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Texas Lodge of Research



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Stated Communication Saturday, June 19, 1999

Austin Scottish Rite
207 West 18th Street
Austin, Texas

9:30 A.M.
Sightseeing for All
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4:00 PM
Business Meeting of TLR

6:30 PM
Anson Jones Banquet
Reservations Required

7:30 PM
Anson Jones Lecture
Jack Hightower
Past Grand Master of Texas

Future Meetings

Saturday, 18 September 1999
Hamilton Lodge No. 1031
Grand Prairie, Texas

Saturday, 15 January 2000
Holland Lodge No. 1
Houston, Texas

From The East

The writing of this "From the East" column is something I never thought I would be doing. When I applied for membership in Texas Lodge of Research, I felt that I would be out of place with all of the PhD's, Grand Lodge members, and learned members. As time went on, I realized that all of the above had one thing in common, that all were master masons. This common thread runs through all discussions, comments, and papers. Masonry is the tie that joins us all.

With this in mind, let us all support our local lodges and our grand lodges. Be one that goes to lodge and allow yourself to work when asked.

I know that this is the issue when the new master has his personal and Masonic background published. I am not one for a lot of "standing out in the crowd."

I was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on 12 August 1939. I was raised a Master Mason in Arlington Lodge No. 438 located at Arlington, Texas in 1971. I affiliated with Athens Lodge No. 165 in 1981 and served that Lodge as Worshipful Master during 1986-87. My wife Linda and I were married on 31 May 1969. We have two children, Clyde III and Mariah.

I know that most of these messages are longer and more informative, but I feel that we should be concerned about our lodges and the people around us. With this in mind, let us go and be an influence in our local lodges and respective religions.

Until the next issue, so mote it be.

Clyde B. Kenneaster
Worshipful Master

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Hon. Jack Hightower

Anson Jones Lecture Announced

Hon. Jack Hightower has been selected to present the 1999 Anson Jones Lecture. The annual lecture will be held in conjunction with an evening banquet during the June meeting in Austin. The banquet and lecture will be presented in the Auditorium of the Austin Scottish Rite Temple and reservations will be required.

Bro. Hightower was born and raised in Memphis, Texas. After graduating from Memphis High School in 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served until 1946. Bro. Hightower attended Baylor University where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Law Degree. Bro. Hightower has had a distinguished career of public service and the practice of law. He has served in the Texas House of Representatives (1953-54), as District Attorney for the 46th Judicial District of Texas (1955-61), in the Texas Senate (1965-75), and in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1975 to 1985. In 1988, Bro.

Hightower was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, a position he held until his recent retirement. Over the years, he has practiced law for several firms, served on public boards and commissions and received numerous honors and awards.

Bro. Hightower was raised a Master Mason in Vernon Lodge No. 655 in 1953. He served Vernon Lodge as Master in 1961. He has served the Grand Lodge of Texas as a District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Orator, and member of the Masonic Jurisprudence Committee. In 1969 Bro. Hightower was elected Grand Senior Warden and served as Grand Master of Masons in Texas in 1971. He is also a member of University Lodge No. 1190 in Austin.

Bro. Hightower is also active in appendant Masonic bodies. He is a York Rite and Scottish Rite Mason. He serves as the Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General to the Austin Scottish Rite Bodies and is a member of the Lubbock Scottish Rite Bodies. He is a trustee to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Scottish Rite Dormitory. His York Rite memberships are with the York Rite Bodies in Vernon and he is a member of Ben Hur Shrine Temple in Austin. Bro. Hightower is a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Knight of the York Cross of Honor in the York Rite.

Bro. Hightower is married to Colleen Ward. The Hightowers have been married for almost 49 years and they have three daughters and three granddaughters.

Tickets for the banquet will be \$25 per person for the catered event. Reservations should be made directly with the Austin Scottish Rite prior to Noon, Friday, June 18. You can make reservations by calling 512-472-7247 or 1-800-754-3079. You can charge your tickets to your Visa or Master Card credit card or mail a check payable to Austin Scottish Rite to 207 West 18th Street, Austin, TX 78701-1308.

THE ATHENS MEETING

Pete Martinez, PM

Texas Lodge of Research has met in 53 Texas municipalities and 75 Lodges. Waco tops the list with 31 meetings and Houston is next with 14. Austin and San Antonio come in next with 9 meetings each. As you might expect, the constituent Lodge Room we have met in most is that of Holland Lodge No. 1 in Houston. However, the facility we have met in more than any other, 17 times, is the small auditorium, the Grand Chapter room, in the basement of the Grand Lodge Temple. The Scottish Rite Temples in Austin, Houston, Lubbock, San Antonio and Waco have opened their facilities to us on several occasions and we have met at the Masonic Home and School on three occasions.

So what? Well, the times we meet in a new location are getting further apart, especially the municipalities. The last new facility was Melrose Lodge in Houston. The last new municipality was McAllen in January of 1998. Again, so what? I suppose I have three reasons for stating these facts. First, I must be a nut for statistics. Secondly, it fills up space for a short report, although at this point I have no idea how much space this report will take. But the third reason is the one I choose. I love to travel! I love to meet new brothers that attend our meetings and I love to fellowship with the regulars that I see at locations all over this state.

Then there are those occasions when we have an Anson Jones Lecturer from out of state or even out of the continent. Of the 22 there have been three from England and one each from France, Canada and Hong Kong.

So this was the first time we have met in Athens, Texas, and in Athens Lodge No. 165. This is a new facility for the Lodge. The old

building was located on the southwest corner of the square and was getting very old and expensive to keep up. The new facility is just southeast of the city limits and is a metal building that is finished very nicely. The Lodge Room seems to be a little larger than the old one and the dining room is about three times larger than the old dining room. When I arrived Friday evening the grill was located just outside the side door at the kitchen and the burger patties were about to be placed thereon. Athens claims to be the home of the hamburger. I don't know the full story, but it seems the first hamburger was invented there. Athens is also the black-eyed pea capital of Texas and they celebrate that fact with a Jamboree in July. They also have an Old Fiddler's Reunion in May. For your information, Athens is located in Henderson County, Henderson is located in Rusk County and Rusk is located in Cherokee County. I just thought I'd throw that in to confuse you.

After the hamburgers were devoured, everyone entered the Lodge room where we were entertained by Brother Donald Broughton and his wife Susie. Last year he was our Grand Tiler. If he is as proficient with the Tiler's sword as he is with a guitar then I am glad I didn't try to storm the door at Grand Lodge. His song about a barbecue eating Mason really struck home with many of us. Susie, on the other hand, made consenting fools of three of our distinguished brothers as she administered a quiz on Texas trivia. The "fools" were great sports and everyone had a wonderful time.

Saturday morning found the brethren arriving early to enjoy the fellowship with coffee in one hand and a donut in the other. Some had not seen each other since the January meeting and some even longer than that. First time attendees joined in and by the time aprons

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were tied and everyone was seated we were ready for a good meeting.

Worshipful Master James Brumit opened Texas Lodge of Research with proper precaution at 10:30 a.m. with 40 officers and members present. Secretary Plez A. Transou read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved.

The following Past Masters were introduced: Jack Beeler, Charles Bukin, Leonard P. Harvey, PGM, Pete Martinez, Pierre G. "Pete" Normand, Dr. Howard R. Stewart, Plez A. Transou, Dr. William P. Vaughn and Michael L. Wiggins. Bros. Transou and Vaughn were also introduced as Fellows in Masonic Research of Texas Lodge of Research.

Seven petitions for affiliation were received and the petitioners were accepted into membership. Claims and accounts were presented and approved. Brother Ross Cox, Sr., reported on behalf of Bro. Jack Hightower, PGM, on the progress of the refurbishing of the statues of Anson Jones and Sam Houston in Austin. Hopefully we will see this done in the near future.

Brother Cox then presented a proposal for a special ring that may be worn by members of Texas Lodge of Research. The design may be seen on our Internet web sight. A representative of the company that will manufacture the ring will be at the Austin meeting in June to answer any questions.

Brother Jack Beeler reported we have sold approximately \$2,000.00 in books since Grand Lodge. We have not had books for sale at several of the Grand Master's conferences this year or the total would be much higher.

Dr. Vaughn, Editor of the Transactions of Texas Lodge of Research, rose to report on

Volume XXXII. First, he thanked those who supported him in his recent physical problems and rehabilitation. He then stated he had finished with the latest volume and it had been sent to the publisher/printer. We should have the volume in the mail before the end of the year.

Dr. Vaughn then spoke of the new Ziller Award that is to be given to the author of the best paper of the year by a first time author. The award includes a nice plaque and \$2,000.00. The winner of the award is Brother Ross Cox, Sr. for his paper "History of San Saba Lodge No. 612." His paper was not only the best from a first time presenter, but also the best paper for Volume XXXII and he received the James David Carter Award for Literary Excellence. Congratulations to Brother Cox!!

Brother L. Randall Rogers presented the necrology report and we observed the loss of 16 of our members for the year.

It was noted we are running out of the bags we use at our book sales. These plastic bags have the G. L. R. T. Apron on each side and not only serve to carry purchased books in, but also act as an advertisement for the Lodge, not to mention they also act as a sort of receipt to the purchaser of books. By motion, second and unanimous vote we will order another 5000 bags.

Senior Warden Clyde B. Kenneaster announced the locations of future meetings of the Lodge and you will find them on the front page of this bulletin.

Worshipful Master Brumit rose to thank the Lodge for his year in the East and then turned the gavel over to me for the annual election of officers. Brother Brumit was elected as our new Treasurer and Brother R. A. Ford was elected as Treasurer Emeritus. Brother Ross Cox, Sr., continued his good day by being elected as our new Junior Warden. We look

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Bulletin Deadline July 10, 1999

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 September 1999 bulletin is July 10. Submit materials to Michael L. Wiggins, P.O. Box 720397, Norman, OK 73070.

NEW MEMBERS

Elected March 20, 1999

Joe C. Rutledge, Pattison, TX
Donald M. Horton, Houston, TX
Brian D. Waller, Houston, TX
Joby E. Dixon, Austin, TX
John R. Martin, Houston, TX
William E. Collins, Edgecomb, ME
Walter C. Daniels, Mechanicsburg, PA
Frank J. Spevak, Woodbury, MN

ATTENTION AUTHORS

The Senior Warden solicits papers for review for possible presentation and publication by TLR. Obtain a criteria and style sheet from the Senior Warden prior to writing your paper as it describes suitable paper topics and format for your paper. Following instructions assists the reviewers in considering your paper and also reduces your work prior to final submission.

If you have submitted a paper for review and you have not heard from the Senior Warden regarding the status of your paper, contact him at your earliest convenience. His address and phone are listed on page two of this newsletter.

In Memoriam

Luther V. Foreman, Odessa, TX
Robert B. McMurray, Tyler, TX
Phillip I. Mudrick, Paris, TN
Justin E. Chesbrough, Houston, TX
Ivan L. Alexander, Irving, TX
G. M. McClanahan, Kingsville, TX
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Nathaniel W. Watts, Fredericksburg, TX
Upton Barnard, Freeport, TX
Joe C. Hays, P.M., Dallas, TX
A. J. Barry, Weatherford, TX

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forward to good things from him as he progresses to the East of our Lodge. For the complete list of new officers see page two in this bulletin.

The Worshipful Master then called the Lodge to refreshment and we moved to the dining room where the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star had prepared for us a very nice lunch.

After lunch we returned to the Lodge room where W.M. Brumit welcomed the members and visitors, especially the ladies, to the installation of officers. He then turned the Lodge over to R.:W.: Leonard P. Harvey, PGM, to act as installing officer for the day. I assisted as the installing marshal. The installation went smoothly and after the officers introduced their families new Worshipful Master Clyde Kenneaster invited the ladies and non-masons to leave and then proceeded to close Texas Lodge of Research.

The Austin Meeting June 18-19, 1999

The Austin Scottish Rite Bodies will host Texas Lodge of Research for its June quarterly meeting. The Scottish Rite Temple is located 207 West 18th Street in downtown Austin.

The Radisson Inn will serve as the headquarters hotel for the weekend. The hotel is located at 111 E. Cesar Chavez. This is at the corner of Congress Avenue at the bridge and old East 1st Street. A block of rooms has been reserved and the cost of a standard room will be \$109 per night plus tax for a single or double. Triple rooms will be at a rate of \$119 per night and \$129 per night for quad occupancy. The phone number for reservations directly with the hotel is 512-473-1511. Make sure you mention Texas Lodge of Research to get the group rate. Reservations can also be made with the Radisson reservation system at 1-800-333-3333. Reservations should be made no later than May 28 to ensure the group rate. Reservations after that date will be made on a space and rate availability basis only.

Friday evening activities will include a dinner and riverboat cruise. Boarding will begin at 7:45 PM at the dock located near the Radisson. Dinner will include beef and chicken fajitas with all the trimmings (chips, salsa, guacamole, sour cream, pico de gallo, cheese, tortillas) plus iced tea. A cash bar will be available during the cruise. The cost is \$26.50 per person. Reservations and payment should be made to the Austin Scottish Rite prior to Noon, Friday, June 18.

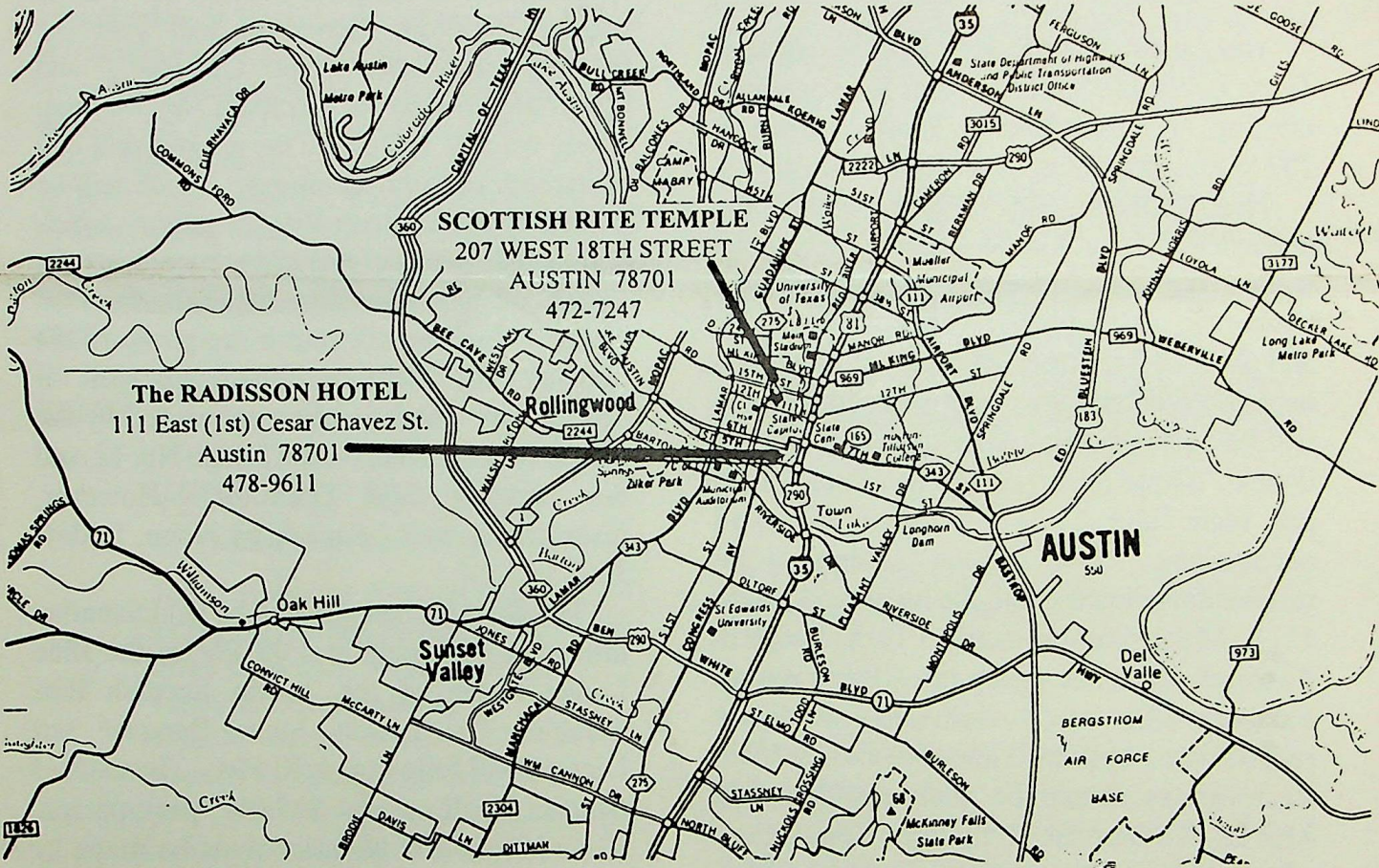
Saturday includes a busy morning of sightseeing. An air-conditioned "Dillo" bus

will pick up at the Radisson at 9:30 AM for a tour of the French Legation, Austin's oldest dwelling and an excellent example of "frontier comfort." From there, we will visit the recently renovated State Cemetery, and afterward, drive to the Elizabeth Ney Museum where we will appreciate the art and skill of a nineteenth century sculptress. Lunch will be hosted by the Scottish Rite Dormitory which will include a tour of this historic residence for young women attending the University of Texas. The bus will return the group to the hotel by early afternoon. There is no cost for this activity which is being sponsored by the Austin Scottish Rite, Austin Lodge No. 12, and the Scottish Rite Dormitory. However, reservations must be made by Noon, Friday, June 18.

The business meeting will be held Saturday afternoon beginning at 4:00 PM in the Blue Lodge Room of the Austin Scottish Rite Temple. The Anson Jones Banquet and Lecture will follow at 6:30 PM. The catered banquet will cost \$25.00 per person. Reservations and payment must be made by Noon, Friday, June 18.

You should have noticed a trend by now. All activities in which you would like to participate require some advance planning and reservations on your part no later than Friday, June 18. **Reservations and payments for all events (except lodging) should be made directly with the Austin Scottish Rite by Noon, Friday, June 18.** Call 512-472-7247 or 1-800-754-3079 for reservations and information. The Scottish Rite can accept your Visa or Master Card for payment or you can mail them a check. Anyway you do it, we will see you in Austin.

The Austin Meeting June 18-19, 1999



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