

# THE OCCASIONAL BULLETIN

TEXAS LODGE OF RESEARCH  
August 2019 Number 1

## September Meeting Saturday, Sept. 21st

**Lufkin Lodge No. 669**  
508 N. John Redditt Dr.  
Lufkin, TX 75904

Doors open at 9am  
Meeting begins at 10am  
Lunch will be served at noon

### Host Hotel

Best Western Plus  
3211 S. 1st Street  
Lufkin, TX 75901  
936-634-3481

\$94/night + tax

Mention: Texas Lodge of Research

**Deadline Sept. 5th**

### Friday "No Host" Dinner

Ralph & Kaccoos  
3107 S. 1st Street  
Lufkin, TX 75901

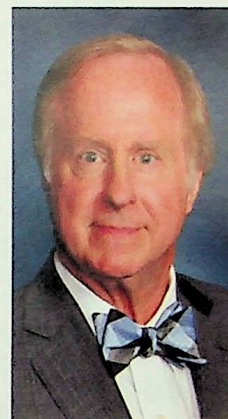
7:00pm

Walkable from Host Hotel

## From the Master's Desk

Brethren,

Let me begin by thanking Brother James A. Rogerson, Personal Representative of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite, for hosting us during the June meeting and Anson Jones Lecture. M.:W.: Steve Doane, Past Grand Master of Masons in California, presented an excellent paper on the history of the DeMolay ritual. Many of us in the Texas Lodge of Research have connections to the Order of DeMolay, and this was a great opportunity to learn more about the history and development of their ritual just days before they celebrated their 100th anniversary with TLR member and Past Grand Master of Masons in Texas, M. Boyd Patterson, Jr., presiding.



The Brethren of Lufkin Lodge No. 669 are getting ready for an exceptional weekend hosting our next meeting on September 21st, and I look forward to seeing you there. I encourage you to join us on Friday evening for a "no host" dinner at Ralph & Kaccoos, which is a true culinary experience. The restaurant is a short walk from the hotel.



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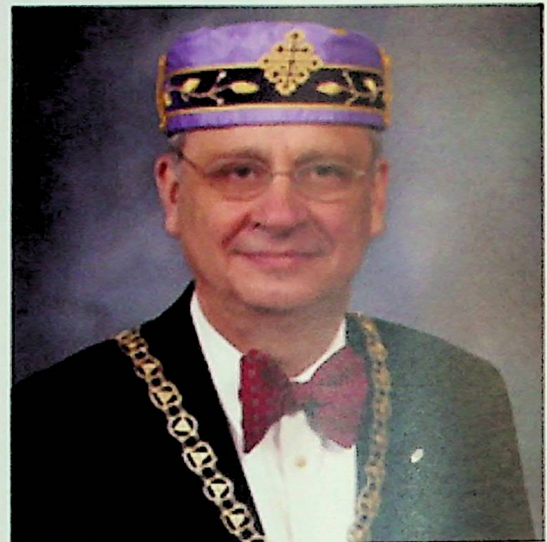
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*Congratulations to  
Ill.: Ronald A. Seale, 33,  
2006 Anson Jones Lecturer  
and Full Member of  
Texas Lodge of Research,  
on his retirement as  
Sovereign Grand Commander.*

*We wish him and "Sunny"  
all the best!*



## Future Meetings

*Lufkin*  
September 21

*San Marcos*  
December 7



## Texas Mason Honored With Statue and Presidential Award

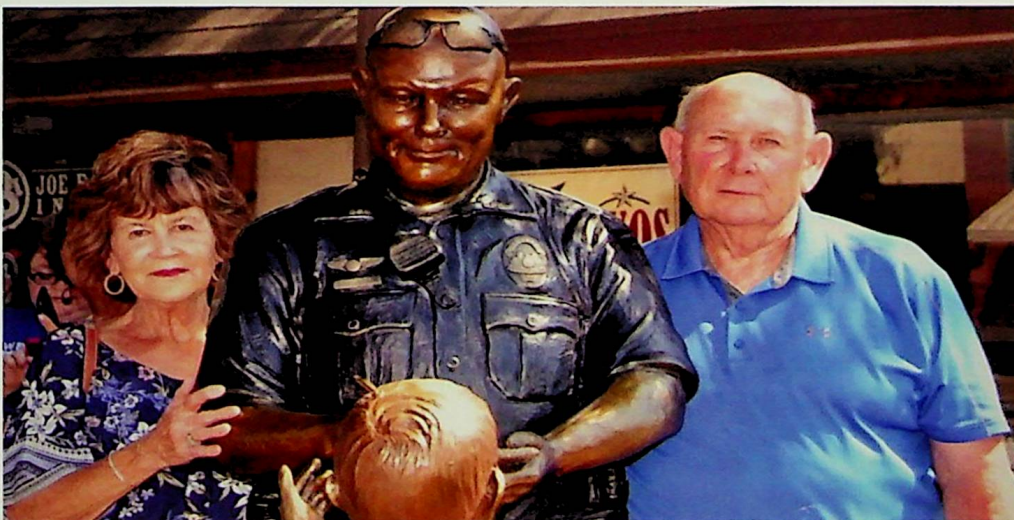
Brother Brent Thompson, who was a member of Corsicana Lodge No. 174 at the time of his death in the line of duty on July 7, 2016, was recently honored with the unveiling of a statue in his hometown as well as a posthumous Public Safety Medal of Valor from President Donald J. Trump. Thompson, one of five Dallas area officers killed in a shootout, was the first Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) officer lost in the line of duty.

In presenting the award at a White House ceremony on May 22, 2019, President Trump commended Thompson's actions, along with the other Dallas police officers who were killed in the shootout. "Every officer, firefighter and first responder who receives this award embodies the highest ideals of service and sacrifice, character and courage," Trump said in presenting the nation's highest award for bravery by a public safety officer.

The bronze statue of Thompson playfully interacting with two children, was based on the last photo taken of him. It depicts him writing a mock ticket to the two youth. In the statue, his ticket book bears the words "Heaven's Roll Call," and includes the name of his son and brother. The young boy he is interacting with is modeled after his son, William, a member of Black Gold DeMolay Chapter, who passed away in 2017.

The statue was delivered and installed on July 26th, his birthday.

According to the audio tour that accompanies the statue, Brother Thompson had been a career law enforcement officer in the Dallas area, and had spent time training military police officers in the Middle East before returning to Corsicana and joining the DART police department. Shortly after his death, Florida DeMolay named the Brent Thompson Squire Manor in his honor.



Bro. Thompson's parents with his statue during the unveiling.



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

The Lodge of Research had a successful June Stated Meeting. Two papers were presented, one by newly made Full Member **Billy Hamilton**, a biography of Brother Samuel May Williams, and our Anson Jones Lecturer M.: W.: **Stephen Doan**, PGM of California, who presented a paper on the History of the DeMolay Ritual.

With three more meetings left in the Texas Lodge of Research Year as of this writing (September, December, and March), more papers are currently going through the editorial process and will likely be presented later on. There's still plenty of time to submit a first draft of a paper to the editorial committee.

But you cannot submit a paper for publication unless you have an approved Notice of Intent. To submit a Notice of Intent, simply fill out the form on our website, or email the Secretary or myself, and we will happily get you the notice. Return it back to the Secretary and you will be approved or have a request for further information.

Your papers make our meetings among the most interesting in the state. And you can contribute to that excitement, history, and tradition of the Texas Lodge of Research. If you have any questions about topic ideas, the submission/editorial process, or anything about TLR in general, feel free to reach out to myself or any of the officers.

Happy researching!

Fraternally,  
Charles E. Maddox, Senior Warden  
Texas Lodge of Research

## **New Full Members of Texas Lodge of Research**

**Philip L. Bates**  
March 30, 2019

**Billy Hamilton**  
June 15, 2019

**R. Steven Doane, PGM (CA)**  
2019 Anson Jones Lecturer  
June 15, 2019



## Texas Lodge of Research

### Notice of Intention to Submit Research Paper

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you answered yes as Past Master please provide name/number of lodge where you were Past Master.

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Current Lodge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Current Masonic Office: \_\_\_\_\_

### Research Paper Information

This brief form must be completed by authors in order to better understand the expectations of the editorial committee who will review papers proposed for full membership in TLR. It is also designed to assist authors in research, writing, and the presentation of ideas.

“What is an appropriate topic?” is a frequent question that many authors ask. Your topic must add to the general body of knowledge of Freemasonry. Some of the common topics that writers have chosen include lodge histories, biographies of prominent Masons, analyses of the Masonic working tools and symbols, and the influence of Freemasonry on a historical event. In the space below, please describe the subject, or topic, of your paper.

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Thesis Statement: (For those authors unfamiliar with this term, a thesis is the specific argument about a topic, or subject, you will defend in your paper. It is not a factual, indisputable statement. Usually, a thesis is a sentence that describes the main point, or argument, that you wish to make in your paper. The body of the paper will then prove and defend this assertion. In fact, all subsequent research and secondary arguments of the paper will support this thesis and those that do not are considered irrelevant.)



So what is an example of a thesis? Again, a thesis is not simply a statement of fact that is indisputable, such as a sentence: "Smallville Lodge no. 123 began in 1854." Such a statement is simply not the basis for an argument and poses no point of view, or assertion. A thesis statement is not an outline of your paper or a description of method, such as "Using the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry by Albert Mackey as evidence, this paper will analyze the origins of working tools in Masonic lodges." Such a statement merely describes the subject matter of the paper and does not articulate an argument. Rather, the thesis statement is an original, reasoned statement created by you that reflects **your interpretation** of the material you have researched. For example, "From its organization in 1854 to present, Smallville Lodge No. 123 has exemplified a prominent position in the cultural activity of the community and influenced the positive course of progress for Brushy County, Texas. This thesis statement provides an argument that the paper will follow. Creating a thesis statement, or even knowing what a thesis statement is, remains one of the most demanding challenges for most students when writing a paper.) Please detail your thesis in the space below.

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Summary: (Please include a paragraph for the committee that summarizes your ideas on the topic you have selected.)

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Bibliography: (Great papers are well-researched and include a variety of sources. Detail your preliminary bibliography, or list of works consulted below.)

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Form and Style Manual: (Affirm in the space below that you have read and acknowledge the Form and Style Manual)

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## From the Junior Warden's Desk

As part of our March meeting, Past Master Reese L. Harrison, Jr., PGM, was formally invested with the honorary title of Fellow in Masonic Research, and was presented the Fellow jewel previously worn by Past Master John E. "Jack" Kelly, PGM. During his remarks afterward, Past Master Harrison gave an overview of Past Master Kelly's contributions to Masonic education in our Grand Lodge. Then Senior Warden Brian Dodson, PGM, discussed the district workshops that were created by R:.W:.. Randall Briscoe, PGM, in 1959 and continued in our Grand Lodge for many years. Past Master Kelly helped craft those workshops and helped Past Master Harrison recreate them as part of his Grand Lodge program in 2004.

The discussion reminded me of the responsibility that all of us have in not only continuing our own Masonic education, but in making that education available for others. In the training materials that R:.W:.. Briscoe prepared for Lodges to use in instructing candidates, the "*Lodge System of Masonic Education*," we find this explanation of the importance of Masonic education:

"Not only the candidate profits; the Lodge itself is strengthened by having new members who, from the beginning, are able to take part in its activities; who are likely to become regular attendants; who can quickly grasp and better appreciate the aim and purpose of the Lodge's endeavors. They come in READY and PREPARED for work!"<sup>1</sup>

Brethren, it is the fundamental purpose of Texas Lodge of Research to provide materials that can help in continuing the Masonic journey of lifelong education. Please share the *Transactions* and articles from *The Occasional Bulletin* with others in your Lodges. Encourage them to become members of TLR to continue their access to this type of material, and to consider writing a paper to contribute to the education of others. To paraphrase R:.W:.. Briscoe, providing access to quality Masonic education is "a regular, recognized, and continuing part of the Lodge's own proper work."<sup>2</sup>

Fraternally,  
Christian D. Moore, Junior Warden

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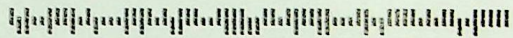
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### From the Secretary

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.

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 send a note to the Lodge mailing address at  
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as soon as possible so I will have a correct mailing address for you.



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Truitt L. Bradly, PM, Secretary  
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