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Next Stated Communication

Saturday, December 17, 2016
Quitman, Texas

Host Lodge

Flora Lodge No. 119

Location

915 North State Highway 37
Quitman, TX 75783

Stated meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Hotel

Accommodations have been arranged with **Best Western Hotel**, located at 100 Debby Lane, Mineola, TX 75773 (903) 569-5331.



From the Master's Desk



Well Brethren, we are almost over the hump and on the downhill slide toward the end of this Masonic year for Texas Lodge of Research. So far this year we have had great attendance at our meetings and at the one just past in Georgetown, we were privileged to see some familiar faces that have not been in attendance in recent years. What a pleasure that was.

Our stock pile of research papers for presentation seems to be at a sufficient level to take us through the end of the year. For this, I would like to thank the Editorial Committee for the many volunteer hours each of them have contributed to this effort and our Senior Warden for managing the ebb and flow of information between the contributors and the Editorial Committee. That's not an easy task as I so well learned last year. Most of all I want to thank the members of TLR that made the big decision to dedicate themselves to the laborious task of doing the research and creating the exceptional papers that we have seen come through the process. What a great bunch of Brethren. Thanks to all of you.

The meeting in Georgetown was very well arranged and orchestrated by our Secretary, Brother Truitt Bradley. We had good attendance at the social hour on Friday evening followed by a real treat for the dinner hour. Brother Truitt had arranged reservations for us at Gumbo's restaurant in historic downtown Georgetown. The restaurant occupies the original Masonic Lodge building on the town square where San Gabriel Lodge once met. The food was great, the fellowship was warm and the crowd was up to the recent standard. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

The Saturday stated meeting was held at San Gabriel Lodge, now located near the San Gabriel River and was very well attended. The Eastern Star Chapter prepared a scrumptious breakfast and lunch menu for those members and guests present and provided a tour of historic downtown Georgetown for the Ladies while the stated meeting was in progress.

After the lunch hour, three excellent papers were presented in an open meeting. Brother and Secretary Truitt Bradley presented a riveting paper titled "The Formation of California's Texas Lodge No. 46: The Texan Influence" after which there was much discussion which generated an undercurrent of enthusiasm for a group trip to California to visit Texas Lodge. Next on the agenda was another full member, Richard Schlaudroff, who presented the second paper in a series of three on Wheelock Commandery. The third paper for the afternoon was presented by Rev. Brother J. B. Morris. His paper was entitled "The History of Rocky Mount Lodge No. 63." Following Brother Morris' emotional presentation, he was presented with his apron as a full member of Texas Lodge of Research.

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Our next meeting will be December 17, 2016, in Quitman. Details of that meeting can be found below, as well as on our website. This meeting will be very special for me because it is in Masonic District 11, and I am the immediate Past Master of Yantis Lodge No. 382 in District 11. I am reaching out to as many brethren of the district as I can to attend the meeting. Hopefully we can rope in some new members.

One detail for the Quitman meeting escaped my attention when the original notice was distributed and placed on the web site. That detail pertains to the recent tradition of inviting the membership to wear educational regalia during the afternoon session of the January (now December) meeting. So I extend a sincere invitation to those members of TLR who wish to do so to bring your robes and colors and plan on wearing them in the afternoon session.

See you in Quitman.

Charles McKay, W.M.



Meet Us in Quitman

The next meeting of Texas Lodge of Research will be December 17, 2016, and will be hosted by Flora Lodge No. 119 in Quitman. The host hotel for this meeting will be the Best Western Hotel in Mineola. The Lodge in Quitman is 9.3 miles from the hotel. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 903-569-5331. Please note that the 800 number for Best Western will not have a record of the room block. Our room rate for the event is \$89.99 plus applicable taxes. Social hour will, as usual be at 4:00 p.m. with dinner somewhere around 6:30 or 7:00 at a restaurant to be determined. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning with a catered meal at noon. The price of the meal will be \$8 to \$10 which is in line with our usual donation. The meeting should be concluded by 3:00 p.m.

I hope to see you there.

Charles McKay, W.M.

Grand Lodge History Project

Past Grand Master Leonard P. Harvey will work with researchers to assure a consistent style and format. This is an exciting project and may be a way for some of you to attain Full Membership in TLR. Volunteers that have already been selected are:

1838 — 1850	Brian Dodson
1851 — 1870	Richard Schlaudroff
1871 — 1890	Jim Rumsey
1891 — 1900	
1901 — 1910	Christian Moore
1911 — 1920	
1921 — 1930	
1931 — 1940	
1941 — 1949	Mark Dermit
1950 — 1960	
1961 — 1970	
1971 — 1980	Charles McKay
1981 — 1990	Chris Livingston
1991 — 2001	David Dibrell
2002 — 2010	
2011 — 2017	

If you would like to volunteer to write a given decade, please contact the Senior Warden.

We hope to have guidelines ready soon.

David B. Dibrell, SW



TLR enjoyed the hospitality of San Gabriel Lodge and use of their beautiful lodge room.

Future Meetings

To assist your planning, the following sites and dates have been selected for future meetings of the Texas Lodge of Research:

March 18, 2017, Dallas

Knox-Corinthian Lodge No. 851
Election and Installation of Officers
Special Meeting of Texas Our Texas in the evening

June 17, 2017, San Antonio

Alamo Lodge No. 44
Anson Jones Lecture

September 16, 2017, Waco

Baylor Lodge No. 1235
York Rite Symposium

December 9, 2017, Houston

Temple Lodge No. 4
Honor TLR Past Masters

Make your plans early and plan to attend most of these meetings. Details for accommodations will be provided at a later date. Typical schedule calls for a casual no-host dinner on Friday evening; light breakfast on Saturday with TLR business meeting at 10 a.m. and one paper presentation; lunch with additional papers after lunch; closing by 3pm.



Papers were read by Brothers J. B. Morris, who became a Full Member of TLR, Richard Schlaudroff, and Bradley Truitt. They are flanked by SW David Dibrell and WM Charles McKay.

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From the Secretary

I have had numerous requests for Texas Lodge of Research name badges over the past two and a half years, but I did not have a confirmed source. Texas Lodge of Research members can now order directly from Eternity Creations at sales@eternitycreations.com. The cost for a name badge is \$26.50 each.

If you have had a change of address and have not let me know, please email me at secretary.texaslodgeofresearch@gmail.com or to the lodge mailing address at P.O. Box 1057, Georgetown TX, 78627-1057, as soon as possible, so I will have a correct mailing address for you.

*Truitt L Bradly, PM, Secretary
Fiat Lux*

