



Next Stated Communication

Saturday, June 20, 2015
Grapevine, Texas

Host Lodge

Grapevine Lodge No. 288

Location

403 S. Main St.
Grapevine, Texas 76051

The Lodge will be opened at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and donuts with the stated meeting following at 10:00 a.m.

Hotel

Accommodations have been arranged with **Hyatt Place Grapevine**, located at 2220 Grapevine Mills Circle West, Grapevine, Texas 76051 (972) 691-1199

There will be a hospitality room available Friday and Saturday night .



From the East



I was not speechless after being installed Worshipful Master of Texas Lodge of Research, but I might as well have been. I was left completely incapable of describing how much the day meant to me and what an honor it was to have the confidence of the Brethren of such an august body of mentors and friends. Masonic Year 2015 is going to be a great year for TLR, and there is much the officers and I hope to accomplish. With your help and the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe I know we will prevail.

We are kicking off the new year with a bang with our annual Anson Jones Lecture and what promises to be a full weekend in Grapevine Texas. The festivities begin on Friday night with a meal at 6:30 p.m. at "Love and War in Texas" in Grapevine, a restaurant "...created to promote Texas, Texans, Texas food and Texas Heritage." If you have never been to this unique restaurant I highly recommend joining us. I have already spoken with the manager and you will receive your bill shortly after you order which will help get us out of the restaurant in a timely manner.

The restaurant is basically in the same parking lot as the hotel which is the Hyatt Place Grapevine. A group rate has been secured for \$119 a night and includes free breakfast, free Wi-Fi, and free airport shuttle (please contact the hotel for shuttle arrangements).

Afterwards, we will retire to the Grapevine Lodge No. 288 for a play based on the Taylor Hamilton Monitor and what a MM Degree would have been like in the 1880's. The ladies will have the option of retiring to our hospitality room or going to Messina Hof Winery (one block from the Lodge) for a wine tasting (\$10 per person). Afterwards we will all meet up in the hospitality room at the hotel.

Saturday morning the Lodge doors will open at 9 a.m. for coffee and donuts and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with an educational talk presented by Fellow and Full Member of TLR, Brent Morris. The ladies will join up with us for a meal at the lodge at noon. At 1 p.m. we will commence with the open portion of the meeting and the reading of the papers.

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The Main Event

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Saturday Night we have secured the Lancaster Theatre in downtown Grapevine for our **2015 Anson Jones Lecture delivered by Brother ART DE HOYOS**. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$50 per person which includes: Cesar or Garden Salad, Prime Rib or Chicken (you must specify if you want chicken), Mashed Potatoes, Tea & Coffee, Dessert and a **World Class Lecture!**

Please RSVP to Secretary Bradly. Payment must be made in advance to insure your RSVP for this event.

Texas Lodge of Research
presents

Arturo de Hoyos
2015 Anson Jones
Lecturer

June 20th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in Grapevine, TX · \$50 in
advance · For full details and to RSVP Contact

From the Master's Desk —

Recently I was reading through Volume XI of the *Transactions* when I came across an article by Past Master Plez A. Transou that captured my interest. It seems to build on his first paper, entitled "The Origin and Development of the Masonic Apron" (Volume X, 1974). "The Fleece, the Eagle, the Star and Garter" (Volume XI, 1975) delved into that often heard but seldom understood presentation of the Pre-eminent Badge of a Mason. Brother Transou's research challenged older Masonic literature that explained that "Star and Garter" referred to the French Order of the Star and the British Order of the Garter:

"Shakespeare made a reference to the Garter in 'King Richard III,' believed to have been written about 1594, and considered the most historically accurate of his plays. In this, King Richard, swearing to his queen, says, "Now by my George, my Garter, and my Crown." Understandably, Shakespeare made no reference to the Star of the Garter in his characterization of Richard, because in 1594, when the play was written, the Star had not been added to the insignia of the Order. The interesting point in this is that the George, which was a part of the insignia by the 1590's was mentioned along with the Garter itself. Acknowledging Shakespeare as one accurately recording the vernacular of Elizabethan England, one must wonder if there had been a Star at the time, if King Richard would not have sworn by 'My George, My Star, my Garter, and my Crown.' But, in any event, Richard did not swear by 'My George and Garter.'

A great deal of the confusion, aside from the semantics, is undoubtedly a result of recorded misinformation, and there is a classic example of this in *The Early French Exposures*. The anonymous author of 'La Reception Mysterieuse,' in a footnote referring to the Star and Garter, says, 'These two military orders of Great Britain are very old, that of the Garter being by far the most honorable.' Thus appears a British Order of the Star, rivaling the French Star in terms of brilliant obscurity, and one, apparently, the British know nothing about.

Of course, this does not rule out the possibility of a French Star or the possible adaptation of a French symbol by a French ritualist. Certainly it seems unlikely that the 18th century English ritualist would have made reference to a French device, authentic or otherwise, and

certainly the ritual is to British parentage. In the interest of the French Star, a second contact was made with Mr. [James Charles] Risk, and his reply, if substantiated, will create a little extra room in future revisions of Masonic writings which list the French Star as an actuality

He says, 'When we come to the French "Order of the Star," the position is even more curious. John II never established such an order, so there was nothing for Charles VIII to abolish. Nobody ever heard of the Order of the Star until Andrew Favine (Andre Favyn, b. ca. 1560) wrote his book, *The Theatre of Honor and Knighthood*, in 1623. This book was a fanciful compilation published at the end of a period when it had been fashionable to invent all sorts of romantic stories about knighthood in full flower. A number of books appearing in the course of the next 150 years mentioned the Star, but the author's sole source was Favine. After 1800, Favine was recognized as a popularizer of the purely mythological.'

In a subsequent note, Risk goes on to say, 'Our "friend" Favine got knocked off his pedestal by the end of the 18th century. Earlier on, Ashmole took a dim view of him.' Mr. Risk, it seems, has laid the French Star to rest.

The obscurity of the French Star is understandable in view of the likelihood that it never existed, and if this is actually the case, Favine seems to have led several Masonic writers down the proverbial primrose path. Also, the evidence is solid enough to conclude that 'The Star and Garter,' in the vernacular, past and present, refers to the Most Noble Order of the Garter of Great Britain and nothing else. Some contemporary rituals use the term 'The Star and Garter,' while others make reference only to the 'Garter.' While the English Freemasons do not have a standard presentation of the apron, in their General Practice, the Senior Warden says, 'By command of the Worshipful Master, I now invest you with the Badge of an Entered Apprentice Free Mason. It is more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honourable than the Garter or any other Order in existence, being the badge of innocence and the bond of friendship, etc.'"





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

Charter Chaplain Herb Polinard

In this edition of the *Occasional Bulletin*, the officers of TLR want to celebrate our last living Charter Member and Charter Chaplain, Herb Polinard. Herb was also the first chairman of the Publications Committee, and with his committee, laid the ground work for Volume I of the *Transactions* (1959-61) and its continual bi-annual publication with the following report in 1960:

(1) If possible, financially, a book ought to be published when feasible, and contain at least these items: A History of TLR; Copies of the Dispensation and the Charter; a list of charter members; edited papers of the Lodge; Dr. Carroll's address; By-Laws of the Lodge. Added items may be suggested by the Brethren for consideration by the committee.

(2) After the publication of the initial volume, thought should be given to a scheduled biannual publication, or a book to be released when enough material is accumulated. Since book publication is an expensive matter, neither of these ideas may be feasible. Alternative ideas are to be sought. (Volume I, 80)

Herb was also an early contributor for Texas Lodge of Research presenting "Theories of History," the third paper in our history. He also published an additional paper in Volume I with the title "Masonry on Postage Stamps."



Herb Polinard (age 92) receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from WM Brad Billings, SW Charles McKay, JW David Dibrell, PGM, SD Chris Livingston, RW Leonard Harvey, PGM, and JS Brett Beggs (not pictured). The certificate was presented at James A. Smith Lodge No. 395 on April 9, 2015. Brother Polinard is staying with his daughter who lives in the neighboring city of Carrollton, TX.

Herb most recently contributed to Texas Lodge of Research by writing the prayers for the installation of the 2015 officers. Fifty-six years after he started his journey with TLR he is still an active and contributing member.

Date Change

After much debate, our September stated meeting has been moved from the usual third Saturday to September 12, 2015, the second Saturday. As this is our main means of communication this will serve as due notice for moving our stated meeting per our By-Laws.

This move was necessary as the Scottish Rite is having its bi-annual state-wide honors day on the third weekend in September and several of the officers (including 4 out of the 5 elected officers) are members of the KCCH and 33rd Degree Teams. Hopefully, such scheduling conflicts can be prevented in the future.

The March Meeting



Many Brethren braved the rainstorms and arrived at Nacogdoches early enough for the Friday dinner at Clear Springs Restaurant, where we had an excellent turnout of around thirty. The fellowship was continued by several of the Brethren on the lower floor of the Jones House Bed and Breakfast, which had been reserved exclusively for the Brethren and guests of TLR. It contained many seating areas and a huge wrap around porch for the usual cigar smokers.

The meeting began at 9 a.m. the next morning and lasted a little over an hour and a half. A delicious catered lunch of steak and chicken was provided by Linda McLain and a giant coconut cake was presented on behalf of Milam Lodge No. 2 to honor the birthday of our

dual member, Past Grand Master Leonard P. Harvey. No one attempted to put eighty-seven candles on the cake due to the fire hazard it might cause, but before cutting the cake everyone joined in the traditional birthday song!

Following lunch and the birthday celebration, Most Worshipful Grand Master and TLR Fellow Michael L. Wiggins gave a moving talk on what Masonry means to him and what it should mean to each of us. Then, in the tradition of Milam Lodge No. 2, he was seated in the Milam Chair.

Next, the installation team was introduced, consisting of RW Leonard P. Harvey, PGM, Installing Master; RW Reese L. Harrison Jr., PGM, Installing Marshal; and TLR's Charter Chaplain Herbert Polinard *in absentia*, Installing Chaplain (read by Brother Glen Garber).

Following the Installation, Past Master Jim Rumsey was given an ovation for an outstanding year. PGM Reese Harrison presented Past Master Rumsey with his TLR Past Master Certificate and Worshipful Master Brad Billings and Senior Warden Charles McKay presented him with his TLR Past Master's Jewel.



Grapevine Schedule

Please note: Open events are printed in normal typeface. Tiled events are printed in **Bold**. Ladies events are printed in *italics*.

FRIDAY, June 19

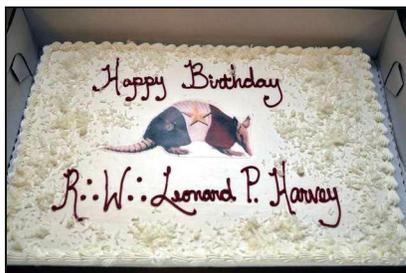
- 4 – 6:30 p.m., Check in at Hyatt Place Grapevine – Hospitality Suite open
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 'Love and War in Texas' – Alamo Room
- 8 p.m. "The Taylor Monitor" play at Grapevine Lodge No. 288**
- 8 p.m. *Wine Tasting at Messina Hof (one block from the Lodge)*
- 9 p.m. Hospitality Room reopens

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, FIRST SESSION

- 9 a.m. Grapevine Lodge No. 288 opens – Coffee and Donuts
- 9:30 a.m. *Ladies depart hotel for Main Street Shopping*
(optional shopping at Grapevine Mills Mall)
- 10 a.m. Texas Lodge of Research Stated Meeting**
- 12 a.m. Lunch provided by Texas Lodge of Research
(donation requested)
- 1 p.m. Open portion of TLR Meeting – Reading of Papers
- 3 p.m. Closing of TLR Stated Meeting**

SATURDAY, June 20, SECOND SESSION

- 6 p.m. Reception at Lancaster Theatre
- 6:30 p.m. Anson Jones Lecture – Arturo de Hoyos
- 9 p.m. Hospitality Room reopens



For the Ladies



Please join me for a great time in Grapevine, Texas. We are joining the guys for dinner at Love and War in Texas on Friday before we head to Main Street for a wine tasting at Messina Hof Winery (\$10 per person). Saturday Morning we will depart from the hotel at 9:30 a.m. to make our way back to Main Street for shopping in downtown Grapevine. If you want to sleep in (or if you are not into the eclectic stores downtown) you can always walk across the parking lot to the famous Grapevine Mills Outlet Mall.

At 12 p.m. we will join the guys back at Grapevine Lodge for lunch and then it is up to each of you to decide whether you want to go to the reading of the papers or back out on the town.

After the meeting is closed (around 3 p.m.), we will catch a ride back to the hotel with the guys and get dressed up for the banquet later that night.

Can't wait to see you all there!

Brittany Billings

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 an attachment to an email. 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.

Richard E. Schlaudroff, Editor

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From the Secretary

My Brethren: Being Secretary of Texas Lodge of Research is probably the most rewarding Masonic office I have held, while at the same time being the most demanding. I have served as secretary in three other lodges and the interaction with the officers in each of those lodges was much different than with the officers of Texas Lodge of Research. Serving as an elected officer in the majority of lodges around the state is usually the officer's first time through the chairs and it is very much a learning experience for the entire line of officers.

With the officers of Texas Lodge of Research that is usually not the case. The typical elected officer and committee member in Texas Lodge of Research has served as the Master of a lodge and in many cases is active in Grand Lodge leadership. The current officers of Texas Lodge of Research include two Past Grand Masters, a Grand Junior Steward, a District Deputy Grand Master, and multiple officers who have served as District Deputy Grand Masters or other appointed Grand Lodge offices.

I am constantly being asked to provide information and statistics about the membership. The leadership of Texas Lodge of Research is actively trying to improve both the quality of the Texas Lodge of Research experience and produce sustainable growth in membership. I expect that each meeting this coming year will impress us all. Make the effort to attend as many Texas Lodge of Research meetings this year as you can.

I certainly enjoy being Secretary of Texas Lodge of Research, and although I am usually busy before and during a Texas Lodge of Research meeting, I do enjoy meeting as many of you as I can, so don't hesitate to stop by my desk and introduce yourself.

Together we can make Texas Lodge of Research a Masonic experience of a lifetime.

Truitt L Brady, PM, Secretary
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