



# THE OCCASIONAL BULLETIN

## TEXAS LODGE OF RESEARCH, A.F. & A.M.

June 2018

Number 1

### From the Master's Desk



With a simple oath we affirm old traditions and make new beginnings.

I thank you for allowing me to serve Texas Lodge of Research as Worshipful Master this year. I consider it a great honor and privilege to serve this unique lodge.

Please join me in thanking Right Worshipful David Dibrell, PGM, and all the officers for their service this past year. R.:W.: Dibrell will continue to lead us in completing the Grand Lodge History Project this coming year. We also have a wonderful set of officers ready and able to serve.

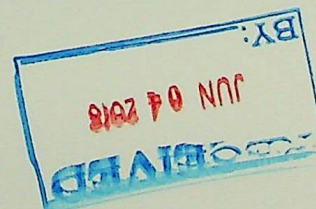
The April Stated Meeting featured a wonderful presentation by Richard Schlaudroff and the election of officers. Hillcrest Lodge served us an outstanding beef tenderloin lunch. The updates to the lodge continue to impress visitors, and I highly recommend you to visit. In the afternoon, Right Worshipful Wendell Miller, PGM, installed the newly elected and appointed officers with R.:W.: Dibrell serving as Marshall and R.:W.: Kyle Wahlquist, DDGM 14-B, serving as Chaplain.

We will travel to Kerrville in June, Waco in September, Weatherford in December, and finally to Houston in March 2018. Our Anson Jones Lecturer will be Patton S. Hart, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and the current President of the Masonic Renewal Committee of the Conference of Grand Masters. His lecture will be presented at the June meeting. In December we will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Texas Lodge of Research. Our host lodge for that meeting has more papers written about it than any other lodge in Texas. It should be an exciting year.

We have a place, all of us, in a long story – a story we continue, but whose end we will not see. It is a story of leaders who founded a new America, a story of the Republic of Texas, and a story of this Lodge. Masons are generous and strong and decent, not because we believe in ourselves, but because we hold beliefs beyond ourselves. When the lessons inculcated in our degrees are missing, no invention of man can replace them. When those lessons are followed, no man can stand against them.

Texas Lodge of Research seeks to educate us all on our prestigious history and other masonic topics. Each of you has a paper topic in your head. Please start putting it to paper so that you can add your part to our body of knowledge.

Fraternally,  
Christopher D. Livingston, WM



**Next Stated Communication**

Saturday, June 16, 2018  
Dallas, Texas

**Host Lodge**

Kerrville Lodge No. 697

**Location**

119 Methodist Encampment Rd.  
Kerrville, Texas 78028

The Lodge will open at 9:00 a.m. with the stated meeting following at 10:00 a.m.



**Texas Lodge of Research**  
Officers 2018 – 2019

**Kerrville Meeting**

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Our next meeting and Anson Jones Lecture is June 16, 2018, at Kerrville Masonic Lodge No. 697 in Kerrville, Texas. The address is 119 Methodist Encampment Road, Kerrville, Texas 78028. Lodge will open at 10:00 a.m.

Our Anson Jones lecturer is Past Grand Master of Kentucky Patton Hart. R.:W.: Hart is also the President of the Masonic Renewal Committee of the Conference of Grand Masters. We look forward to an excellent lecture from R.:W.: Hart.

We have a block of rooms for Kerrville at La Quinta Inn & Suites. Rooms are blocked through LaQuinta Group Reservations at (866) 527-1498 under Texas Lodge of Research (confirmation number 0778498). The rate is \$143.00/night.

There will, of course, be a Friday night dinner and fellowship. More information will follow.

**Future Meetings of TLR**

**Waco, September 15**  
Waco Lodge No. 92

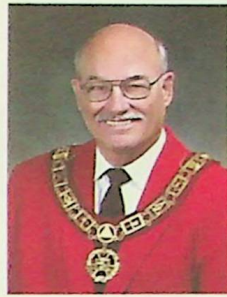
**Weatherford, December 15**  
Phoenix Lodge No. 275

**Houston, March 16**  
TBD





## In Memoriam



### **Douglass Collins**

Past Master of Texas Lodge of Research

Douglas Collins, 73, passed away 18 April 2018 in Bulverde, Texas. Brother Collins was born in Harlingen, Texas, grew up and attended schools in Brownsville, graduating in 1962. He joined the United States Air Force and spent most of his time in England. After his time in the Air Force, he joined the Brownsville Police Department and then the Dallas Police Department. He often referred to this time as “having a ringside seat at the Greatest Show on Earth.”

Brother Collins was a very active Mason. He was a Past Master of East Dallas Lodge No. 1200, Keystone Lodge No. 1143, and Mercedes Lodge No. 1010. In 1992, he served as DDGM in District 14-F. He was as Past High Priest of George Washington Chapter No. 422, Past Thrice Illustrious Master of George Washington Council No. 408, and Past Commander of Dallas Commandery No. 6, and was active in the Scottish Rite, Grotto, Shrine, and several invitational bodies.

Although he was a member of many Masonic bodies, his two favorites were The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, where he served as Grand High Priest in 2009-10, and Texas Lodge of Research, which he served as Master in 2004-5 and ex officio photographer for many years. He received TLR’s Golden Trowel Award and the James D. Carter Award for Literary Excellence.

Brother Collins was preceded in death by his parents, Courtney and G. Thomas Collins and is survived by his wife Cheryl and four children, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

We mourn the loss of our friend and brother and hope to be united with him in the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides. Truly, he was a good man and our loss is great.

Donations in honor of Brother Collins may be made to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, 1501 West Division, Arlington, TX 76012.



# April Meeting in Dallas





## From the Senior Warden's Desk

A sense of accomplishment... This can come from any of your life's goals that requires hard work to complete. In Texas Lodge of Research, completing a paper and presenting it in Lodge is a great example of this. Taking an idea for a paper, researching it, writing it, and then presenting it is one of the prime goals of TLR. There is nothing more gratifying than seeing one's hard work complete. It is indeed a well-earned sense of accomplishment.

The process of writing a paper is a learning process. No one who begins a paper is expected to be an expert, and the Editorial Committee will work with you to help you get the project into a final form. They will not write it for you but will advise and guide you through the process. Our goal is to see you succeed.

Many brothers have told us that doing a paper is beyond them. We do not think that is correct. The hardest part is picking a topic and narrowing it down. The process of writing is just a completion of the idea.

The officers of the Texas Lodge of Research encourage all members to write a paper. Not only is it good for the Lodge but it will be a learning experience for the member. This effort is the reason why Brothers join Texas Lodge of Research. If you do take the challenge and complete the task, you will receive a profound sense of personal accomplishment. More importantly, you will provide knowledge for current and future Masons that they cannot obtain anywhere else.

Brian Dodson, SW



## The D. D. Tidwell Award of Merit

Although the Editorial Committee appropriately encourages its members to submit first papers so that they can become Full Members, Full Members are also reminded of the D. D. Tidwell Award of Merit, approved by the Lodge at its March 2017 meeting.

Full Members of Texas Lodge of Research who have presented at least four papers approved by the Editorial Committee and read before the Lodge will receive the Tidwell Award, which includes a distinctive pocket jewel. The list of recipients of the Tidwell Award will be published in the annual *Transactions*, beginning with Volume L.

Editorial Committee



## The 2018 Anson Jones Lecture



### **Patton R. Hart, PGM President of the Masonic Renewal Committee**

Patton R. Hart of the Louisa, Kentucky, area is the President of the Masonic Renewal Committee with the Conference of Grand Masters for North America. He was elected to the position in January 2016.

Brother Hart is the Director of Human Resources with Three Rivers Medical Center, located in Louisa, Kentucky. He serves on the hospital administrative staff, where he also oversees the hospital personnel, volunteers, and senior relation programs.

Hart has a distinguished background of fraternal service to the Masonic families. He offered his leadership capabilities in serving several fraternal organizations of the family of Freemasonry on the local, jurisdictional, and international levels.

Brother Hart is a Senior DeMolay and Past Master Councilor of Owen R. Meadors Chapter in Ashland, Kentucky and remained active in DeMolay leadership in Kentucky. He was elected Grand Master of DeMolay International for 2007-08 and served as Grand Secretary in 2013-14. He is also a Frank S. Land Fellow for DeMolay International.

A member and Past Master of Apperson Lodge No. 195, Louisa, Kentucky, Brother Hart served the Grand Lodge of Kentucky as District Deputy Grand Master for District 37 in 1995-96. He has also served as Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee. In 2005, he was elected Grand Master. He has served in leadership capacities as a representative from Kentucky Freemasonry to the National Foundation of Masonic Children and the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America.

A 33d Degree Scottish Rite Mason, Brother Hart is a Past Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Order of the Eastern Star, and has served as a committee member of the General Grand Chapter. Brother Hart has been an active leader in the York Rite and other appendant bodies. A Past Potentate of El Hasa Shrine in Ashland, he has recently served Shriners International as Membership Development Specialist. He is a life member of the Kentucky Chapter No. 134 of the National Sojourners.

Brother Hart graduated from the University of Kentucky with degrees in Secondary Education and Health Sciences with an emphasis in Health Care Administration. He and his family attend the Buchanan Chapel United Methodist Church. He is also active as a volunteer and leader in his community.

Brother Hart brings to the leadership position a wealth of experience and service with his traits of organization, management, human resources, and knowledge. Texas Lodge of Research is pleased to welcome him to deliver its Anson Jones Lecture for 2018.



## **Qatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 to meet in the United States**

Qatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 of London, United Kingdom, the premier Masonic research lodge, will host its first conference in the United States on September 14-16, 2018, at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Registration for non-members of the lodge or its Correspondence Circle USA is \$149.00 for the conference. Details are located at <https://www.qatuorcoronati.com/meetings/2018-conference/book-tickets/>.

The conference theme is “Freemasons in the Transatlantic World” and will feature academic and fraternal speakers and panels. Scheduled speakers include John Acaster, Larry Adamson, Oscar Alleyne, Lucio Artini, Ric Berman, John Laurence Busch, Bob Cooper, Jeffrey Croteau, Felipe Corte Real de Camargo, Arturo de Hoyos, Akram Elias, Shawn Eyer, Fenando Gill Gonzalez, Erich Morgan Huhn, Jeffrey Kaplan, Brent Morris, Neil Wynes Morse, Andreas Önnfors, Eric Saunier, Marsha Keith Schuchard, Hans Schwartz, Roberto Pertocucci, Jackie Ranston, John Slifko, Susan Snell, Susan Mitchell Sommers, Hilary Anderson Stelling, and Mark Wallace.

In addition, a tiled meeting will be held to demonstrate the difference between American and English ritual, as well as a debate on “The First Grand Lodge: 1717 or 1721?” On Saturday morning there will be a tiled meeting of the Convocation of Academic Lodges.

*Excerpted from the Scottish Rite Journal, May-June 2018*



## **From the Junior Warden's Desk**

I am deeply humbled and truly honored that you elected me Junior Warden of Texas Lodge of Research. I hope to live up to your expectations, and pray that I can live up to the responsibilities you have entrusted to me.

I will never forget the first time I saw our fabled aprons. It was December 2000. I was fifteen years old and an active DeMolay who was asked to perform the arch of steel at the Grand Lodge installation for incoming Grand Master David Dibrell and incoming Grand Junior Warden Reese L. Harrison. I saw some gentlemen walking around wearing the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas apron, and I asked my DeMolay advisors what that apron was. When I was told they belonged to the Texas Lodge of Research, I knew I wanted to join.

As the officer responsible for overseeing the Craft while at refreshment, please let me know how Texas Lodge of Research can be your home away from home. This is a lodge we all deeply love and care for.

Emily and I continue to look forward to the meetings and are excited about the lodge's future. Thank you again for this trust you reposed in me. I look forward to continue my service to the lodge.

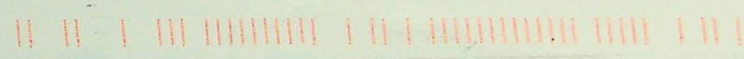
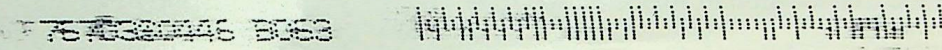
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### From the Secretary

I have had numerous requests for Texas Lodge of Research name badges. Texas Lodge of Research members can now order directly from Eternity Creations at [sales@eternitycreations.com](mailto: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](mailto: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*

