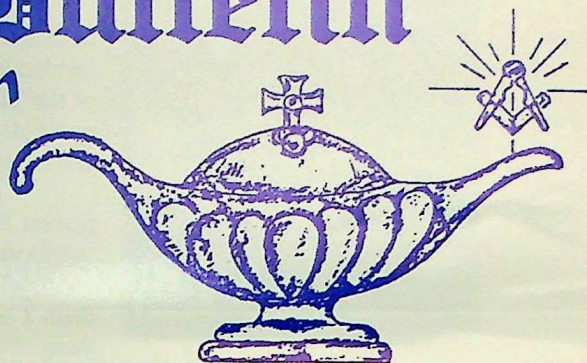


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## STATED COMMUNICATION

**Saturday, June 21, 1997**

New Braunfels Lodge No. 1109  
1157 W. San Antonio Street  
New Braunfels, Texas

4:00 p.m.

Open Lodge No. 1109  
Business Meeting of TLR  
All Master Masons Welcome

6:00 p.m.

Anson Jones Banquet

7:00 p.m.

Anson Jones Lecture

Speaker – R. W. Thomas W. Jackson  
Grand Secretary of the  
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

(Tickets \$15.00 per person)

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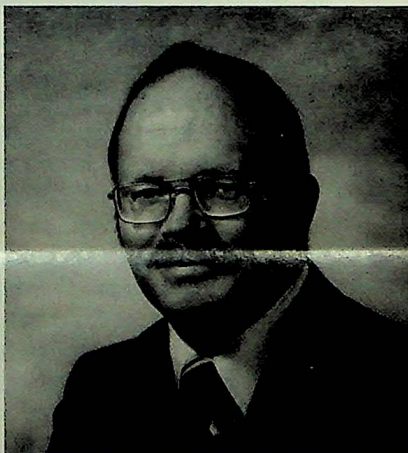
## FUTURE MEETING

Saturday, September 20, 1997  
San Saba Lodge No. 612  
Regular Stated meeting

## Anson Jones Lecture

Texas Lodge of Research is honored to have for the 1997 Anson Jones Lecture, R.W. Thomas W. Jackson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania since 1979.

Brother Jackson is the Book Reviewer for *The Northern Light*, Supreme Council, N.J.M. and a Fellow in the Philalethes Society. He has articles published in educational, scientific and Masonic journals as well as newspapers and publications throughout the world.



He is Honorary Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, Honorary Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming and Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Greece.

He has received the Pennsylvania Franklin medal for outstanding service to Freemasonry from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Philip C. Tucker Medal for distinguished service to society,

the community and to Freemasonry from the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

Other Masonic affiliations include Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, London, England, American Lodge of Research and Scottish Rite Research Society.

He will be delivering the L. A. Pires Lecture on Thursday, June 19, 1997 at the Dallas Scottish Rite Cathedral beginning with a complimentary dinner at 6:30 p.m. and lecture at 7:30 p.m. Please call the Dallas Scottish Rite Office at (214) 748-9196 for reservations. We are honored to have Brother Jackson and we encourage you to attend.



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# FROM THE EAST

by Cliff Acker, Master

Being installed as Master of the Texas Lodge of Research is an occasion that is both humbling and exhilarating - an emotional state that is leveled by the installing officer, especially if he happens to be PGM and PM of the TLR, R.W. Leonard P. Harvey. Beyond that, let me only express my gratitude to all you for allowing me to sit in the Oriental Chair of our lodge and assure you that I will do my very best to merit your confidence.

There is no theme for this year; recall and practice that of the lodge's newest Past Master and "Read one more page, read one more chapter, read one more book on Masonry."

Plans? Yes, I have some and if we can accomplish only some of them I will consider my year successful. Let me briefly outline a few of them.

There will be some new committees and they'll be asked to work on projects such as writing a history of the Grand Lodge of Texas (not a history of Masonry in Texas); how we will handle our Home page on the World Wide Web (Internet); book sales and book publishing; whether we need another source for presenting papers that do not quite meet the standards for publication in *The Official Transactions*, but are nevertheless worthwhile papers; and how we may be of service to our constituent lodges in helping them preserve the integrity of their written records.

There is scarce argument that the lodges in Texas have copious records, some of them maintained for decades and most of them in less than ideal conditions. The committee that will be selected to work on this project will work closely with the Texas State Archives and Library's professional staff to determine whether lodges should have their records microfilmed, whether they should be stored locally in acid-free boxes, whether they might be stored in a central repository or in a branch of the state archive's regional locations and what role the TLR should play in the project. Should we be activists or fund the project and forget it?

Regardless, the records generated by each constituent lodge are very valuable and should be maintained for future use. Whether the TLR takes part in the archival and preservation process will be up to the committee to define and the lodge to decide.

The editorial committee receives quite a few papers that are just not up to the lodge's standards for publication in *The Official Transactions*. Some of the papers are interesting and carry good information but, frankly, they simply do not meet our standards unless they are significantly revised. Not even extensive revision will help some of them.

Perhaps these papers could be published and the information shared. Not in *The Official Transactions* and but perhaps in a magazine format that is circulated among the TLR membership. Publication will not earn full membership in the TLR. Publication will, perhaps, be an incentive for the writers to keep trying, to keep working until their future papers are deemed acceptable by the editorial committee.

One suggestion made to cover the papers that are not of the quality for publication in *The Official Transactions* is to have them presented before the lodge as program papers instead of the more formal research papers.

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# Clifford L. Acker

## Worshipful Master, 1997-1998

"When one is asked to write the biography of a Worshipful Master, he appreciates the honor; but approaches the writing with apprehension, out of fear he will write too much or too little, that he will use the wrong words, or, much worse, commit horrible blunders." These sentiments expressed by the late Deed L. Vest, Past Master of our Lodge, captures the emotions I felt when asked to pen the biography of our current Worshipful Master, a close friend and associate to whose parent's I have had lasting relationships.

Clifford L. Acker, the thirty-eighth Master of Texas Lodge of Research, has a strong Masonic background. His father and grandfathers were members of our beloved fraternity. His mother is a 1935 graduate of the Texas Masonic Home and School and a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Clifford was elected an associate member of Texas Lodge of Research in January 1988. He became active in TLR when W.J.R. "Joe" Tucker appointed him Junior Deacon in 1992. He was elected a full member of TLR after presenting his paper, "A Masonic Myth Explored", before the Lodge in January 1995. Clifford received the James D. Carter Award for Literary Excellence for this work which carefully examined the surrender of Santa Anna to Sam Houston after the Battle of San Jacinto. He served as an appointive officer of TLR from that initial appointment in 1992 through 1995 when he was elected Junior Warden. This culminated in Clifford's March 1997 election and installation as Master of Texas Lodge of Research.

Clifford L. Acker was born in Liberty, Texas, on December 4, 1940 to H. Leon and Claudine Hale Acker. His father was a fifty-year member and Past Master of Liberty Lodge No. 48. His mother is a fifty-year member of the Liberty Chapter of the Eastern Star. Clifford attended public schools in Liberty until his sophomore year when he enrolled in San Marcos Baptist Academy where he graduated in 1958. His post-secondary education took a most unusual course. He began college at the University of Houston with an eye towards medical school and a career as a physician. That first chemistry course, however, changed Clifford's plans and he transferred to Sam Houston State University to major in English. While there, he took up the game of golf and developed a fine wedge shot but somehow forgot to pickup his "school books".

After two years of college, Clifford enlisted in the US Army in 1960. He ended up with the XVIII Airborne Corps and 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was trained as a high-speed Morse intercept



operator with the US Army Security Agency. He also spent time at the Fourth Field Station at Kagnew Station, Asmara, Eritrea, Ethiopia. He was discharged in 1963 following the Cuban Missile Crisis.

He returned to Huntsville and re-enrolled at Sam Houston State. Along the way, he petitioned Liberty Lodge No. 48 and was raised a Master Mason on May 25, 1963. During this period he married Patricia Helen Slaybaugh of El Tigre, Venezuela and Pattonsburg, Missouri. Clifford and Patricia had dated when they both were students at San Marcos Baptist Academy.

In 1964, the family moved to Austin where Clifford enrolled at "that small state-supported school", the University of Texas. While completing coursework in government, Clifford worked at various locations including the Office of Economic Opportunity. Clifford's only child, Reagan Aica Acker was born while the family was living in Houston. Reagan is married to Fred Centeno of San Antonio, the parents of his grandson, Joseph. Clifford and Patricia were divorced in 1976.

After receiving his degree and becoming an "official t-sip", Clifford moved to Edinburg in 1969 as the managing editor of Hidalgo Newspapers, Inc. and *The Edinburg Daily Review*. While in Edinburg, Clifford took graduate courses at the University of Texas-Pan American. He remained in Edinburg until the mid-1970's when he left the newspaper. From then until the mid-1980's, he worked for various newspapers, wire services, and political organizations. At that time, he went into business as a general contractor providing home re-modeling services under a federal program. He later entered the field of sales, where he spends his "working" time today.

Clifford became active in the fraternity when he was appointed an officer in Liberty Lodge No. 48. His father

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# The Livingston Meeting

by Cliff Acker

The TLR meeting agenda for Livingston, 15 March 1997, at historic Trinity Lodge #14 concluded with "Chuck Bukin is History!!!!!!!!!!" Understand now, this agenda, both pages, was prepared by Bro. Bukin, as the lodge's Worshipful Master. He is now a Past Master. Is that it?

What do we do about this? What does it mean? And why does he use eight exclamation points? Is there a special significance about this which escapes us, or is this some kind of puzzle we're to solve if we reach a higher level?

Brethren, if any of you have a grasp of this, let me know, please.

The meeting, prior to the historical part, went well.

All pretty much as out-lined on the agenda: we opened at 10:30 a.m. after coffee and doughnuts provided by W:M: Willy Howell and assisted by R:W: Don Maxwell, DDGM of District 27. The members and guests introduced themselves following the Senior Deacon's introduction of the Past Masters attending, four, and the Fellows, two.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary pro tempore, Hon. Wm. P. Vaughn, PM and Fellow. Brother Transou was conducting a Scottish Rite Reunion in Dallas.

The treasurer's report by Bro. R. A. Ford was accepted and then the Master moved into reports by the standing committees: the speaker for the Anson Jones Lecture will be R:W: Thomas P. Jackson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; the Editorial Committee reported that it has some papers awaiting but more are needed; Bro. Vaughn reported that the next edition of The Official Transactions are near the printing stage; head of the books sales, Clyde Kenneaster, reported on our sales through Grand Lodge, but mentioned that sales were continuing at the Grand Master's conferences; and preliminary reports were given on a scholarship program the TLR is to supervise for Austin Lodge #12.

Then PGM and PM Leonard P. Harvey introduced a resolution that would amend the lodge's by-laws and permit a committee to evaluate and consider for publication manuscripts submitted to them. The motion, the essence of which may or may not have been captured in the previous briefing sentence, will be considered for a vote at the New Braunfels meeting in June.

Following discussion of the lodge's Home page on the Internet, claims and accounts action and a couple of other items, the election of officers was conducted by PM Pete Martinez. For the results, see the masthead on page 2.

The soon-to-be-historical Bro. Bukin (is that kind of like "the artist previously known as Prince"?) made his fina

report as Master and the members and guests adjourned for lunch, provided by Trinity Lodge's OES Chapter.

After lunch, papers by Bro. Roland Maddux on Capitular Masonry in Texas and its beginnings and by Bruce Chabot on Freemasonry in "Tom Sawyer's Conspiracy" were presented.

The installation team of Hon. Leonard P. Harvey, PGM and PM as installing officer and Hon. John E. Jack Kelly, PGM, PM and Fellow as marshal then proceeded with the time-honored ceremony of installing the new officers and seating them in their various stations and places.

The new Master made a few brief remarks, expressed his gratitude to several and then tried to declare the lodge closed before shooing out the non-Masons, calling the lodge back to labor and let Bro. Chabot be voted in as the lodge's newest full member. Then they closed the lodge in due and ancient form.

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"volunteered" him as a steward in 1985. This appointment kindled Clifford's interest in Freemasonry and has led him to a very active Masonic career. He served as Master of Liberty Lodge in 1989-90 and he received the Golden Trowel Award from his Lodge in 1995. While serving as Master of Liberty Lodge, Clifford had the privilege of raising a Master Mason 45 years after the man was initiated as an Entered Apprentice. Clifford's father, H.L. Acker was Master when the man was initiated at the end of World War II. Clifford was the President of the 107th District's Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association in 1988 and has served as Secretary of that body since 1989.

In December 1993, Clifford was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 107th District by Grand Master Billy W. Tinsley. He served on the Grand Lodge Committee on Fraternal Relations from 1993 through 1996 and chaired that committee during 1995. He began a seven year term on the Committee on Public Relations in December 1996.

Clifford received the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Houston Scottish Rite Bodies in 1986. He works in the robe room and is on a degree team. He has been very active with the Houston Scottish Rite Learning Center and currently serves as President of the Board. He is also a member of the Statewide Coalition of Literacy and is active in the Atascosita District Scottish Rite Club. He was invested with the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor by the Houston Scottish Rite Bodies in 1993.

Clifford is also active in the other appendent Masonic bodies. He received the Royal Arch Mason and Royal and Select Masters Degrees in Goose Creek Chapter and Council, and the Knight Templar Degrees in Kenedy Commandery. He is a Past High Priest of Dayton Chapter

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## A MEETING IN ADVANCE

Our fall meeting will be held smack-dab in the middle of Texas - in San Saba.

We'll be hosted by San Saba Lodge #612, on US190, about a mile east of the courthouse.

US190 and SHI6 intersect in San Saba: north to Goldwithe, south to Llano on SHI6, east to Lampasas and west to Richland Springs and Brady on US190. That's for those driving in, and that is about the only way you can get there from here.

Headquarters lodging and hospitality room at the L & L Motel on SHI6. Rates: Single \$45.87; double \$55.95 and family room is \$79.47. Those are credit card prices. Knock off a couple of dollars if you're paying cash. Call (915)372-5191 before 15 September 1997 to reserve your room and mention TLR. Details and maps in next edition.

Another motel - no, that's the "other" motel - is the new Hill Country Inn, just an easy rock chuck from the lodge. About a dozen units, all are non-smoking and the price range is: \$49 for person in a queen room and \$54 for two and a doubled room is \$59 for two beds, all taxes included in those prices. Call (915)372-4113 if interested in these quarters.

The hospitality room will operate from the host's arrival time on Friday the 19th until 7 p.m. when we'll all dine at Lige Ann's, downtown.

Saturday's schedule begins with coffee and doughnuts at the lodge; a tour for the ladies and non-Masons, lunch at the lodge and papers to follow at 1:00 or 1:30 p.m.

Robert W. Pierce, Riverdale, IL  
 Dorival Fiorini, Sao Paulo, Brasil  
 R. Edward Trego, Ravenna, OH  
 John R. Powers, Jr., Buzzards Bay, MA  
 Tony C. Zagar, Lufkin  
 Bobby Kelly, Lennox, CA  
 Michael J. Kastle, Vienna, VA  
 Bret K. Conway, Longview  
 Woodley O. Truitt, Richland Hills  
 David G. Terrell, Keller  
 Dennis W. Stevens, Saranac Lake, NY  
 Raymond T. George, Collegeville, PA  
 Vladimiro Golovin, Buenos Aries, Argentina  
 James E. Huston, Atlanta  
 John L. Lyons, Watauga  
 William J. Malina, Houston  
 Norris J. Dwyer, Bowdoinham, ME  
 William J. Staas, Mullica Hill, NJ  
 Michael Glezos, Quebec, CAN  
 Miguel A. Soto Cuevas, Lares, PR  
 Walter S. Sawicki, II, St. Louis, MO  
 Carlos E. Ponce, Vienna, VA  
 Paul L. Parks, Macon, GA  
 Jesse R. Lester, Macon, GA  
 Theodore C. Lisenby, Macon, GA  
 Emmett R. Johns, Lizella, GA  
 Boyd Crapnell, Sugarland  
 Harry J. Noble, Alberta, CAN  
 Paul Wayne Owen, Texas City  
 Jimmie M. Dewberry, Three Rivers  
 David W. Peters, Brazoria  
 Mark H. Van Houten, Burlington, NJ  
 Gene R. Freeman, Fairbanks, AK  
 Scott A. Carter, Burleson, TX  
 Saldy S. Santiago, Laoag City, Phillippines  
 Marcel B. Harrison, Macon, GA  
 Odell L. Harrison, Pasadena  
 Sevino J. Mozzochi, Springfield, VA  
 Maynard Tatelman, Omaha, NE  
 Jaime B. Hernando, Vintar Ilocos Norte Phillipp.

### New Members

#### Elected March 15, 1997

Michael C. Glawson, Fulton, MO  
 Jerry L. Butler, McKinney  
 Robert Stimpson, Jr., Madison CT  
 Ambrosio Peters, Brasil  
 Topeka Scottish Rite, Topeka, KS  
 Gordon T. Stanhope, Westbrook, ME  
 William E. Estes, Stow, OH  
 Ross Van Ness Bayer, Sr., Princeton, NJ  
 Kenneth G. Flook, Tucson, AZ  
 Marvin L. Gaines, Hilo, HI  
 Richard R. Olsen, Wasilla, AK  
 Edwin S. Hoot, Dallas  
 Ernesto B. Manzano, Cabarroguis, Quirino  
 Alvin L. Riddell, Richmond, VA  
 Carl W. Gaborik, Hampton, VA  
 Charles T. Tonkens, St. Simons Island, GA  
 Harley Johnson, Little Fork, MN  
 James A. Davis, Jr., Norton, OH  
 John Sarver, Shalimar, FL  
 Malcolm Chaplin, Smithers, BC Canada  
 Donald L. Saint, APO AE  
 James L. Joiner, Jr., Chicago, IL  
 Bernard L. Martinsen, San Jose, CA  
 Masonic Library, Honolulu, HI  
 William B. Stephenson, St. Louis, MO  
 Dani Oliver, Las Vegas, NV  
 Jukka Kesti-Helia, Loviisa, Finland  
 Earl Henderson, Port Aransas  
 John E. Thompson, Lake Jackson  
 Michael G. Birstihl, Lincoln, NE

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#284 and Goose Creek Chapter #408, and Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Dayton Council #219. He serves as the Secretary-Recorder of the Dayton Chapter and Council at this time. In addition, he is the Thrice Illustrious Master of Goose Creek Council #339 and Senior Warden of Kenedy Commandery #61. That is not all. He is also a member the San Jacinto Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, the Arabia Shrine in Houston, and the Royal Order of Scotland.

Clifford recently said, "I thoroughly enjoy Masonry and Masons. I think the strength of our Fraternity lies in our service to others - how we are able to help those less fortunate than ourselves through our good works, whether it be a Scottish Rite Learning Center or Shriners Hospital or one-to-one assistance. There is a greater common good and we should always strive to meet it. Every human being does indeed have a claim on our kind offices."

As I said, his interest in Freemasonry has been a burning passion since that "fatherly offering" of a volunteer in 1985! Clifford is truly a worker in the quarries of Freemasonry.

Michael L. Wiggins, PM  
 Texas Lodge of Research



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These papers could employ other media, such as slides or video, and would help the lodge when it's low on research papers and, at the same time, it would provide an opportunity for members to "get their feet wet" in appearing before our august body with a research paper, documented down to the *nth* degree. We might even waive end-notes and let opinion(s) be voiced. The committee could waive such requirements as it chose for presentation but presentation, again, would not qualify the presenter for election to Full Membership.

Let me offer this aside: The editorial committee is not "a bunch of pointy-headed professors," as they have been accused. One is, indeed, a professor, but in science, not in literature. That, however, does not keep him from knowing his mother tongue or being able to utilize it. The editorial committee looks at papers with a critical eye, not to keep them from being published, but to make sure those that are published meet the lodge's printed criteria. The Texas Lodge of Research has some excellent standards for publication and if we publish something that is less than the best possible, we will come to be judged by the lowest common denominator - the poorest paper published. When the committee rejects a paper, they tell why and what needs fixing. Fix it up and mail it back and see what happens next. That seems pretty simple to me.

The Internet. Ah, yes. And are you, my brother, speeding down the information highway today? High-octane fuel firing your interests and knowledge-grabbing at every curve? I've got the equipment but don't have the engine cranked and hitting on all *Windows 95* cylinders yet.

There is no doubt in my mind that our Home page is a good idea, but we must make sure that it is regularly up-dated with good information, that information appearing on there is cleared by the editorial committee or the Master or a Warden and that what appears meets the rules of publishing set forth in our by-laws.

If you want to check out what is on the Home page now, try <http://www/gltexas.org/tlr>. We're linked with Grand Lodge.

Book sales are going to be studied, again, to see if we're getting books before those needing the Light and that the presentation of those books is done by more than one or two of our members.

Publishing books. Yes, we should, in my opinion, publish some of the manuscripts we're offered. We have an amendment to our by-laws before the lodge now and it will be voted upon at the June meeting in New Braunfels, so I'll hold what I have to say until the

discussion portion of the resolution is opened.

A history of the Grand Lodge of Texas needs to be written. My idea is to cover the activities from chartering in 1836 through our Sesquicentennial in 1986. The idea of it being written by several of the TLR's better word-crafters now comes to mind and editing would be done in-house, as well. The notion of allowing several of the members to pick their decades was floated about a year ago with some very positive results. The writing and editing would take several years, especially the editing, so this isn't a tome to be presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master in December 1997, but perhaps by December 2000.

The committees will remain the same as last year unless we have spoken about it, personally, since installation. If we haven't, you're still where you were last year. Continuity. The special committees for the projects above will be notified by mail before their assignments are made public - just in case. Publication will be in the next edition of the newsletter, after our June meeting and prior to September's.

Just so you can mark your calendars, we'll be in New Braunfels in June, San Saba in September and the Rio Grande Valley (McAllen) in January 1998.

Lots of ideas, even more work and very little time. I have confidence that we can accomplish some of the goals so let's be about our work.

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**Please Note:** The deadline for receiving items intended for publication in the next "Occasional Bulletin" is: July 15, 1997. Mail such material to Joe C. Hays, Jr., 3728 Rockdale Drive, Dallas, TX 75220-1864.

## In Memoriam

Marvin L. Julian  
Bethany, OK

James R. Debates  
McNabb, IL

Layton B. Cox  
Marble Falls, TX

Aubrey H. Asby  
Corsicana, TX

Roger N. Conger  
Waco, TX

James L. Boone  
Bryan, TX





# Ethics in Publishing

Michael L. Wiggins, P.M.  
Editorial Committee

As a petroleum engineer and university professor, I read a large number of technical articles in my field of interest every year. I also spend a good deal of time writing papers with graduate students detailing the research activities we conduct. The purpose of these articles is to share with the petroleum engineering community new technology that is being developed to enhance the production of the world's oil and gas resources.

I also serve as a technical editor for one of the prestigious petroleum engineering journals in my specialty. In this capacity I carefully read, review, and critique articles submitted for possible publication. I ultimately decide whether a paper is worthy of publication, needs to be revised prior to further consideration, or is rejected and returned to the authors.

By now I am sure you are wondering what does all of this have to do with the Texas Lodge of Research. You see, these activities give me tremendous insight into the review process for research papers submitted to TLR for presentation and publication consideration. It also allows me to see potential problem areas that authors need to be aware. One of these is the concept of ethics in our publication process. A major concern is the submission of a research paper by its author to multiple Masonic publications for review.

Many, if not most, publications require that authors transfer copyright ownership to the publication prior to review of a paper submitted for publication. This copyright transfer prevents the author from "shopping" his paper to multiple publication entities at the same time. The intent is to ensure that the reviewing publication will have the sole right to publish and disseminate the author's work if it is accepted for publication as there is a tremendous amount of time, effort, and expense invested in editorial review of articles. If the paper is not accepted, the publication simply releases the copyright to the author.

Most of the authors who submit articles to TLR understand and abide by this concept of single outlet review. TLR does not ask authors to transfer copyright ownership. In essence, we ask our authors to have high ethical standards and allow TLR to review and publish their work without "shopping" their article to multiple publication entities. The "Criteria and Style Sheet" specifically prohibits the "... presentation or publication if [the paper] has appeared in any journal or publication..." This prohibition suggests it is unethical and un-Masonic to present a paper to TLR if that paper has been published or is under review for publication

in any form including other Masonic publications, general literary publications, newspaper articles or electronic media such as an internet posting.

The editorial committee has faced this issue in the past and their action has included removal of the subject papers from publication in the *Transactions*. In addition, the involved authors were not considered for full membership in TLR. We have seen this issue resurface in the last several months and it is extremely distressing to the Editorial and Publishing Committees that their efforts have been preempted by the publication of papers submitted to TLR in other journals and electronic postings prior to their presentation before TLR. While the editorial committee does not want to infringe upon the creativity of Masonic authors and scholars, we do ask the courtesy to allow TLR to present your work first to the Masonic community if you ask us to review and publish your paper. After it is accepted and presented before TLR, the author may feel free to present the article in other places as long as proper credit is given to its presentation and publication in the *Transactions* of the Texas Lodge of Research.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Texas Lodge of Research has no apparent definitive rules with regard to the publication of materials other than those Research Papers which are presented before the Lodge, and

WHEREAS, to establish such definitive rules would preclude the necessity that the Lodge consider such matters on individual merits, and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 1 of the By-Laws of this Lodge now reads as follows:

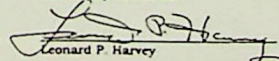
Section 1. Texas Lodge of Research may at convenient intervals publish its proceedings and transactions and/or, in whole or in part, addresses, studies, articles, discussions of the Lodge and other material germane to its purposes. It may also publish new Masonic works of merit, reproduce or print Masonic documents or writings, historically or otherwise important, and reprint rare or important Masonic works or writings. But no publication shall be undertaken without the approval of the Grand Master, and the Committee on Masonic Education and Service of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

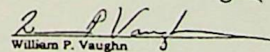
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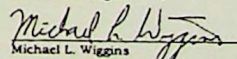
RESOLVED that Article VIII, Section 1 of the By-Laws of this Lodge be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Texas Lodge of Research may at convenient intervals publish its proceedings or transactions and/or, in whole or in part, addresses, studies, articles, discussions of the Lodge and other material germane to its purposes. Also, upon the joint recommendation of the Worshipful Master, Wardens and the members of the Editorial and Publication Committees, properly submitted to the Lodge and approved by a majority of Full Members present, it may publish new Masonic works of merit, reproduce or print Masonic documents or writings, historically or otherwise important, and reprint rare or important Masonic works or writings. But no publication shall be undertaken without the approval of the Grand Master, and the Committee on Masonic Education and Service of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Fraternally submitted:

  
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## THE NEW BRAUNFELS MEETING

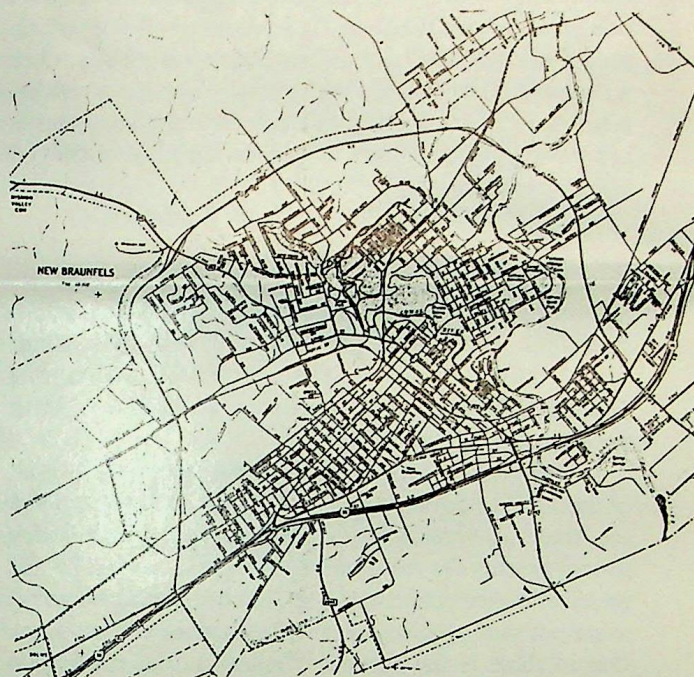
Our June meeting for the Anson Jones Lecture will be in New Braunfels, one of the premier resorts in Texas, noted for its German influences and assorted water rides and activities, all flowing from the Comal and Guadalupe Rivers.

The headquarters hotel will be the Faust Hotel in near downtown New Braunfels, close to lots of antique shops, restaurants and sight-seeing opportunities. The rates for the hotel are: \$54 for Single/double bed; \$74 for Single/king-sized bed; \$84 for Double/double beds. The hotel's reservation number is (210) 625-7791 and since it is one of the most popular places in a peak season for tourist business, best make your reservations at the earliest date to ensure a room.

We'll have a hospitality room in the hotel for Friday evening relaxation. For dinner we'll all go over to the Bavarian Gardens for a "mini-Wurst Fest," complete with an interesting dinner menu and plenty of "com-pa" and polka music. We'll go to dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Lodge will not be opened until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, 21 June 1997. Previous information indicated we would open lodge at 5 p.m., but it will open instead at 4 p.m. to give us sufficient time to conduct our business and get back to the banquet site. We'll open lodge at New Braunfels Lodge #1109, located at 1157 W. San Antonio St., at 4:00 p.m., conduct our business and close the lodge before retiring back to the hotel for our Anson Jones Banquet and Lecture. We'll have a banquet-style dinner and the lecture will follow. The banquet will begin serving at approximately 7:00 p.m. Much like we did in Austin two years ago when Bro. Mike Wiggins was Master of the TLR. That will leave the better part of Saturday open for the trips to the area's several off-price shopping malls and to water rides, antique shops or the historical little place up the hill from New Braunfels, Gruene, Texas. Or, you may want to spend most of the day on an inner-tube, floating down the river.

Our committee has gotten us an interesting speaker for the Anson Jones Lecture, New Braunfels is a wonderful spot for some quality relaxation, so bring the family and head on over for the next quarterly meeting and the banquet and lecture.



FAUST HOTEL: North off of I35 on FM453 or Seguin St. about one mile, on the left, west side of street. Pull up in front to register, parking is in the rear for overnight guests.  
NEW BRAUNFELS LODGE #1109: 1157 W. San Antonio St. Exits northeastward directly from I35 well west of business area of city; about a dozen blocks west of the circle in the center of town, southwesterly.

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