliver, Stanley House, E. Carlyle Smith Jr.\* (DDGM 1984-85), Don Glover\* (DDGM 1975-76), Dayton Hohmann, Bobby Blackburn\*, C. Daniel Carter\*, Wendel Hulse (DDGM 1981), Richard Haggard, V. Ken Pickard\*, Jessie Moore\*, Marvin Crabb, Billy Ray Bell (DDGM 1995), Johnny Owens, Benny Emmons, Bob Self Don Keasler (DDGM 1995), Johnny Owens, Benny Emmons, Bob Self, Don Keasler (DDGM 98), Jimmy Emmons (DDGM 2003), Carl Overman\*, James Brown, Clifford Gray\*, Tommy Watson, Randy Blackwell, Paul Zema\*, Roscoe Harrouff\*, Clyde Golden, Danny Mercer (DDGM 2004&05), Walter Atchley, Troy Dennis, Lyle Daniels (DDGM 2001), Herman Wheeler\*, Luther Jones\*, Patrick McShane, Wayne Osborne, Brian Greenlees, Sam Kelly, Forest Sanderson (DDGM 2010), Ray Eudy, James Lewis\*, Brad Boganwright, Harold Price, Jeff Peterman \* denotes deceased



PAST MASTERS BY AFFILIATION

Sam Davis\*, Earl Bodine\*, P.E. Chenault\*, A.T. Eason\*, Eldon Sellers\*, T.A. Moseley Jr\*, E. Carlye Smith Sr\* (DDGM 1955-56), Sam Parker\*, Travis Brigman\*, Gus Virkus Jr, Jack Childs\*, Paul Culpepper, Jim Taylor\*, Russell Clausen Jr, Jimmy Luna, Dan Fox, Fred Kittrell\*, Edward Cates, Gene Reaves, Wilmer Werchan (DDGM 2007), Bill Stout, Marion Stevens Jr., Davis Hopkins, Burnley Donaldson, Ricky Poff, Duke Burge, Mitchell Szempruch, Jim Hill Mitchell Szempruch, Jim Hill



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