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Next Stated Communication

Saturday, March 18, 2016
Dallas, Texas

Host Lodge

Knox-Corinthian Lodge No. 851.

Location

Dallas Scottish Rite
500 South Harwood Street
Dallas, TX 75201

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

Hotel

Accommodations have been arranged with **Hotel Indigo**, located at 1933 Main Street, Dallas, TX 75201, (214) 741-7700.



From the Master's Desk



Well Brethren, as all Masters of TLR say at about this time of the TLR year, this will be the last message from me as Worshipful Master of Texas Lodge of Research. For me, it has been a wonderful year and an experience that I will remember as long as The Great Architect of the Universe permits me to remember things.

I would like to thank each of you who participated in our efforts this past year and I look forward to seeing all of you at meetings in the coming years. I will be easy to recognize because I will be one of those old guys sitting back and enjoying things with a silly smile on my face. Come by and shake my hand.

Our last meeting was hosted by Flora Lodge No. 119 in Quitman. It was well attended and what a great Masonic facility in which to hold our meeting. I offer my sincere thanks to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of Flora Lodge for being such cordial hosts.

The last meeting of this TLR year will be held in Dallas on March 18. The details of this meeting can be found in this issue of the *Occasional Bulletin* and are posted on the Texas Lodge of Research website. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. I want you to know that our Senior Warden has done an excellent job in preparing all the details of this meeting. If your calendar permits and you can find your way clear to be in attendance, I know you will enjoy it. In addition to our regular business, this meeting will see the election and installation of a new officer lineup. I am indeed looking forward to working with these new officers and I wish the very best for them.

If you are one of those Texas Lodge of Research members who has not yet made the personal commitment to write a research paper, let me encourage you to do so now. It is not all that difficult a task, and once you begin, it is an experience that you will long remember. I know because I was one of those long time holdouts that kept on saying "I really need to get on that TLR paper." I believe I said that for the better part of two decades before I actually made the personal commitment. You too can do it. All you have to do is start. We will help you from there.

Again Brethren, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this great organization for the past year. I will do my best to continue to be your humble servant.

Charles McKay

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March in Dallas

The March TLR meeting will be held in Dallas on March 18th at the Dallas Scottish Rite Temple for our Annual Election and Installation of Officers. The meeting will be hosted by Knox-Corinthian Lodge No. 851. Worshipful Master Bill DuBois promises great food and fellowship.

The Dallas Scottish Rite Temple is located at 500 South Harwood, Dallas, TX with phone number (214) 748-9196 if you get lost. A room block is held at Hotel Indigo, 1933 Main Street in Dallas, down the street. The room rate is \$139. Call the hotel at (214) 741-7700 or go to their website. The Friday evening no-host dinner will be at El Fenix Restaurant in downtown Dallas at 1601 McKinney Street.

The Stated Meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 18th in the Blue Room on the 3rd floor of Scottish Rite after the breakfast in the 1st floor Presidents' Room at 9 a.m. Lunch will also be in the Presidents' Room for a donation of \$10. The Installation of Officers will be held in the Blue Room at 2 p.m., after which TLR will close.

Everyone is invited to the *Texas History Celebration* hosted by Dallas Scottish Rite at 5 p.m. to view artifacts. A dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. followed by a lecture by Dr. Gregg Dimmick on the aftermath of the Battle of San Jacinto. We have two reserved tables for TLR. Contact David Dibrell at davidbdibrell@gmail.com if you wish to reserve a spot.

Future Meetings of TLR

June 17
 San Antonio
 Alama Lodge No. 44

September 16
 Waco
 Waco Lodge No. 92

December 16
 Houston
 Temple Lodge No. 4



Grand Lodge History Project

Our TLR Past Master and Past Grand Master Leonard P. Harvey has proposed that TLR undertake a project to write a concise history of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Groups of ten or so years will be adopted by TLR members to do the research and then submit a paper on those years. Past Grand Master Harvey will then assemble the group of papers into the full concise history. Past Grand Master 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.

The template/format is underway and will be sent shortly after the Dallas meeting. The Grand Lodge Library & Museum has pictures of almost all the Past Grand Masters. Bruce Mercer also has a history of Grand Lodge buildings if someone will write a chapter about buildings.

The following volunteers have already selected:

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

If you'd like to join our project and adopt a group of ten years or so, please send me an e-mail or tell me at the Dallas meeting. We hope to complete the project in 2017 so we must get busy and start the research. Sign up now and reserve the time period you would prefer.

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Dibrell
Senior Warden

Texas History Celebration

On March 18, the Dallas Scottish Rite Library and Museum will host its annual *Texas History Celebration*. This year's speaker will be Gregg Dimmick, self-taught Texas archeologist, historian, and author of the acclaimed book *Sea of Mud*, in which he reoriented our understanding of the retreat of the Mexican army during its retreat in the weeks after the battle of San Jacinto. Dr. Dimmick has spoken at numerous venues around the state and appeared on the History and Discovery Channels. He will speak on the events surrounding the battle of San Jacinto.

The event is co-sponsored by the Dallas Historical Society and will include the showing of artifacts, including items belonging to Generalissimo Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna and other materials recovered from the San Jacinto battlefield. Weapons from Jackson Armory and other period pieces will also be on display.

The evening will open at 5 p.m. with the viewing of artifacts on the 2nd floor. A catered barbeque buffet will follow in the Scottish Rite Crystal Ballroom at 6:00 p.m. After dinner, the guests will retire to the auditorium to hear Dr. Dimmick's presentation. A cash bar will be available.

The Dallas Scottish Rite Library and Museum History Committee and TLR have specifically coordinated the timing of this event so that brethren attending the March stated meeting of TLR will be able to do attend. TLR will have two tables available for dinner. RSVP is necessary to have an accurate count for dinner. Please contact Senior Warden David Dibrell if you wish to attend.

The evening should be an enjoyable and interesting celebration of Texas history.



Brother R. Carson Fisk, TLR's newest Full Member, flanked by Past Master Jim Rumsey and Worshipful Master 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
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