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Stated Communication

Saturday, Sept 20, 2014
Fort Worth, Texas

Host Lodge

Cook-Peavy Lodge No. 1162

Location

Ft. Worth Scottish Rite Temple
1100 Henderson St
Fort Worth Texas 76102



The Stated meeting will be opened at 10:00 AM following the breakfast at 9:00 AM. There is a Scottish Rite Reunion scheduled at the same time and we will piggy-back off of their breakfast set up. Lunch will be served upstairs instead of the cafeteria.

Hotel

**Homewood Suites-Fort Worth/
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There will be a hospitality room available Friday. We will have dinner Friday evening at a local restaurant to be announced later.



Fellows in Masonic Research

By Truitt L. Bradly, PM, Secretary, Editor *The Occasional Bulletin*

Article 201, paragraph 5 "The Research Lodge may, with the approval of the Committee on Masonic Education and Service, elect any Full member, but only one in any given year, to the honorary title of "Fellow in Masonic Research" in recognition of distinguished service. Election shall require a majority vote of the Full Members present at a meeting of the Research Lodge. (Revised 1989)" The Grand Lodge of Texas, when adopting the enabling legislation for the creation of research lodges in Texas, included the authority quoted above that allows Texas Lodge of Research to honor a member with the title of "Fellow in Masonic Research."

Texas Lodge of Research has chosen to honor 17 members as Fellows since Texas Lodge of Research was set to work in December 1959. The following list of Texas Lodge of Research's Fellows in Masonic Research includes a complete listing of research papers presented before Texas Lodge of Research. In addition to these papers listed, many of these distinguished brethren, have been contributors to other research lodges, Masonic periodicals, Masonic societies, some have edited Texas Lodge of Research's *The Occasional Bulletin*, some have served on the editorial committee of Texas Lodge of Research. Others have published books on Masonic subjects, have been active in promoting Masonic education, and one has served as the Worshipful Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 (E. C.), the premier Masonic research lodge in the world. The key factor for all of these Brothers is that they have distinguished themselves with dedicated service to the Craft they love.

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Past Masters & Fellows, Texas Lodge of Research

This issue of *The Occasional Bulletin* is dedicated to the Fellows in Masonic Research of Texas Lodge of Research. After compiling the list of Fellows and the numerous papers that they contributed to Texas Lodge of Research, it became clear to me that the average Texas Lodge of Research member who attends our meetings on a regular basis, has not had the opportunity to meet all of our distinguished Fellows. I thought it would be appropriate to re-introduce two who have not been able to attend our meetings regularly in a few years. This month I have chosen to include brief summaries of the biographies of Fellows Plez A Transou and J Dexter Sammons.

Plez Avery Transou — Master 1980-1981

Plez Transou was Raised in West Bend Lodge No 434 in Lewisville, North Carolina in 1950 at 24 years of age. He had been a DeMolay in Winston-Salem Chapter of DeMolay, having become a member in 1942 at age 16. He became a Royal Arch Mason in 1951 in North Carolina.

Brother Plez moved to Dallas in 1954 and continued his Masonic career. He became a Scottish Rite Mason in the Dallas Scottish Rite and a member of Dallas Commandery No 6, KT. He affiliated with Dallas Lodge No 760 and served as Master in 1976-77. He served as District Deputy Grand Master in 1980. He also served as General Secretary of the Valley of Dallas for many years.

Brother Plez became an associate member of Texas Lodge of Research in 1970 and an active member in 1975, and was elected Worshipful Master in 1980. He served as Secretary of Texas Lodge of Research and on retirement was elected Secretary Emeritus. Brother Transou is retired and currently resides in Dallas.

J Dexter Sammons — Master 1986-1987

Dexter Sammons was born in San Antonio, Texas and is a fourth generation Texan with his roots solidly planted in the rich heritage of Texas. Brother Sammons, along with his wife Bonnie, still resides in Weatherford. Brother Sammons grew up in an anti-Masonic congregation in San Antonio so he had almost no contact with DeMolay or Masonry during the early part of his life. His first real contact came through his father-in-law who was a member of Anchor Lodge and the Scottish Rite Bodies of San Antonio. He was later influenced by a gospel preacher in Arkansas. The good brother was not only the most beloved Church of Christ preacher in the county, he was the most beloved Mason in the county.

Brother Sammons was made a Master Mason in Phoenix Lodge in 1974, served as Worshipful Master and as presiding officer in the three local York Rite Bodies. He served as District Deputy for Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Grand Council. He is a member of Ft Worth Scottish Rite and has served on many Grand Lodge committees. While Bro Sammons was serving as Senior Warden of Texas Lodge of Research, Worshipful Master Egbert V Smith died in office, requiring Bro Sammons to be pro-tem Worshipful Master for the remainder of the 1985-1986 year in addition to the year he was the installed Master.

Since the September meeting is in Fort Worth and close to their homes, we hope these Fellows in Masonic Research are able to attend this meeting. Thank you Brothers Transou and Sammons for your years of dedicated service to Texas Lodge of Research and Freemasonry.

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Any Master Mason who is a member in good standing of a regular Texas lodge, or of a jurisdiction in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Texas, shall be eligible to become a member of Texas Lodge of Research upon being proposed by a Full Member of Texas Lodge of Research and elected by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting of the lodge.

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The June Meeting

Worshipful Master Rumsey opened Texas Lodge of Research's June Stated meeting in the Scottish Rite Temple in Houston on Saturday, June 21, 2014. I would like to thank Past Master and Fellow Pete Normand for filling in as Secretary in my absence.

Seven Master Masons were elected to membership in Texas Lodge of Research and one member elected to Full Membership:

William J Mollere—Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Louisiana—Trinity Union Lodge No 372—Baton Rouge, LA.

James R Brown—Onion Creek Lodge No 220—Austin, TX

Harry E Sanders, Jr—Henry Lodge No 57—Fairfax, VA

Ronald C Wise—Roy Stanley Lodge No 1367—Dallas, TX

Robert P Holmes—Fort Worth Lodge No 148—Ft Worth, TX

James H Ollerton—Alamo Lodge No 44—San Antonio, TX

Ricky D Cox—Phoenix Lodge No 275—Weatherford, TX

Michael Poll— Etoile Polaire Lodge No 1—New Orleans, LA _
2014 Anson Jones Lecturer and Full Member

After the Anson Jones Banquet, Brother Michael Poll presented his lecture entitled *The Journey to Discovering the History of the Scottish Rite in New Orleans*. I was out of state for this meeting and was unable to hear Brother Poll deliver his paper in person, but I did obtain a copy and have read it and it was a very enjoyable and high quality paper.

Brother Poll used mystery and intrigue to enhance the experience of the history of the New Orleans Scottish Rite, much in the same manner as Fellow in Masonic Research Pete Normand used in his paper *Jimmy Rogers: Father of Country Music: Two Times a Mason*. (Transactions Vol. XLI 2006) Brother Poll constructed the paper into an intriguing story that followed the twisted mystery of the Scottish Rite in New Orleans, defying the conventional wisdom of those involved in Freemasonry in Louisiana , and finishing with a surprise ending.

Congratulations to Brother Poll on being the 2014 Texas Lodge of Research Anson Jones Lecturer. Brother Poll is active in Louisiana Masonry and is the owner of Cornerstone Book Publishers, and he specializes in Masonic reprints



Worshipful Master Jim Rumsey presented the 2014 Anson Jones Lecturer Michael Poll with his distinctive Texas Lodge of Research Apron after the presentation of his paper *The Journey to Discovering the History of the Scottish Rite in New Orleans*

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The Fellows of Texas Lodge of Research have added a large amount of knowledge to Freemasonry, and they have done this both individually and collectively. In addition to their published works, they have always been willing to listen to ideas and offer suggestions or alternatives to tough problems a researcher may encounter while preparing a paper.

Request for *Occasional Bulletin* Articles

The format of *The Occasional Bulletin (OB)* has changed and is returning to more articles and fewer pictures. In future editions there will be opportunities for members of Texas Lodge of Research to submit short articles relating to Masonic topics for publication in the *OB*. Publication of an article does not make a member eligible for full membership in Texas Lodge of Research.

I will also use articles previously published in the *OB* and short papers from *The Transactions* as there are many current members who have not benefited from the

wisdom of the early members of Texas Lodge of Research, those founding members who contributed so much to the success of our lodge.

Please submit your article in Microsoft Word format as either as an attachment to an email, on CD/DVD, or flash drive. While the editorial guidelines will not be as strict as for submitting a paper, please cite your sources where necessary and attribute any quoted material to the proper author.

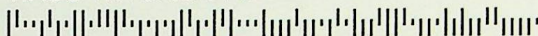
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From the Secretary

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The Occasional Bulletins for June and September are being mailed to any lodge that previously had a paid up Associate Membership in Texas Lodge of Research with the goal that each lodge will renew their membership. Every Texas lodge needs to have the resources available in the Transactions of Texas Lodge of Research in the lodge library to encourage the study of our Craft by Masons young and old. If your lodge is not currently an Associate Member of Texas Lodge of Research, please ask the lodge to subscribe.

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If you are interested in adding to your collection of the *Transactions*, email me your wish list, and I will check the availability of the requested volumes and will advise you which ones are available. Vol. VII and XIV are \$15, others from the 1980s and 1990s are \$10 and anything from 2000 and more recent are \$5 per issue. Lodges wishing to add to your library can also request discounted Volumes. - Truitt L Bradley, PM — *Fiat Lux*