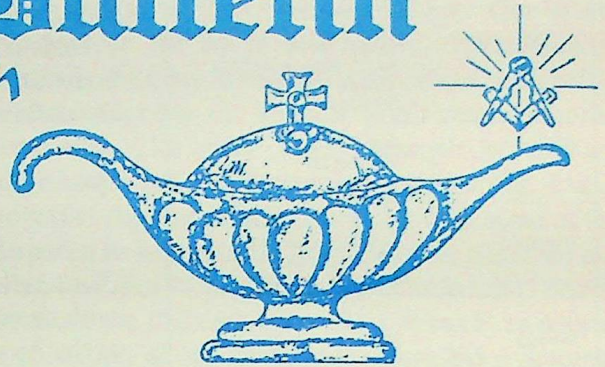


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## NOTE DATE & LOCATION CHANGE

### Stated Communication Saturday, September 25, 1999

Mansfield Masonic Lodge No. 331  
1170 South New Hwy. 87  
Mansfield, 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 Lodge (\$6.00)

1:00 P.M.  
Presentation of Papers

“Stephen Powers: Master Mason, Master  
Citizen”  
Douglas Collins

“The Founding Fathers of Freemasonry  
in Dallas”  
Bobby Shehorn

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**Future Meetings**

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

## *From The East*

I have started this segment of “From The East” five or six times without success. After the March meeting in Athens, a tragedy struck our Masonic family in Athens. This was the loss of a brother Mason. I know you are saying this happens all the time, so what makes this different?

This man was a native Athenian, God-fearing family man, father and grandfather. To me, he was a friend, customer, and a brother Mason. He was a man who voiced his opinions and stood by his convictions. You may not have agreed with him, but you had to respect him.

I guess what brought this so close to home was the age of this man. He was approximately 8 years younger than I am. This made my own mortality loom larger and made me realize what I have not accomplished. In this same vein, I am glad for my life. I am thankful for my family, my health, and my friends. I know this seems to be a morbid message, but I just felt like it would be a tribute to a good friend, who loved and lived Masonry, and who will be missed by all who knew him. I want to close this part with a well-known Masonic plaudit: “Well done thou good and faithful servant! Enter into the joy of thy Lord!” Go with God Clarence Dean Walls, 1948-1999. You are missed by all.

To finish this message on a happier note, a good time was had by all at the Austin meeting. I would like to thank everyone who had a part in the festivities and the meeting. I know if I try to list each one, I will miss somebody and be in big trouble. So with that in mind, I extend a great big thanks to all.

Linda and I are looking forward to seeing each one of you at the September meeting in Mansfield. Until then: So mote it be.

Clyde Kenneaster  
Worshipful Master



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## Philalethes To Meet In Oklahoma City

Robert G. Davis recently announced the International Philalethes Society will hold its semi-annual meeting in Oklahoma City on September 24 and 25. Davis currently serves that organization as President and is no stranger to TLR members. Davis, the General Secretary of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Bodies, is a past Gemell Breakfast and Anson Jones Lecturer. Due to its proximity, this meeting offers an excellent opportunity for Texas Masons to participate in this special meeting of the Philalethes Society.

The meeting is open to any Master Mason and will be comprised of a series of talks by Masonic scholars on various topics of Freemasonry. Plans call for two concurrent sessions beginning at 8:30 AM Saturday with an evening banquet closing the meeting. The meeting will be held at the Airport Holiday Inn in Oklahoma City.

In addition, social activities are planned for Friday afternoon and evening. Friday afternoon a trolley will leave the Holiday Inn at 3:00 PM and journey to Victorian downtown Guthrie for tours of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Center. A happy hour is scheduled at the famous Blue Bell Saloon for refreshments. Afterwards the group will journey to the Preservation Playhouse to dine and solve a murder in a turn-of-the-century musical comedy, "Governor Big Ed Jim Bob's BBQ Bash & Murder." Afterwards the trolley returns to the Holiday Inn.

The registration fee is \$75 per person and wives are invited to participate in all social activities Friday evening and the special ladies program planned for Saturday. Make your check payable to the Oklahoma Philalethes Society and mail to Dwayne Dixon, 5001 Judy Dr., Del City, OK 73115.

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Airport Holiday Inn at 405-685-4000 or 1-800-622-7666. The Philalethes rate is \$60 per night plus tax. The hotel is located at 2101 S. Meridian in Oklahoma City just 3 miles north of Will Rogers World Airport.

For additional information, contact Bro. Davis at 405-282-1281 or bobg@nstar.net. The Philalethes website is another source of information, <http://freemasonry.org/psoc/>.

## Bulletin Deadline - November 5, 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 January 2000 bulletin is November 5. Submit materials to Michael L. Wiggins, P.O. Box 720397, Norman, OK 73070.



## THE AUSTIN MEETING

Pete Martinez, P.M.

"...it is not meant that Masonry should interfere with your necessary vocations, for these are, on no account, to be neglected;" ( From the Charge to the Entered Apprentice Mason, Monitor of the Lodge, The Grand Lodge of Texas A. F. & A. M.)

This is my excuse for missing the Friday evening dinner boat and bat viewing. I didn't get away from Tyler until 4:30 that afternoon and, although I may have fudged a little on the posted speed limits, it takes almost four hours to drive the distance, 224 miles. If I could maintain the 70 mph speed limit it would take three hours and twelve minutes. However, there are several communities between Tyler and Waco, where I get on the Interstate, that would strenuously object to anyone not slowing down to see their towns. There is Chandler, Brownsboro, Murchison, Malakoff, Trinidad, Kerens, Powell, Corsicana, Silver City, Dawson, Hubbard, Mt. Calm and Bellmead. Those of you who have traveled this stretch of State Highway 31 will notice that I have left Athens off the list. Those same people, if they have made that trip in the last four years, will realize there is a new loop around the north side of the city that only takes six to eight minutes to bypass Athens. It is a shame the Texas Department of Transportation can't do the same for Corsicana. I would suppose the "City Fathers/Mothers" would object to a loop/bypass on the grounds it would restrict business. Because of this I personally will not stop in Corsicana unless I believe I can't make it to the next rest stop with facilities. Some laws of nature may be bent, but not broken. Now you know why I can't give a personal report on the activities of Friday evening.

I have had some of the readers of this column tell me they like the way I write and I appreciate that very much. Maybe if lodge minutes were written in this fashion they would be more palatable for our meetings. I have recently found a mentor for my writings. He is probably not as old as I am, but I like the way he writes. As a member of the Philalethes Society, and having Internet access, I am on a tiled list with around 300 other members. We are constantly sending posts to the list where we discuss all manner of things Masonic. I get to talk to and receive

thoughts on Masonry from members all across the United States as well as Canada, England, France, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Israel, China and Australia, just to name a few. One of the things you will learn from this is Freemasonry is NOT universal in the way we do things, only in the basic beliefs. One of the brothers on the list is Skip Boyer. Skip lives in Phoenix, Arizona, where he is an officer in Paradise Valley Lodge No. 61. Brother Skip's contributions to the Society's list are not always Masonic, but they are always informative and especially entertaining. I have collected the best of his posts along with some of the response he has received from the other members and it now reaches 91 pages in a WordPerfect file. I hope someday the Philalethes Society will see fit to publish a collection of his works. He now has a featured column in the Society's magazine and was the speaker at their latest Feast and Forum.

On with the Austin meeting! I left my Motel 6 around 7:30 a.m. on Saturday and drove to the Austin Scottish Rite where I parked my car and walked the mile and a half to the Radisson Hotel. It's not too bad a walk because there isn't much traffic that early on a Saturday morning and it's all downhill. About 9:30 a.m. we boarded a city bus, provided to us through the generosity of Austin Lodge No. 12, and made the morning tour. The first stop was the French Legation, Austin's oldest dwelling. One of our guides was a Houmas/Choctaw Native American and she was dressed in her native clothing. Her name was Starwalker and you will find a picture of her in the photo album on our web page. She speaks English and French and sang to us a South Louisiana song in French. The next stop was the State Cemetery where we enjoyed the exhibits and toured a section where several of our Past Grand Master's graves are located. From there we went to the Elizabeth Ney Museum. Elizabeth was the sculptress who carved many of the statues of famous people of Texas. The last stop, before the bus went back to the Radisson, was for lunch at the Scottish Rite Dormitory for Women. The desert was ice cream mixed with chocolate cookies and covered with chocolate syrup.

The business meeting of Texas Lodge of Research started when Worshipful Master Clyde Kenneaster struck a decorum blow of the gavel in University Lodge No. 1190 in the Austin Scottish Rite Temple at approximately 4:00 p.m. Following the  
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usual ritual ceremony introductions were made. We had in attendance two Past Grand Masters, John E. Jack Kelly and Jack Hightower, and Gordon W. Kelso, General Secretary of the Austin Scottish Rite Bodies. There were four Past Masters of TLR present, James F. Brumit, Jack E. Beeler, Pete Martinez and Brother Kelly, PGM, who was the only Fellow of TLR present.

In the absence of Secretary, Plez A. Transou, who was away on family business, Assistant Secretary, Clyde Howard, read the minutes of the Athens meeting. He also announced there were 21 petitions for affiliation to be voted on and these were duly elected to membership.

Due to a delay of two months on the part of the United States Postal Service (Service?), there was not a Treasurer's report. All the books had been sent from R. A. Ford to Brother Brumit and were received the day before the meeting. A report will be made at the September meeting. The necrology report, made by Chaplain Ray Kirkpatrick, DDGM 17, indicated we have lost six members since our last meeting.

Right Worshipful Brother Hightower, PGM, made a report on the status of our efforts to have the statues of Sam Houston and Anson Jones, located in front of the State Archives building in Austin, refurbished. It was determined the State Preservation Commission was the owner of the statues. A report was commissioned to find out the cost of the restoration. The report cost \$1,500.00 with the fee for the job set at \$18,000.00. Texas Lodge of Research decided to let the State Preservation Commission take care of the restoration (at no expense to TLR).

Past Master Jack E. Beeler reported \$312.00 in book sales since our last meeting. He said there are several upcoming events where books will be sold. He then graciously gave permission to Worshipful Master Kenneaster to sell books at the annual Iredell outdoor Master Mason's Degree.

Senior Warden James R. Beeler reported for Dr. Vaughn on the Transactions. Volume XXXII should be in the hands of all who are to receive it. As soon as Dr. Vaughn returns from Brazil he will start on Volume XXXIII. Bills were read and approved to be paid.

Worshipful Master Kenneaster announced the September 18th meeting's date and location has been changed due to conflicts. The meeting will be held on September 25 at Mansfield Lodge No. 331. See the details elsewhere in this bulletin.

Because of their absence for installation at the Athens meeting, Gordon Kelso and Jerry Yelvington were installed as Senior Deacon and Marshall, respectively, by the Worshipful Master with Past Master Pete Martinez acting as Installing Marshall.

As the meeting was about to close, and as our Anson Jones Lecturer, Right Worshipful Jack Hightower, PGM, was not a Full Member of Texas Lodge of Research, a motion was made and seconded that, if his lecturer merits, he be invited to Full Membership in Texas Lodge of Research. The affirmative vote was unanimous. The Lodge was then closed in proper form at 5:00 p.m.

The Anson Jones Banquet began at 6:30 p.m. with a delicious catered dinner. The Anson Jones Lecture that followed was very interesting and informative. Past Grand Master Hightower's research into the Masonic membership in, and their influence on, the Supreme Court of Texas was superb and ended with Brother Gordon Kelso tying the replica apron of the Grand Lodge Officers of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas, the apron worn by Full Members of Texas Lodge of Research, on Right Worshipful Brother Hightower.

Thus ended the Austin '99 meeting of Texas Lodge of Research.

## Rogers to Address Iowa Research Lodge

Dr. and Bro. L. Randall Rogers has been recently invited to present the 1999 Jerald E. Marsengill Lecture at the Fall Banquet of Iowa Research Lodge No. 2 to be held September 25 in Des Moines. The title of Bro. Rogers' presentation is "Moral Education in the Lodge." In addition, the Lodge has announced that "Our Masonic Presidents" by Bro. Rogers is their book of the year for 1999.

Last year Dr. and Bro. Howard Stewart, PM, presented the lecture for the Iowa Research Lodge and his book, "From Huts to Sheds" was their 1998 book of the year.



## New Members Elected June 19, 1999

### Full Member

Jack Hightower, Austin, TX

### Member

Charles D. McCarver, Houston, TX  
Chad D. Walker, Dayton, OH  
Mack Simpson, Lancaster, TX  
Joseph M. Causey, Beeville, TX  
James R. Stalcup, Garland, TX  
Richard P. Baker, Fort Worth, TX  
Keith Slater, United Kingdom  
Daniel W. Walling, Waco, TX  
James F. Slowey, III, College Station, TX  
James F. Mitchell, Austin, TX  
Mario Rodriguez, Premont, TX  
William A. Manley, Gladewater, TX  
Dusty Rhodes, Tucson, AZ  
Christopher Basnett, Corsicana, TX  
Dominique G. Shipp, Arlington, TX  
Keye E. Perry, Sr., Austin, TX  
Rhett J. Hubbard, Claude, TX  
Jimmie D. Hubbard, Claude, TX  
Sam Robinson, Sulphur Springs, TX

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Dennis W. Stevens  
Saranac, NY

Roye A. Mulholland  
Austin, TX

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Odessa, TX

Clifton E. Nichols  
San Antonio, TX

## Mansfield Meeting Directions

The host hotel for the September meeting is the Inn at Arlington at 121 East Interstate 20. To drive to the lodge, go south from the hotel on Matlock Road seven (7) miles to Cannon. Turn right on Cannon and go approximately one mile to Broad Street. From Broad Street turn left onto Hwy. 287 and go approximately two (2) miles to Mansfield Lodge. You will have to go approximately 1/8 mile past the lodge building to cross over Hwy 27 and then come back 1/8 mile to the building. If you have any questions related to the meeting, feel free to contact Doug Granger at 972-642-1032.

## On The Internet

The Masonic Leadership Center has begun a Masonic Book Review webpage on its Internet site, <http://freemasonry.org/mlc/bkrevs.htm>. The sight was developed and is being maintained by Bro. Paul Bessel who is the executive secretary for the Leadership Center.

The sight lists books related to Freemasonry and locations of reviews for the books. Bessel said the page is an attempt to compile the locations of all reviews of Masonic books, as well as links to reviews of Masonic books on the Internet, plus texts of Masonic books on the Internet. The sight is also adding brief abstracts of books to its listing.

While the project appears to be a major undertaking, it is a worthwhile effort for the Masonic reader and researcher. Having access to this type of material can help the researcher find information related to his research topic and the Masonic reader to screen potential books for his reading pleasure.

## 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.



# The September Meeting Date and Location Changed

## Mansfield Lodge to Host TLR on September 24-25, 1999

The September TLR meeting has had a date and location change since first announced. Due to conflicts with the Centennial Celebration at the Masonic Home and School, Worshipful Master Kenneaster moved our scheduled quarterly meeting back one week. The date change also necessitated a change in lodge hosts.

Mansfield Lodge No. 331 will be our hosts for the weekend of September 24. The lodge is located at 1170 South New Hwy. 287 in Mansfield, a suburb of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. The telephone contact at the lodge is 817-473-0871.

The Inn at Arlington will serve as the headquarters hotel. The hotel was formerly a Hampton Inn and is located at 121 East Interstate 20 at Matlock Road in Arlington. The phone number for reservations is 817-467-3535. The room rate is \$63 for a single and \$73 for a double.

Make sure you mention Texas Lodge of Research for the group rate.

There will be a Dutch treat dinner Friday evening at the Mercado Juarez Mexican Restaurant, located next door to the hotel. Plan to gather for dinner at 7:00 PM.

Activities will start at the lodge at 9:00 AM Saturday with coffee and doughnuts. Activities for ladies and non-Masons will begin around 9:30 with the TLR business meeting at 10:30 AM. Lunch will be provided by the Mansfield Lodge or Eastern Star Chapter for a nominal contribution. The afternoon will close with papers presented in an open session at 1:00 PM.

**Make your plans now and join us in Mansfield on September 24**

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