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Saturday, January 17, 1998

McAllen Lodge No. 1110
118 North 11th Street
McAllen, Texas

9:00 A.M.

Gather at Lodge for 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 & Guests Invited)

"Limestone To Legacy"

by Gordon Kelso

**"In Search of the Masonic Papers of the
Texan Santa Fe Expedition of 1841"**

By Dr. Alonso Perales

Completion of Business

Future Meetings

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

Saturday, 20 June 1998, Austin, TX
Anson Jones Lecture
Austin Scottish Rite

FROM THE EAST

There is a certain nervousness among the members of the Craft in the constituency of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, and it is one I find upsetting to all. It is caused by the prospect of change - doing something that we have not done before, something we have only vaguely considered perhaps and then without the expectation of the change ever coming to pass.

This is written in advance of the opening of the Grand Annual Communication of December 5 and 6, 1997 to accommodate our very generous publishers, the Dallas Scottish Rite Bodies. So, please keep the date when this was written as you consider what is written. And, consider also, please, that the words and thoughts are my own and do not reflect the positions or feelings of anyone other than the writer - not Texas Lodge of Research or its officers or members, not my mother lodge, Liberty No. 48, nor the affiliation I have with Billy Tinsley Daylight Lodge.

You are no doubt familiar with the picture in the recent *Texas Mason* showing some of the Grand Lodge Officers standing, flanking a black man who had received a courtesy degree in a Corpus Christi lodge. It was a courtesy to a California lodge, done at their request, for a member of the U.S. Navy stationed in Corpus Christi. The man, his name is Clyde DeVer, Jr. and he's a native Texan, was raised as a Master Mason after being examined in the Fellowcraft proficiency. He turned in his Master's proficiency two weeks after being raised and has since become a member of the San Antonio Scottish Rite Bodies.

The comments have been salacious for the most part, some frighteningly violent and most pathetically crude, to be kind. Just about all negative. The photo in the *Texas Mason* has been enlarged, reproduced, copied and zapped around Texas on some of our marvelous high technology equipment, complete with attached comments which mirror those spoken in some places.

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First, I'm not going to get into whether a black man can petition a Texas lodge (he can) and whether he will ever be seated in a Texas lodge. I served on the Fraternal Relations Committee and can tell you that the black Masons I have spoken with **do not** want to become members of the Grand Lodge of Texas nor any other Grand Lodge - they want to be recognized as members of a Prince Hall Grand Lodge by others. And, brethren, that will not happen until and if the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas are amended which plainly state, in Chapter 5, Title I, Article 9, **Rights Exclusive in Texas**. *This Grand Lodge does not recognize the right of any Grand or Subordinate Lodge of another jurisdiction to exercise any rights, powers or privileges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.* You may also refer to Article III, Section 1, **Exclusive Jurisdiction Over Masonry in Texas**.

Any male may petition a lodge of the Grand Lodge of Texas, regardless, and after investigation, he will be balloted upon by the lodge and if he passes, the degrees will be conferred. We have that law on the books now.

Nothing along the lines of a black man sitting in a lodge in Texas has changed. I am not saying that it will not change or that it should change. I am only saying that as of this writing, nothing has changed.

Yet.

Cliff Acker, Master

Two Books Authored by TLR Past Masters

TLR members are visible and involved in a variety of activities, Masonic, religious, charitable, and community. Our membership reaches around the globe and includes all sorts of talents. A number of our members have published books and Masonic books in the past. This group is large enough that I would not dare name them for fear of missing one of this select group.

Their ranks have recently been enlarged by two. Past Masters Leonard Harvey and Howard Stewart have manuscripts headed to the publishers. Dr. Stewart's book, *Huts to Sheds*, provides a historical view of the development of Freemasonry from Europe to Texas. His effort will be published by Iowa Research Lodge No. 2. Information regarding ordering the book or joining Iowa Research Lodge can be obtained by writing to Iowa Research Lodge, c/o Iowa Masonic Grand Lodge, 813 First Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401-5001.

Bro. Harvey has completed and published a history of Keystone Lodge No. 1143 of Dallas. The book, entitled *A Lodge Called Keystone*, can be ordered from Bro. Harvey for \$39.00 postage paid. Send your request to 3140 Merrill Rd., Dallas, TX 75229.

Both books may be available from the TLR book sales table in limited quantities.

Suggested Masonic Readings

In late 1995, Pete Normand presented a list of thirty recommended Masonic books. His list was compiled from the suggested readings of five different Masonic scholars. They included Richard H. Curtis, editor of *The Northern Light*, Ralph Herbold, Southern California Research Lodge, Thomas W. Jackson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Dr. Wallace McLeod, Past Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, and Bro. Normand, a Past Master of TLR. These individual lists were originally published in the May 1995 issue of *The Northern Light*.

Bro. Normand, took the lists, compared them, and provided a composite listing. In his comparison, he found only one book which made all five lists, five books which appeared on at least three lists, and seven books which made their way onto two lists. Seventeen titles appeared on only one of the five listings. As noted by Bro. Normand, this diversity in recommended titles provides a glimpse of the wide variety of opinions held by the individuals who provided input for the lists.

These books provide an overview of the Masonic fraternity and cover a range of issues of interest to the Mason. One must realize there are many worthwhile Masonic books and, one may argue, some books listed here provide less Masonic education than some titles left off the list. This comment reflects the diversity of our fraternity and its membership. Bro. Normand did not present the list as the only list of materials to read but as a suggested starting point for continual Masonic edification. Each reader should develop his own opinion regarding what constitutes the best Masonic readings based upon his reading, study and interests. Please consider the list in the spirit in which it is offered.

The following is Normand's "Top Thirty Masonic Books" presented in alphabetical order.

Born in Blood, John J. Robinson, 1989.
The Boy Who Cried Wolf, Richard Thorn, 1995.
The Builders, Joseph Fort Newton, 1914.
The Clergy and the Craft, Forrest D. Haggard, 1970.
Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia, Henry W. Coil, revised by Allen E. Roberts, 1997.
A Comprehensive View of Freemasonry, Henry W. Coil, 1961.

The Craft and Its Symbols, Allen E. Roberts, 1974.
The Early Masonic Catechisms, Douglas Knoop, G.P. Jones and Douglas Hammer, 1963.
The Freemason at Work, Harry Carr, 1976.
Freemasonry: A Celebration of the Craft, John Hamill and R.A. Gilbert, 1992.
Freemasonry in American History, Allen E. Roberts, 1985.
Freemasonry Through Six Centuries, Henry W. Coil, 1966.
Freemasons' Guide and Compendium, Bernard E. Jones, 1956.
House Undivided, Allen E. Roberts, 1961
The Key to Freemasonry's Growth, Allen E. Roberts, 1969.
Masonic Membership of the Founding Fathers, Ronald E. Heaton, 1965.
Masonic Trivia and Facts, Allen E. Roberts, 1994.
Masonic World Guide, Kent Henderson, 1984.
The Master's Book, Carl H. Claudy, 1935.
The Mystic Tie, Allen E. Roberts, 1991.
A Pilgrim's Path, John J. Robinson, 1993.
The Pocket History of Freemasonry, Fred L. Pick and G. Norman Knight, 1953.
The Rise and Development of Organized Freemasonry, Roy A. Wells, 1986.
10,000 Famous Freemasons, William R. Denslow, 1957.
The Temple and the Lodge, Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh, 1989.
Tied to Masonic Apron Strings, Stewart M. Pollard, 1969.
Whither are We Traveling?, Dwight L. Smith, 1962.
William Preston and His Work, Colin Dyer, 1987.
Workman Unashamed, Christopher Haffner, 1989.
World Freemasonry: An Illustrated History, John Hamill and R.A. Gilbert, 1991.

As mentioned earlier, there are many excellent Masonic books available. It is hoped this list provides the reader with suggestions for Masonic edification. Some of the titles are available from the TLR Book Sales table. Most can be ordered from Masonic booksellers or special ordered from your local bookstore if not found in stock. A sampling of Masonic booksellers include:

MaCoy Publishing and Masonic Supply Co. Inc., P.O. Box 9759, Richmond, VA 23228.

M. Evans & Co., Inc., 216 East 49th Street, New York, NY 10017.

Lewis Masonic Books, Coombeslands House, Coombeslands Lane, Addlestone Surrey KT15 1HY, England.

Masonic Service Association, 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

THE SAN SABA MEETING

Pete Martinez, PM

AW, NUTS! MILLIONS OF NUTS!

Texas Lodge of Research offers so much more than a Masonic Education. Being a Lodge without a building of its own has several advantages, the least of which is not having the problems of building maintenance. Our home is Texas and so far we have met in 51 cities or towns in 77 Lodges or other Masonic facilities. With this diversity we have gained a good education in the geography and history of our state. Most of us are familiar with these two subjects in the larger cities, but when we get to the smaller towns we find one or two things for which the town is famous. In Tyler, where I live, it is the roses. Tyler is known as the rose capitol of the world and in the fall of the year there are many fields of roses in bloom around the city. The Midland-Odessa area has the oil of the Permian Basin. Herford has the aroma of the feedlots. New Braunfels has their famous sausage.

So, what about San Saba? San Saba just happens to be the Pecan Capitol of Texas. When I grew up in Kerrville we had nine pecan trees in our yard and I thought I lived in the pecan capitol. Then came our meeting in San Saba and I learned that I was wrong. There are pecan orchards all around San Saba with thousands of trees that produce millions of pecans each year. It must be a squirrel's paradise!

One of the most interesting and educational parts of a Texas Lodge of Research meeting is the gathering on the day before. This is when we catch up on the latest happenings and solve all of the problems of Masonry. The fellowship is wonderful as we sit around the hospitality room and the dinner table at the evening meal. This is something that other lodges just don't seem to do and I believe it binds our members in ways that other lodges just don't experience. The backgrounds of our members are so diverse that you can't help but learn something new as we share our experiences with each other. This is something other lodges are missing out on.

Worshipful Master Acker delivered a rap of his gavel at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Saturday morning and Texas Lodge of Research was opened in due form. Distinguished guests, Fellows of the lodge, Past Masters of the lodge and one District Deputy Grand Master were introduced. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Plez Transou and 17 petitions for affiliation were noted and elected to membership.

The necrology report was given by Brother Randall Rogers and included the name of Brother Allen

Roberts, well known Masonic author of Highland Springs, Virginia.

The book sales report was given by Junior Warden and Book Sales Chairman Clyde Kenneaster. The sales are continuing at the usual pace and we will be stocking up for the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in December. There are several titles we are overstocked on and programs will be put in place to move these items. In addition to books, we also have some jewelry in the form of lapel pins and belt buckles and our distinctive G.L.R.T. aprons. The cost of the aprons has risen and the lodge voted to increase the purchase price to \$55.00 for Full Members to offset the increase. Brother Clyde also reported on the plans for the Gemmell Breakfast at Grand Lodge and announced the price of the tickets is still \$8.00.

Senior Warden Jim Brumit reported for the Audit Committee and said the audit would be a little late this year. He also brought up the possibility of reimbursing the expenses of those brothers that handle book sales across the state. Brother Kenneaster, for one, has been hauling many boxes of books all over the state for the last thirteen years at his own expense. Although this is a labor of love, and Clyde has never complained about it, it does put a dent in one's family budget and there should be enough profit margin to pay the expenses of this service to Texas Lodge of Research and the brethren of Texas who depend on that service to obtain books to further their Masonic Education.

Worshipful Master Acker announced the plans for the January meeting in McAllen. See the back page of this Occasional Bulletin for the details.

Past Master, Fellow and Transactions Editor Bill Vaughn reported the papers for Volume XXXI of our Transactions are at the typesetters and he is working on the other items that go in that volume. At this point, Brother Vaughn brought to our attention a problem he is having with authors. It is time we reminded our writers of the procedure we go through to get their papers from their hands into the Transactions. First the paper should be submitted to the Senior Warden for possible acceptance. The Senior Warden distributes the paper to the three members of the Editorial Committee. These members read the paper and determine if the paper meets our criteria for a research paper. They also check for form, spelling, and punctuation. Comments and suggestions for improvements are made and the paper is returned to the Senior Warden who compiles these reports and tries to diplomatically convey to the writer the reason for rejection or he passes on, anonymously, the comments and suggestions of the three members of the

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Editorial Committee. Occasionally a paper is so good there are no suggestions or corrections and it is immediately scheduled for reading before the Lodge. Those papers that need a little help are returned to the writer for action and when they are re-submitted and checked once more they are scheduled for reading. It is after the reading that Dr. Vaughn receives the paper. It is at this point that he first sees the paper. He may make some small editorial changes in the paper that may have been missed by the Editorial Committee or that will make it easier to understand. We must remember that our Transactions are distributed around the world and our reputation as a research lodge is on the line. This may seem to be an insurmountable task to some, but let me assure you that most of us that have qualified to wear the apron of a Full Member of the Lodge are not English or History majors and have struggled through this procedure. Just about anyone can make it with the help of the members of the Lodge and when you are rewarded with an invitation to become a Full Member it will be with pride that you tie the cord of your G.L.R.T. Apron.

Past Master, Fellow and Secretary Transou stated that the updated Concise Index, covering Volumes I through XXX of the Transactions is at the printers.

With the good fellowship and friendliness among the members of the Lodge there are often moments of humor during the meeting. It is difficult to put it in writing because of the nuances and "insider knowledge" that go into this humor, but never-the-less, there are moments of laughter that help to lighten the moments and keep the meeting from being stiff and stuffy. Simply put, you just have to be there.

A short discussion about our home page on the Internet resulted in a decision to look into making some changes to enhance and provide regular updates to the page. This should result in a better communications tool and keep visitors (Masonic Web Surfers) coming back for more.

Brother Ross Cox, Sr., was nominated to become a Full Member of Texas Lodge of Research, provided his paper, to be read after lunch, was well received by the members present. As his paper had gone through the editorial procedure it was assured that his paper would be well received, barring his collapse from the excitement of delivering his first paper before our august body. This was highly unlikely as Brother Ross is a State Trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety and has faced much more threatening groups than ours. The Lodge was closed at 11:50 and all were treated to a fine lunch prepared by the San Saba Chapter of the Order of the

Eastern Star.

The open session of the meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M. and after the pledge to the flags of the United States and Texas, the Eastern Star was thanked for the delicious lunch. Brother Cox delivered one of the finest papers many of us have heard on a lodge history. The history of any frontier lodge is bound to show the hardships associated with the times and San Saba Lodge seemed to have had more than its share. Between fighting off the Indians and organized cattle rustlers it was hard to keep a lodge going and making a good example for the people of San Saba County. Brother Cox's paper will be a delight to read for those who did not come to San Saba to hear it.

Past Master Howard R. Stewart delivered his ninth paper before the Lodge. **A Time That Mattered** spoke of the many difficulties and changes that took place from the formation of the first Grand Lodge in England in 1717 and the time of the union of the two opposing Grand Lodges when they formed the United Grand Lodge of England in 1813. This is another excellent paper by Dr. Stewart.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer at 2:45 P.M. and as each person left the Lodge they were given a sack full of San Saba pecans as a memento of our visit. I think I'll just end my report right here and go crack a few pecans....

Bulletin Deadline January 10, 1998

The Occasional Bulletin solicits brief articles and news items of general interest to the membership of Texas Lodge of Research. These items will be reviewed by the editor and utilized on a space available basis. These items should be sent to the address noted below as typewritten copy and, if possible, on a 3-1/2" computer diskette. The computer diskette and file should be in a PC compatible format. It is preferred the file be submitted as a Microsoft Word file.

The deadline for the March 1998 bulletin is January 10. Submit materials to:

Michael L. Wiggins
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Norman, OK 73070

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Elected September 20, 1997

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Hector Flores, Houston, TX

ATTENTION AUTHORS

TLR has recently revised its criteria and style booklet. This document contains important information for authors of papers submitted to TLR. The revised guide includes information on acceptable paper subjects, format for paper submission, and endnotes and references. In addition, information has been added dealing with citing electronic sources.

The new guide can be obtained from the Senior Warden of the Lodge. For a copy write to:

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A Meeting in Advance

March Meeting To Be Held In Dallas

Gibraltar Lodge No. 1179 in Dallas will be our host for the March 20, 1998. The March meeting will include the annual election and installation of Lodge officers. Sr. Warden Jim Brumit, a member of Gibraltar Lodge, has handled making arrangements for this meeting.

A block of rooms has been reserved for us at the Holiday Inn located at Interstate Highway 35 and Wintergreen Road in DeSoto. The TLR rate for all rooms is \$69.00 per night plus tax. The rooms will be held until March 1 and will be available after that date on a space available basis. You can make reservations by calling the hotel directly at 800-758-7672 or 972-224-9100. When dealing with the reservation clerk, be sure to indicate you are with the Texas Lodge of Research to obtain the special rate.

A dutch treat dinner is being planned for Friday evening at the Chow Line Restaurant located a short distance from the hotel at 1230 W. Pleasant Run.

Holland Lodge Announces Lectureship

Holland Lodge No. 1 recently announced plans to sponsor and initiate an annual lectureship series. The series will be called the Sam Houston Lecture and bring an outstanding Masonic scholar to Houston annually.

The first lecture will be held April 18, 1998 in Houston. Dr. Wallace McLeod of Toronto, Canada has accepted an invitation to present the inaugural lecture. Prof. McLeod has written numerous scholarly Masonic articles and books including *The Grand Design*, which is a collection of his presentations to various Masonic Bodies. He is a Past Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 and Past President of The Philaethes Society.

Additional information can be obtained by writing Holland Lodge, 4911 Montrose Blvd., Houston, TX 77006.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The purpose of a research lodge is to promote Masonic education, a very wide field as many activities fall within the broad framework of Masonic education. Texas Lodge of Research fulfills this role in several ways. First, it encourages all Masons to study and improve themselves in their Masonic knowledge and share that knowledge with others. Second, its members are readily available to present Masonic programs to Lodges when requested to do so and many of our members are very active in this activity. Third, TLR has an active Masonic book sales program which offers the opportunity for many Masons to add to their library. Finally, TLR has quarterly meetings in various locations around the state where members are given the opportunity to present the findings of their Masonic research. These papers are also disseminated to the membership in the annual transactions.

It is in this last activity that TLR is constantly looking for Masonic research papers. We need papers and want to encourage all of our Masonic researchers to share their research with others. The Criteria and Style Sheet indicates what topics are suitable for TLR. "Only papers concerned directly with Freemasonry will be considered for presentation and publication: the history of Lodges, active or demised; biographies of Masons distinguished in the annals of Freemasonry; its ceremonies, usages, and practices; the speculative or philosophical aspects of Freemasonry; and any other Masonic subject of general interest to the Fraternity."

Those of you who have completed the research and sketched out that first draft, now is the time to turn that draft into a polished TLR paper. For those of you who have been doing research on a Masonic topic, now is the time to turn that research into a TLR paper. If you have considered writing a TLR paper, now is the time to begin the research and get that paper written. Everyone has at least one scholarly Masonic paper in them and TLR is the perfect medium for the Texas Mason to deliver his work.

Authors should not forget the recent announcement of the Ziller-Austin Lodge No. 12 award. This annual cash prize will recognize the best paper presented before TLR by a first time author during the period coinciding with the Master's year of service. Details were presented in the September 1997 *Occasional Bulletin*.

The Senior Warden and Editorial Committee are available to assist you with your paper. If you need a Criteria and Style Sheet contact the Senior Warden. This pamphlet is a must for the author as it contains TLR writing guidelines and format requirements. Do not attempt to write your paper before thoroughly reading these guidelines. If you have questions about the suitability of your topic or a specific question about writing your paper, contact the Senior Warden and he will respond to your inquiry as quickly as possible. Above all, do not hesitate to ask. We are a friendly lot. There is no better time than now to get that paper finished and turned into the Senior Warden and we hope to see it soon. Good luck and happy writing.

Poet's Corner

The Three Great Lights will guide our steps
Through life's uncertain way,
And bring us safe at length to see
The bright, eternal day.

The Holy Book our fathers read
With undimmed faith, today
Make clear our sight that we may know
Its precepts to obey.

With square of virtue, try our acts
And make them meet the test;
There is no other cause that leads
To Islands of the Blest.

Between the lines that represent
The longest, shortest day,
Keep circumscribed by compasses
That we go not astray.

The Three Great Lights will guide our steps
Through life's uncertain way,
And bring us safe at length to see
The bright, eternal day.

(This poem originally appeared in *The S. A. Masonic Journal* and is presented here by permission of Macoy Publishing and Masonic Supply)

The McAllen Meeting

The Texas Lodge of Research will start 1998 with a meeting in the Lower Rio Grande Valley on the 17th of January at McAllen Lodge No. 1110. That is the home lodge of R.W. Deputy Grand Master W. Mike Gower. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:30 Saturday morning at the lodge building located at 118 North 11th Street. The lodge is one block north of Business 83, known locally as "The Miracle Mile." The phone number for the lodge is 956-686-7363.

Coffee, *pan de polvo*, and doughnuts will be available at the lodge beginning around 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning. A tour for the ladies and non-Masonic guests will leave from the lodge at 9:30 A.M. Final details have not yet been solidified, but it will be interesting, informative, and entertaining. The tour will return to the lodge in time for a luncheon at noon prepared by the local Shrine Club.

We have rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn Civic Center, located near the center of everything in McAllen. The hotel address is 200 West Expressway 83 and is located four miles west of Highway 281 at Second Street. The rooms are priced at \$69.00 per night plus tax, single or double. We have twenty rooms reserved, half singles and half doubles. Call the Holiday Inn directly for reservations. The number is 800-839-2748 or 956-686-2471, locally. Be sure to mention Texas Lodge of Research to get the special rate.

There will be a hospitality room available for those arriving early on Friday evening. Ask at the front Desk for its location in the hotel. We will dine out

Friday evening and several places are available. We may, if the group decides, dine over in Reynosa, Mexico, just a short drive from our location in McAllen. That decision will be made after Grand Lodge, when the Master has had a chance to read the collective pulse of some of those attending and expressing an opinion (now there's a thought: a TLR member without an opinion).

The Grand Master's Conference in the Valley will be the following weekend, so there will not be any conflict with his Conference.



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