



# THE OCCASIONAL BULLETIN

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## Stated Communication

Saturday, January 17, 2015  
San Antonio, Texas

### Host Lodge

Alamo Lodge No. 44

### Location

San Antonio Scottish Rite Temple  
308 Avenue E  
San Antonio Texas

The Stated meeting will be opened at 10:00 AM following coffee and donuts at 9:00 AM.

### Hotel

**Menger Hotel** located at 204 Alamo Plaza San Antonio, TX .

There will be a hospitality room available Friday. We will have dinner Friday evening at a local restaurant to be announced later.

## The January Meeting

The January 2015 meeting of Texas Lodge of Research will be held in San Antonio on the 3rd Saturday on January 17, 2015.

Worshipful Master Rumsey has secured \$120<sup>+tax</sup> per night rates at the Menger Hotel located at 204 Alamo Plaza in downtown San Antonio across from the Alamo. For reservations call (800) 345-9285 or (210) 223-4631 and ask for the Texas Lodge of Research rate. Cutoff date for these rates are January 1, 2015, so make your reservations early as the rooms may go quickly. Valet parking is available, with unlimited trips in and out, non-valet parking is also available. Additional hotel contact information: Website: <http://www.mengerhotel.com/> and Email: [reservations@mengerhotel.com](mailto:reservations@mengerhotel.com) The hotel's fax number is (210) 223-3345.

The Winter 2015 stated meeting will be held at the San Antonio Scottish Rite Temple at 308 Avenue E, at the intersection with 4<sup>th</sup> Street. There will not be any entry from the Avenue E entrance, entry will be from the 4<sup>th</sup> Street entrance, or through the rear entrance. The rear entrance requires a 3 digit code, but the code will be posted. There are 25 parking slots available on the temple property, otherwise leave your vehicle at the Menger Hotel or pay to park in the lot across 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Do not park on the street because you will be ticketed. Additional information: [scottish-rite.albertpikedemolay.org](http://scottish-rite.albertpikedemolay.org)

The host lodge is Alamo Lodge No 44 and the stated meeting will begin at 10:00 AM with the presentation of papers following lunch. Dress for Full Members of Texas Lodge of Research will be academic regalia.

Following the lead of Past Master Harrison, Worshipful Master Rumsey is continuing to revive the tradition of making Texas Lodge of Research a weekend event, and he has made arrangements for those who wish to remain in San Antonio through Saturday night. Additional details will be announced later.

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## Grand Master and Fellow in Masonic Research—Michael L. Wiggins

While continuing with the series of articles about the living Fellows of Texas Lodge of Research, I thought it would be appropriate to change the order of presentation and skip to the only Fellow in Masonic Research of Texas Lodge of Research who had been made a Fellow prior to serving as Grand Master of Masons in Texas.

Installation of the Grand Lodge Texas officers for the 2015 year began with musical selections that were associated with Texas. These pieces were performed on the trumpet by the Grand Musician Ron Lawrence, a Full Member of Texas Lodge of Research. Texas Lodge of Research Past Master and Fellow in Masonic Research, Michael L. Wiggins was installed as Grand Master of Masons in Texas on December 6, 2014 by Texas Lodge of Research Past Master and Past Grand Master Reese L. Harrison, Jr.

Grand Master Michael L. Wiggins, according to both Volume XXX of the Transactions of Texas Lodge of Research and the Grand Lodge of Texas website, is a seventh generation Texan, descending from pre-Texas revolution settlers of Texas. He was born and raised in Liberty, Texas and graduated with honors from Liberty High School in 1975. He began his higher education at Texas A&M immediately after graduation from high school, graduating Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in petroleum engineering in 1979. He worked for Sun Oil until June 1987 when he returned to Texas A&M to pursue advanced degrees in petroleum engineering. He completed Master of Engineering and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in 1988 and 1991, respectively.

While a twenty-one year old undergraduate student, he petitioned Liberty Lodge No. 48 and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in June 1978. All three degrees were conferred by his father, Jack Dempsey Wiggins, a Past Master of Liberty Lodge No. 48. He served as Worshipful Master of Liberty Lodge No 48 in 1984-1985. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of District 107 for Grand Master John E. Jack Kelly in 1987. Continued page 3

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Grand Master Wiggins has developed deep interests in Masonic history and in Masonic education. In March of 1986, Mike affiliated with Texas Lodge of Research as an Associate Member and was appointed Mike Junior Steward in March 1989. Mike was elected an active member of Texas Lodge of Research after presenting his paper, "The Role of Freemasonry in the Development of Liberty County, Texas, 1826-1848", before the Lodge in September 1989. For this effort, Mike received the James D. Carter Award for Literary Excellence. He served as an appointive officer of Texas Lodge of Research from 1991 through 1993 and in March 1993, he was elected Junior Warden. This culminated in his March 1995 election and installation as Master of Texas Lodge of Research. He was the first Worshipful Master of Texas Lodge of Research to hold that office while residing outside of Texas. Grand Master Wiggins was also a Charter Member of Guildhall Lodge No. 555 when it was set to work by the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma in 2002, serving as Charter Senior Deacon. He was elected and served as Junior Warden in 2005, Senior Warden in 2006, and Worshipful Master in 2007.

Grand Master Wiggins has presented three formal papers before Texas Lodge of Research, he served Texas Lodge of Research as editor of *The Occasional Bulletin* for many years, and presented many other short educational programs at meetings of Texas Lodge of Research.

*The Role of Freemasons in the Development of Liberty County, Texas. 1826-1848.*

*A Brief History of Liberty Lodge No. 48.*

*American Freemasonry: Dinosaur or Phoenix?*

In addition to Texas Lodge of Research papers, while serving on the Grand Lodge Masonic Education and Service Committee from 1999 through 2005 he was a strong influence on many of the educational programs implemented by Grand Lodge that are still in use today.

Grand Master, Texas Lodge of Research congratulates you on being elected and installed as Grand Master of Masons in Texas and wishes you a very successful year serving Texas Masons and Masonry. (Compiled from *The Transactions of Texas Lodge of Research Volume XXX* and [www.grandlodgeoftexas.org](http://www.grandlodgeoftexas.org))





## Petition for Membership

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.

The proposed member shall furnish the lodge Secretary with a copy of his current dues card, or a Certificate of Good Standing, and a photo identification (a photocopy is acceptable) with the petition. Membership will continue so long as the member is in good standing in a regular Texas lodge, or of a lodge in a jurisdiction in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Texas, and the annual dues are current.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Texas Member ID No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City : \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Number of Subordinate Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge City: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge State/Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Lodge of \_\_\_\_\_ List additional lodge memberships, if any, on reverse side.

Past Master of a subordinate lodge: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grand Master: \_\_\_\_\_ Past Grand Master: \_\_\_\_\_

### Recommendation of a Full Member of Texas Lodge of Research

Full Member Printed Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Full Member's Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues are \$35 per calendar year and are payable in advance.

Endowed Memberships are \$500 payable to Texas Lodge of Research

Mail petition with \$35 check, a copy of your current dues card, and a copy of a photo ID to:

**Texas Lodge of Research, PO Box 1057, Georgetown TX 78627-1057**



Past Master Pedro "Pete" Martinez IV

Past Master Pete Martinez dropped the working tools of life on December 23, 2014. Pete was a longtime fixture of Texas Lodge of Research. If you attended almost any of Texas Lodge of Research's meetings over the past thirty years you probably interacted with Pete. Pete never met a stranger and would greet the new faces in attendance and give them a big Texas welcome. Past Master Wayne Sirmon, after hearing of Pete's passing sent me a note with the simple, but accurate comment, "Pete was the first TLR member to greet me at my first meeting. Always a friend, it was an honor to call him Brother."

Pete was born in Kenedy, Texas on October 12, 1933 to Pedro and Thelma Lee Martinez. He passed away on December 23, 2014 in Tyler, Texas was buried at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery. Pete attended school in Kerrville and Tyler, after graduating high school he attended LeTourneau Technical Institute in Longview and Tyler Junior College in Tyler. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 through 1956. He worked as a machinist, draftsman, mechanical designer, buyer, salesman, and retired from Texas DOT as a computer programmer/operator and graphic artist in Tyler.

Pete was a fourth generation Mason on both sides of his family. He received his degrees in Tyler Lodge No 1233 and served as Worshipful Master of Tyler Lodge in 1975-1976. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of District 16 in 1984. Pete became an Associate Member of Texas Lodge of Research in 1976 and was elected an Active member on March 9, 1985. He presented five papers before Texas Lodge of Research:

*A History of Tyler Lodge No. 1233.*  
*Tyler Lodge No. 50, A History and Commentary.*  
*A History of Canton Lodge, Under Dispensation.*  
*Grandfather Pedro, Great Grandfather Pedro and Great Grand Uncle Joaquin.*  
*Freemasonry in Smith County, Texas.*

Pete served as the first Membership Committee for Texas Lodge of Research and reached his goal to increase the membership from 825 to 1,000 in March 1987. He was elected and installed as Worshipful Master of Texas Lodge of Research on March 10, 1999.

The Reverend Gregory A Megill closed the biography of Pete Martinez in Volume XXVI of *The Transactions of Texas Lodge of Research* with the following and the thoughts and words are very appropriate still today:

Pete Martinez has a great love for Freemasonry which shows not just in all the varied activities listed above. It also shows in everything he continues to do for our great fraternity. It shows in the enthusiasm with which he tackles the thorniest issues with which we must deal in Masonic matters. It shows in the hard work he gives to any Masonic endeavor to which he agrees to give his effort. But most of all it shows in the joy he receives and gives out in his interactions with his many Masonic friends across this great state.

Well done thou good and faithful Brother, enter into the Joy of our Lord.

(Compiled from *The Transactions of Texas Lodge of Research Volume XXVI* and Tyler Morning Telegraph 26 Dec 2014)

# The September Meeting

On Friday, September 19, 2014, members and guests of Texas Lodge of Research met at the headquarters hotel for the usual hospitality room and fellowship between members. Most then went as a group to the Woodshed Smokehouse for dinner.

Worshipful Master Rumsey opened Texas Lodge of Research's September Stated meeting in the Scottish Rite Temple in Fort Worth on Saturday, September 20, 2014, with 33 Master Masons present in the lodge room of Cooke-Peavy Lodge No 1162. Eight Master Masons were elected to membership in Texas Lodge of Research:

Mark Travis—Mesquite Lodge No 928—Mesquite, TX.

Richard L Johnson—Grapevine Lodge No 288—Grapevine, TX

Sean B Rothberg—Richardson Lodge No 1214—Richardson, TX

Charles B Cockrell—La Porte Lodge No 857—La Porte, TX

James L Heatherly—Ferris Lodge No 460—Ferris, TX

Vincent Zubras, Jr—Edwin J Kiest Lodge No 1310—Dallas, TX

David Kisselburg—Cooke-Peavy Lodge No 1162—Ft Worth, TX

Robert L Holt—Gainesville Lodge No 210—Gainesville, TX

Senior Warden Brad Billings reported that the editing of the Howe-McCrea Volume of the Transactions of Texas Lodge of Research is 100% edited and was being proofed. The goal is to have the books to the membership before the January 2015 meeting.

The Senior Warden also distributed a Texas Lodge of Research pamphlet which was authorized at the June meeting. The pamphlet includes information for the prospective member and a petition for membership. The pamphlet will be available for the membership to Master Masons.

The Worshipful Master presented Right Worshipful Reese Lenwood Harrison, Jr. with the new Texas Lodge of Research Past Master's Jewel. These jewels are available for purchase for Texas Lodge of Research Past Masters from the Senior Warden, as are the new Full Member pins.

After the meal served by the Fort Worth Scottish Rite, Worshipful Master Rumsey call the open portion of the meeting to order to hear the presentation of Senior Warden Roberto Sanchez's paper *The Chamber of Reflection: A Revitalized and Misunderstood Masonic Practice*. After the presentation, Texas Lodge of Research Past Master Pete Normand, Fellow of Masonic Research, asked some questions of Brother Sanchez and made some comments on the paper.

## Tips for Writing a Texas Lodge of Research Paper

By Rob Risko

Writing a paper can be simultaneously an intimidating as well as rewarding experience for authors. Generally speaking, while there is not a precise, one-size-fits-all formula that describes in detail how to write a paper that meets the high standards of the Texas Lodge of Research, potential writers should adhere to a few basic guidelines.

All papers require significant research and analysis from a variety of sources. Publishable-quality papers contain a good balance of primary and secondary sources. Writers should examine various connections within their sources with special attention to similarities and differences since the development of a coherent argument or thesis supported by research will be the foundation of high-quality paper.

The introduction guides the reader through the essay and authors should structure their introduction in the following manner.

1. **Establish the Problem.** This does not mean starting your essay with some absurdly huge statement like "Man has always" or "In every civilization," since these assertions say nothing and are usually debatable. Rather, if your paper is about Freemasonry in Colonial America, say something about Freemasonry in Colonial America.

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2. **Set the methods or key issues.** Describe the documents that you have uncovered in your research and how they relate to the subject of your essay, or to the question you will answer in it. Do not use “I” or first person language. Do not describe the process of research such as: “In this paper I will show . . .”

3. **Give your thesis.** Most importantly, at some point in the introductory paragraph you should state your thesis statement. Make sure your thesis is not a repeat of the question or a vague discussion of “similarities” and “differences” without explanation of what you mean.

The remaining body paragraphs should have thematic paragraphs with single arguments and topic sentences usually within the first two sentences. Avoid one to two sentence paragraphs. Most importantly, support your assertions with evidence. A great source available for free on the web regarding style is the classic short book, *The Elements of Style*, by Strunk and White.

All authors should edit their paper several times before final submission. During the editing process writers need to remove unnecessary, irrelevant or illogical sections. The reviewers will not rewrite the paper. Please check for spelling, grammar, and style. Avoid passive voice in favor of precise, active voice prose.

Lastly, the Texas Lodge of Research recently voted to accept alternate citation styles for papers that include MLA, APA, Chicago, Turabian, as well as the *Form and Style Manual* currently in use. Please be aware that the Editorial Committee prefers the *F&S Manual* since it provides for a consistent style of writing in the *Transactions*. Additionally, most rejected papers are not accepted for more extensive reasons such as plagiarism and failing to meet the criteria that a paper must add to the body of masonic knowledge. For authors who choose to use a style other than the *F&S Manual* they should consult the Purdue Writing Lab website which is recommended by most colleges and universities. It may be found for free at <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>.



Past Master Martinez with his Top Hat and one of the Texas Lodge of Research Gavels he made for the lodge at the Burnet Meeting in March of 2007,

## 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.

## Future Meetings of Texas Lodge of Research

March 21, 2015 — Nacogdoches, Texas

June 20, 2015 — Grapevine, Texas

September 19, 2015 — Galveston, Texas

January 16, 2016 — Lubbock, Texas

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## From the Secretary

At the time this was written, Texas Lodge of Research has 588 members in an active status, and there are approximately 210 members who have not paid their 2015 dues. If you have not sent in your dues payment, please do because you risk being dropped from membership if you have not paid by the end of January 2015.

The Howe-McCrea Volume of *The Transactions of Texas Lodge of Research* are at the book binders and should be mailed in the first week of January. Each member who was current in December 2014 when the printer was supplied a mailing list will receive a copy.

You can mail your petitions and dues to:

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Texas Lodge of Research has in its inventory almost 3,000 copies of recent *Transactions, Texas Lodge of Research AF & AM*. The oldest Volume is VII (1971 -1972 Ford) with limited copies. There are some from the 1980s, 1990s and most are from this century. As I have the responsibility of storing and preserving this inventory, I would like to liquidate as much of it as possible.

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 Bradly, PM — *Fiat Lux*