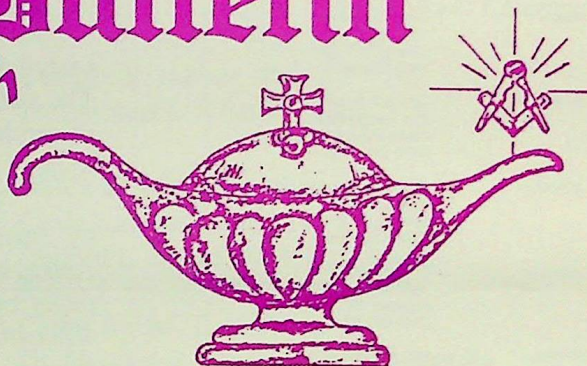


# The

# Occasional Bulletin

## Texas Lodge of Research



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### STATED COMMUNICATION

**Saturday, September 20, 1997**

San Saba Lodge No. 612  
US Hwy. 190 East  
San Saba, Texas

9:00 a.m.

Gather at Lodge – Fellowship

9:30 a.m.

Activities for Ladies & Non-Masonic Guests

10:30 a.m.

Business Meeting of TLR

12:00 Noon

Lunch at the Lodge

1:00 p.m.

Presentation of Papers  
(Ladies and Guests Invited)

**History of San Saba Lodge No. 612**

By Ross J. Cox, Sr.

**A Time That Mattered**

By Dr. Howard R. Stewart, PM  
Completion of Business

### Future Meetings

Saturday, 6 December 1997, Waco, TX  
Gemmell Memorial Breakfast  
Lee Lockwood Library & Museum

Saturday, 17 Jan. 1998, McAllen, TX  
McAllen Lodge No. 1110

Saturday, 21 March 1998, Dallas, TX  
Gibraltar Lodge No. 1179

## FROM THE EAST

We are a giving lot, especially among the members of Texas Lodge of Research and some of the older members of the Grand Constituency of Texas. I find we are constantly giving various things to each other, usually advice but often-times Masonic coins, lapel pins, unpublished talks and scholarly papers. And pictures. Photographs we've taken of others at various functions. Isn't that nice?

The papers I received last year when I was Senior Warden of the Lodge were directed to me because that was part of my job. I received the papers submitted for presentation, read them over and sent them on to the editorial committee for their comments.

The papers I am receiving this year are projects the senders are working on and just wanted me to have a copy. I have even received one from Australia. It was part of a fascinating research paper on the settlement of the country and the part that many Masons played as settlers and as former members of the British military. It wasn't a complete paper, but the author didn't indicate that it was; he merely wanted to send it to me and told me it was to be a part of a larger, formal paper or a book he was writing.

I've received a paper from a TLR member in Georgia that he's putting together on the coins of the Grand Masters of Texas! His focus is just the personal coins commemorating each Grand Master's year in the Grand East. I gave him a little guidance, and he may end up submitting the paper to TLR. I hope he does because we're a natural spot for his work.

I received a communication from a TLR member in San Antonio. He was kind enough to send a photograph of the head table at our Anson Jones Lecture showing our animated guest speaker telling one of his bear stories, no doubt.

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## TLR Announces Cash Award

Thanks to the generosity of the Ziller Foundation and Austin Lodge No. 12, TLR has announced a new award for first time authors. The cash award is designed to encourage authors in their Masonic research and, specifically, to submit their research papers to TLR for review, presentation and publication in the Transactions.

The two-thousand dollar (\$2,000) cash award is being funded by Austin Lodge from funds received from the Ziller Foundation. Award recipients will be expected to travel to Austin and present their paper before Austin Lodge at a mutually agreeable time. The award will carry an additional stipend to assist in defraying travel expenses to Austin.

To be considered for the award, authors must be presenting their first paper before Texas Lodge of Research. Only members of TLR who have submitted their papers for review through the normal editorial process will be considered for the award. Full members of TLR and invited speakers are not eligible for the award. Winners will be selected based upon the quality of the research paper by a committee composed of three members representing TLR and Austin Lodge.

The period of consideration for the award will be congruent with the term of each worshipful master. While the award is an annual award, the selection committee reserves the privilege of deferring the award during any period when a suitable paper is not presented to TLR. Winners of this award will not be eligible for the James D. Carter Award for Literary Excellence.

## From The East

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I've gone to a couple of lodge installations and have a few more to attend. I mailed the photographs I took at the lodges I attended yesterday. Unsolicited. I may get a formal thank you card and I may not. I will, however, get a warm "thank you" the next time I see the recipients. Sending things back and forth doesn't necessarily involve any codified Masonic conduct; it is merely something friends do for one another. It involves thoughtfulness, courtesy, generosity and kindness.

The world isn't all bad. There are some very nice people still living on this old wobbly globe. Thank you.

Thanks just for being nice people.

Cliff Acker, Master



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# The New Braunfels' Meeting

By Cliff Acker

The size of the rooms at the Faust Hotel were small and we knew going in that they were beyond our control. Weather is another variable that is not within control of most mortals, at least those with any leadership position in Texas Lodge of Research.

The size of the rooms never became an issue - everyone seemed satisfied with their quarters - and the *pounding soaking rains that began Friday night, 21 June 1997*, probably were beneficial for the first day but they began to wear on one after that. Notice now at this writing, 13 July, that there was so much rain in the area that many of the outfits that depend on the Comal and Guadalupe Rivers for their incomes have been idle because of too much water! Feast or famine, eh?

Regardless, the cloudbursts Saturday afternoon did not slow nor diminish the attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Texas Lodge of Research. Lodge was opened at 4:00 P.M. in New Braunfels Lodge #1109 with the officers in their stations and places along with Fellows and Past Masters Plez A. Transou, William P. Vaughn, PGM John E. "Jack" Kelly, PGMs and Past Masters Robert L. Dillard Jr. and Leonard P. Harvey; and a sprinkling of other TLR PMs, including Charles I. Bukin, Mike Wiggins, Howard Stewart, Pete Martinez, Jack Beeler and the peripatetic P. G. "Pete" Normand Jr.

Representing the host lodge was the Master, Preston Kennedy, the secretary, Jack Borchers and a past secretary, Gaston Parsons, all instrumental and helpful in arranging for the TLR's visit to New Braunfels.

The business section of the meeting was standard in form and format and exceptional in content. The lodge approved an amendment to its by-laws related to the review and publication of items other than the Transactions. The purpose of this change is to provide guidelines for how decisions should be made regarding the publication of books and pamphlets. The lodge also adopted a program to encourage first-time authors. In conjunction with Austin Lodge No. 12, an annual cash award will be presented to the best paper by a first-time TLR author

during the year. Additional details on the by-laws change and the cash award can be found in this issue. The Master managed to get the entire agenda completed in peace and harmony and even voted to have the Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, Hon. Thomas W. Jackson, accepted as a full member, for his presentation of the annual Anson Jones Lecture.

For a full report on the meeting, please see the minutes of same upon publication of the Transactions. The volume which will also contain Bro. Jackson's presentation, a most interesting one and quite provocative.

The meeting in New Braunfels had a personal tinge of sadness. I have relatives in New Braunfels and a young cousin - he'd just turned 21 - was killed in a senseless car wreck back in February. And, the brother assigned to work with getting all of the reservations, dates, times, menus, etc., put together for our visit lost a young son in another traffic accident a short time afterwards in New Braunfels. Needless to say, he was unable to get much done for the TLR meeting following that, so we had to do some fast "cuttin' and fillin'" right before we got to town and then after we had arrived.

I think it turned out okay. It wasn't spectacular, but it was adequate. We got plenty accomplished at our business meeting, we had a top-notch Anson Jones Lecture, no one griped about the accommodations nor the location, R. A. Ford didn't have to go into the slush fund for any bail money for any of our members, I got to spend some time with my daughter and grandson who came over from San Antonio and, all things considered, I had a good time.

What else can a person ask for these days?

See you in San Saba in September.

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## Attention Writers:

Obtain a Criteria and Style Sheet from the Senior Warden before submitting a paper. His address is on page 2 of the Bulletin.



*A Meeting in Advance*

## TLR To Visit The Valley In January

The January 1998 meeting will be held in the Rio Grande Valley at the same time as the Grand Master's first regional conference. The date will be Saturday, 17 January 1998. The evening before, we will attend the Grand Master's banquet in McAllen.

On Saturday, we will hold our meeting after the conclusion of the Grand Master's Conference has adjourned, probably at 2:00 P.M. No motel arrangements have been made as yet but we will get word to you as soon as things are firmed-up down that way.

For the curious. Yes, I have, indeed, spoken with the Deputy Grand Master, Harry Cunningham, about plans for the TLR meeting and he likes the idea. The Grand Senior Warden and I have both spoken to Brother Cunningham, so all is well and not to worry, please.

### PLEASE NOTE

The deadline for receiving items intended for publication in the next "Occasional Bulletin" is:

**November 10, 1997**

Mail such material to:

Michael L. Wiggins  
P.O. Box 720397  
Norman, OK 73070

## New Members

Elected June 21, 1997

Bill Maddox, Ventura, CA  
Alan A. Bryson, Sr., Seekonk, MA  
Charles R. O'Harra, Chandler, TX  
Daniel H. Payne, Crosby, TX  
Francis A. Russell, Jr., Oxnard, CA  
Harold T. Baldwin, Jr., Huntsville, TX  
Joe E. Page, Rockwall, TX  
Kenneth Cotter, Lewisville, TX  
Francis W. Wilson, Luling, TX  
Joe McChesney, Jefferson, TX  
Cleve J. Gillogly, Nampa, ID  
James R. Hogg, Rockwall, TX  
George N. Mitri, Houston, TX  
Conrad M. Fisher, Topeka, KS  
Gene D. Bethel, Farmers Branch, TX  
Herbert G. Gardiner, Honolulu, HI  
Russell H. Van Scyoc, Cleveland, OH  
Roy D. Harris, Austin, TX  
Charles Pascoe, San Marcos, TX  
David A. Rench, Roanoke, TX  
Marc J. Ben-Meir, Richland Hills, TX  
Fred Dayo, Harlingen, TX  
Herbert C. Archdeacon, Lewes, DE  
Robert W. Robertson, Paint Rock, TX  
Richard T. Carnall, LaGrange, IL  
George R. Atkins, McAllen, TX  
H. L. Delk, Hattiesburg, MS  
Henry G. Herford, Jr., Delhi, LA  
John E. Zabel, Fairport, NY  
George F. Black, Jr., Hampton, VA  
B. D. Granger, Grand Prairie, TX  
Bobby C. Hall, Rockport, TX  
Mark E. Furber, Portsmouth, NH  
Christopher I. Basnett, Corsicana, TX  
Joe M. Jarnigin, Richland, WA  
Hansel F. Asmar Serret, Union City, NJ  
J. Barry Fry, Sr., Bay City, TX  
Bill M. Grist, Lubbock, TX



## By-Laws Amendment Adopted

At the June meeting in New Braunfels, the Lodge adopted a resolution to amend its by-laws relating to publication issues. This amendment will be submitted to the Committee on Masonic Education and Service and the Grand Lodge of Texas for final approval at the Annual Communication in December.

The amendment relates to Section 1, Article VIII which deals with publications. The intent of the resolution is to provide a mechanism for the Lodge to consider the publication of materials other than research papers. Currently, each publication issue is brought before the Lodge for consideration on its individual merits. The amendment provides for definite rules on how these publication issues should be handled from an administrative perspective.

Under the guidelines of the amendment, publication issues will be brought before the Lodge only upon the joint recommendation of the Master, Wardens, and members of both the Editorial and Publishing Committees. Publication will be subject to the approval of a majority of the members present at the time the recommendation is made.

The complete resolution can be found on page 7 of the June issue of *The Occasional Bulletin*.

## Memoriam



Alton L. Garrett  
Killeen, Texas

Len S. Allen, Jr.  
Houston, Texas

## Gemmell Memorial Breakfast Planned

**Saturday, December 6, 1995**  
**6:30 A.M.**  
**Lee Lockwood Library and Museum**  
**2801 W. Waco Drive**  
**Waco, Texas**

Breakfast tickets will be available at the TLR Book Sales Table on the lower level of the Grand Lodge Building Friday, December 5. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door Saturday morning.

Make your plans to attend the Gemmell Breakfast, enjoy the fellowship, and hear an interesting Masonic speaker. **See you at Breakfast.**



**ANSON JONES LECTURER** (pictured above) Thomas W. Jackson (standing, right) was this year's Anson Jones Lecturer for the Texas Lodge of Research, which met in New Braunfels. R.W. Jackson, a Mason of impeccable credentials, is also a big game hunter and a hunter's raconteur. Seated next to Jackson is Cliff Acker, TLR Master and Sr. Warden, Jim Brumit, is on the left. (photo by E. A. Hentschel)



## TLR on the Internet

If you have not heard, TLR has a home page on the internet. Our page has been added to web page series developed by the Grand Lodge of Texas. The Grand Lodge website has information on Grand Lodge activities and schedules of the Grand Lodge officers plus links to home pages of Texas lodges, including Texas Lodge of Research. The website also links to other Masonic related sites including appendant bodies and other Grand Lodges. The URL (Uniform Resource Locator) for the Grand Lodge of Texas site is <http://www.gltexas.org>.

The direct address for TLR is <http://www.gltexas.org/tlr>. Check these sights out. You will find them very useful.

There are other interesting Masonic websites available. One of the largest, and perhaps most prominent, with links to many established Masonic websites is the **e-M@son** site at <http://www.freemasonry.org>.

The Philalethes Society has just taken over management of this website effective July 1. Changes are on the way for this site, but they will be improvements to meet the needs of the Freemason who is embracing internet technology. While the internet and the world wide web is not the solution for all your Masonic needs, it does provide an additional outlet for Masonic education, ready communication with Masons around the world, and access to resources for the Masonic researcher.

## Jordan Wiggins Receives Masonic Award

Jordan Wiggins of Norman, Oklahoma recently received a Masonic Student of Today Award from the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. This award is sponsored by the Oklahoma Grand Lodge and the local lodge. Miss Wiggins was recognized at a school district awards ceremony and in a separate presentation at the Masonic Lodge in Norman. The award is to recognize the positive contributions of young people in the areas of leadership, citizenship, and scholarship. She was selected by her teachers from among all the students at Whittier Middle School. Jordan will be a freshman in high school this fall and is the daughter of Dr. Michael L. and Tanya Wiggins.

## The San Saba Meeting

San Saba Lodge No. 612 will host the September TLR meeting. San Saba is located geographically in the center of the state. Dead-bang in the middle. Smack-dab! The business meeting will begin at 10:30 A.M. with special activities planned for the ladies and non-Masonic guests beginning around 9:30 A.M. Research papers will be presented following lunch in a session open to both Masons and guests. The San Saba Order of Eastern Star will serve lunch. The lodge is located on US Highway 190 East and is approximately 0.9 miles east of the County Court House.

Headquarters hotel is the L & L Motel on Highway 16 North. The rate for a single is \$45.87 on a credit card and \$43.63 for cash money. Doubles are \$55.95 and the cash price is \$53.71. Call (915)372-9151 and reserve your rooms no later than 15 September 1997.

The hospitality suite will probably be here Friday evening.

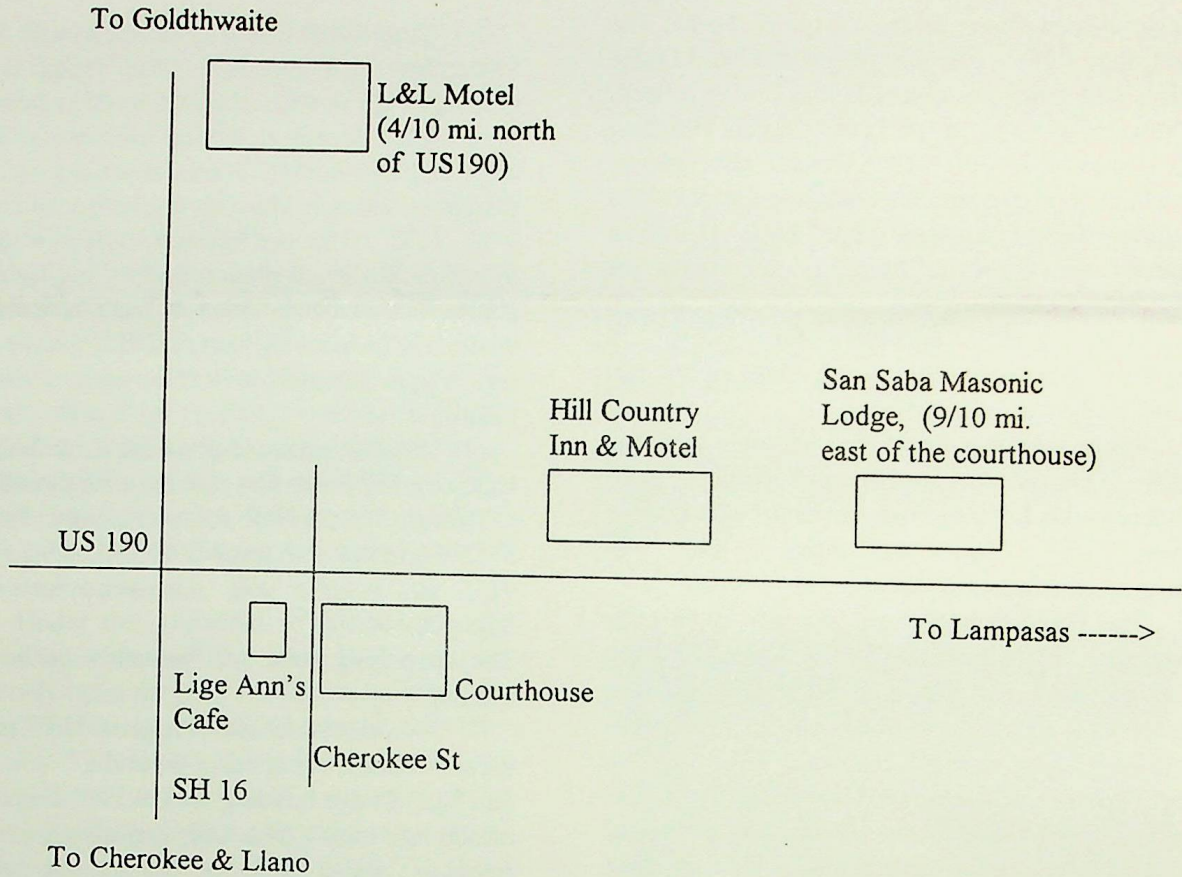
Another hotel available is the Hill Country Inn, within a decent wedge shot from the San Saba Lodge building on US 190. This is a newer motel, less than a year old, and all rooms are non-smoking. Rates there are \$49 for one person with queen-size bed, \$54 for two; \$59 for room with two beds. Call (915) 372-4113 for reservations. There are only a dozen units.

A dutch treat dinner has been planned for Friday evening at 7:00 P.M. at Lige Ann's Diner, one door west of the Courthouse. Things will begin Saturday morning around 9:00 A.M. with coffee and donuts at San Saba Masonic Lodge. Ladies and non-Masonic guests will tour the San Saba County Historical Museum and visit other historical places courtesy of the San Saba County Historical Commission and the San Saba Historical Society Saturday morning.

**The Map for San Saba Meeting  
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## Map for San Saba Meeting



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