
HOLLAND LODGE NO. 1 A.F. & A.M.
EST. 1835



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From the East

Brethren,

The Masonic Year 2010-2011 is coming to a close.

Our next stated meeting will June 8th at which the annual election of officers will take place.

We will be blessed with a strong, eager and competent line of Officers for the 2011-2012 year. We can confidently look forward to a good year of “Making Masons,” educational and engaging programs, successful charity efforts, Masonic teaching at our esoteric studies sessions and Masonic enlightenment at our Masonic Symbolism Discussion Group meetings.

I look forward to the continuation of the most excellent work of our Alpha editor, Brother Greg Butter, and I am certain he will continue to produce and maintain the World Class Holland Lodge No.1 Newsletter. It is an outstanding testimony to Masonry and our Lodge.

The 176th Installment of Officers is set for Saturday June 25th and I do urge all brethren, their families and friends to attend this solemn and important ceremony. *Your attendance is your support* and you will be inspired again to further inculcate the excellent tenets of our institution. While we need these dedicated leaders who will take further obligations during the instillation ceremony, they also need you. Give again of your time, your service and your gift of participation. We still make good men better, ourselves included.

The ensuing Masonic Year, 2011-2012, is going to be a great one.

See you at the Lodge brothers!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bob Welch
Worshipful Master
Holland Lodge No. 1



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From the East



Worshipful Master, Bob Welch, receiving from the Grand Master of Texas, The Most Worshipful T.E. Carnes, on behalf of Holland Lodge No.1 a certificate recognizing Holland Lodge's 175th anniversary or "Dodransbicentennial."

Bob Welch, Worshipful Master 2010-2011

From the East



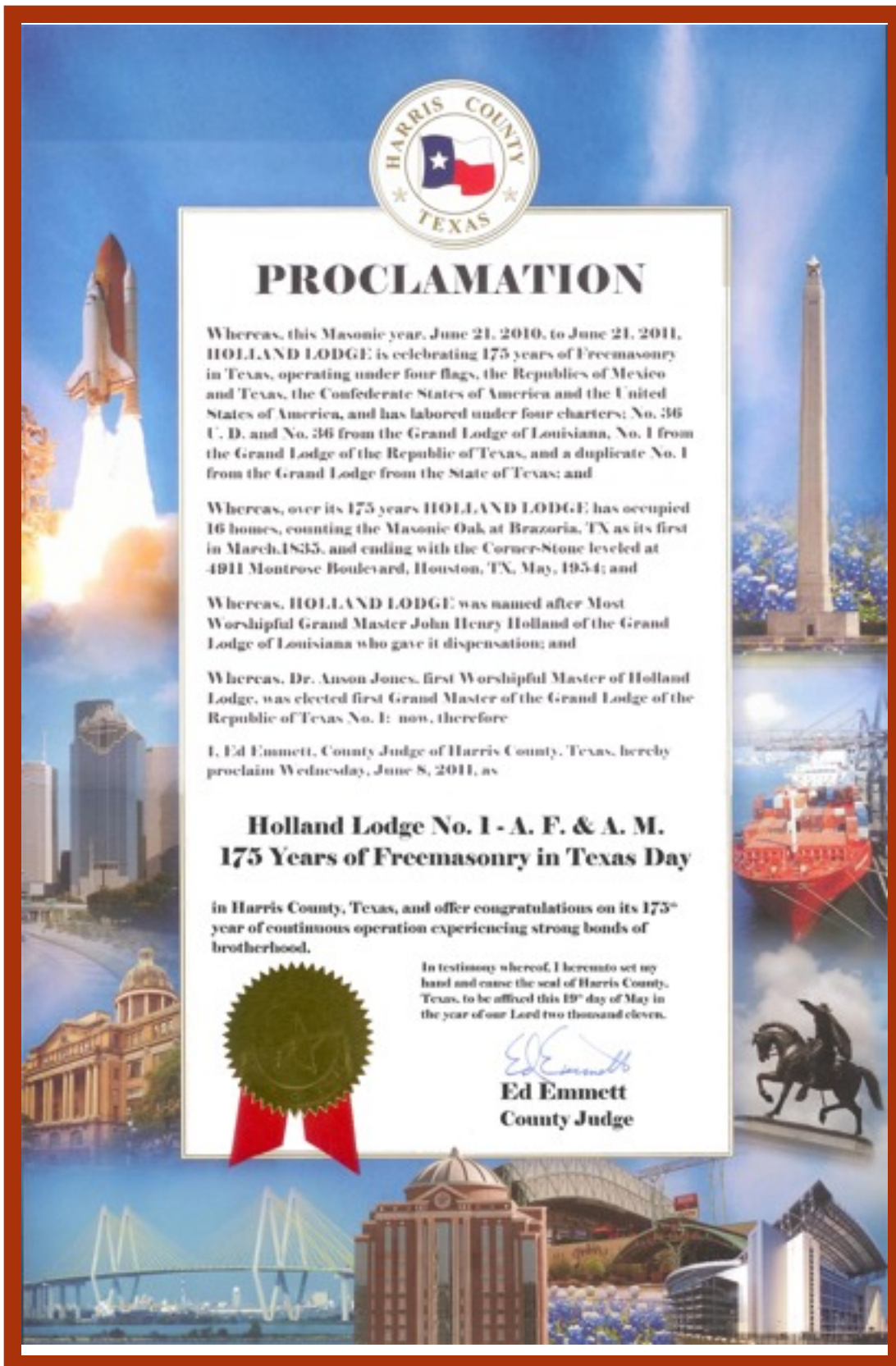
Worshipful Master, Bob Welch, receiving on behalf of Holland Lodge No.1
an original issue of "Frontier Times" (1935),
in which Anson Jones' article appears regarding
"The Founding of Freemasonry in Texas,"
from the Grand Master of Texas The Most Worshipful T.E. Carnes.


Bob Welch, Worshipful Master 2010-2011

From the East



Bob Welch, Worshipful Master 2010-2011





PROCLAMATION

Whereas, this Masonic year, June 21, 2010, to June 21, 2011, **HOLLAND LODGE** is celebrating 175 years of Freemasonry in Texas, operating under four flags, the Republics of Mexico and Texas, the Confederate States of America and the United States of America, and has labored under four charters: No. 36 U. D. and No. 36 from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, No. 1 from the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas, and a duplicate No. 1 from the Grand Lodge from the State of Texas; and

Whereas, over its 175 years **HOLLAND LODGE** has occupied 16 homes, counting the Masonic Oak at Brazoria, TX as its first in March, 1835, and ending with the Corner-Stone leveled at 4911 Montrose Boulevard, Houston, TX, May, 1954; and

Whereas, **HOLLAND LODGE** was named after Most Worshipful Grand Master John Henry Holland of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana who gave it dispensation; and


Whereas, Dr. Anson Jones, first Worshipful Master of Holland Lodge, was elected first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas No. 1; now, therefore


I, Ed Emmett, County Judge of Harris County, Texas, hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 8, 2011, as

Holland Lodge No. 1 - A. F. & A. M. 175 Years of Freemasonry in Texas Day

in Harris County, Texas, and offer congratulations on its 175th year of continuous operation experiencing strong bonds of brotherhood.

In testimony whereof, I herewith set my hand and cause the seal of Harris County, Texas, to be affixed this 19th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.


Ed Emmett
County Judge



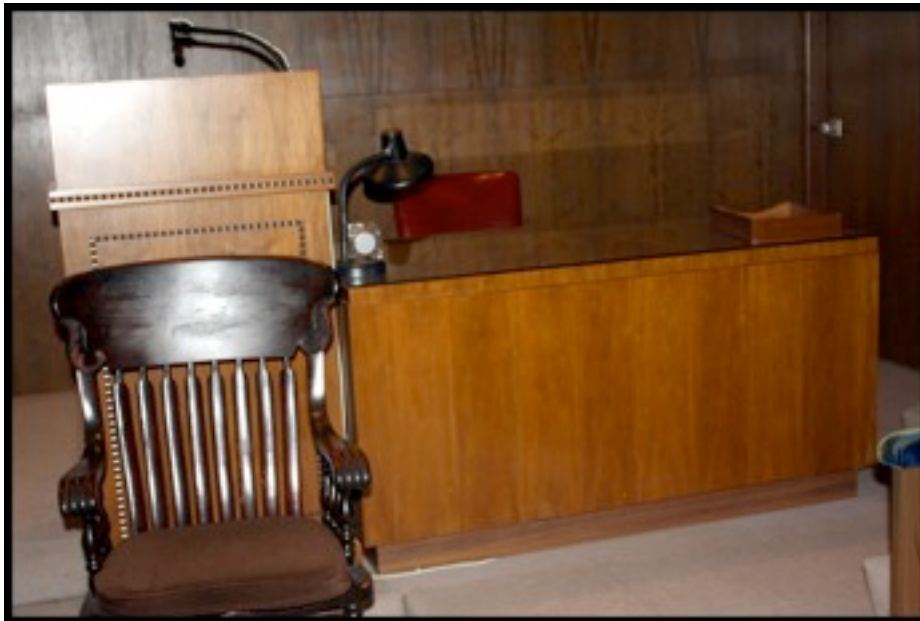
From the Secretary

CABUL

What did Hiram King of Tyre receive for his part in the building of the Temple?

A country in Galilee was given to Hiram King of Tyre, by Solomon, as a reward for his assistance in building the temple. The history of this event is given in the degree of Intimate Secretary of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite. The reward was twenty cities; and when Hiram King of Tyre came out of Tyre to see these cities that Solomon had given him, he said what cities (are) these which thou has given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul (meaning displeasing) even unto this day. 1 K 9: 10-13 (356).

Brother Phillip von Stephens, Secretary 2010-2011



From the Kitchen

In the light of the Memorial Day, Holland was dark. During that time one should reflect on the great sacrifice of loss this county has endured. Even when times are darkest, Freemasonry is the candle of civility that brings us all comfort. To that I ask you to think of the times you have walked the halls of Holland lodge and admired the Civil War print and wondered its significance. Let me add some context to it: The place was Gettysburg Pennsylvania, on the third day of the battle during Pickett's Charge, an assault upon the Union Army center. Confederate General Lewis A. Armistead of Alexander Washington Lodge No. 22, under George Pickett's command, personally led his men up the hill to the Union position where they were repelled. Armistead, who was shot twice, severely wounded and fearing his personal effects might be stolen by Union soldiers, "gave a Masonic sign asking for assistance". Armistead, Bingham, and Hancock were all Freemasons. Union Colonel Bingham, aide to Major General Winfield Scott Hancock and personal friend of General Armistead, was dispatched to the aid of their brother who lay mortally wounded. After ensuring Armistead that his possessions would be sent to his family, particularly his pocket watch, Bingham took Armistead to a field hospital, where he died two days later on the George Spangler farm.

Unfortunately the past is often forgotten because we do not discuss or teach it, we lose valuable lessons which were so costly to learn. As such, countless people consider freemasonry's first tenet: brotherly love, as mere words with little or no application today. To which I will leave you with this challenge: Would you as a Freemason today act as our Civil War brethren did and put aside political and personal differences for the sake of another Brother known only to you as a Brother Mason? Lessons of the past are most important to carry forward. It was and would likely have been forgiven if they had turned their backs on those in distress – but they chose not to do so. Time and time again Civil War Masons helped Masons and non-Masons whenever and wherever possible. Let us remember them well and make them proud of the torch of brotherly love they carried forward through the darkest times.

Today a monument stands in the annex of the Gettysburg National Cemetery in Pennsylvania. The monument built by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and was sculpted by Ron Tunison, a freemason from Cairo, NY, was simply inscribed Friend to Friend - A Brotherhood Undivided.

From the Kitchen

Honesty

Source- Masonic Service Association, (1958,1982) p.57

One deserves no praise for honesty when no one tries to corrupt. Cicero "In Verrem"

He that loses his honesty has nothing else to lose. John Lyly, "Euphues and Eubulus"

The measure of life is not length, but honesty, ibid

Divine Providence has granted this to man, that those things which are honest are also the most advantageous. Quintilian, "De Institutione Oatoria"

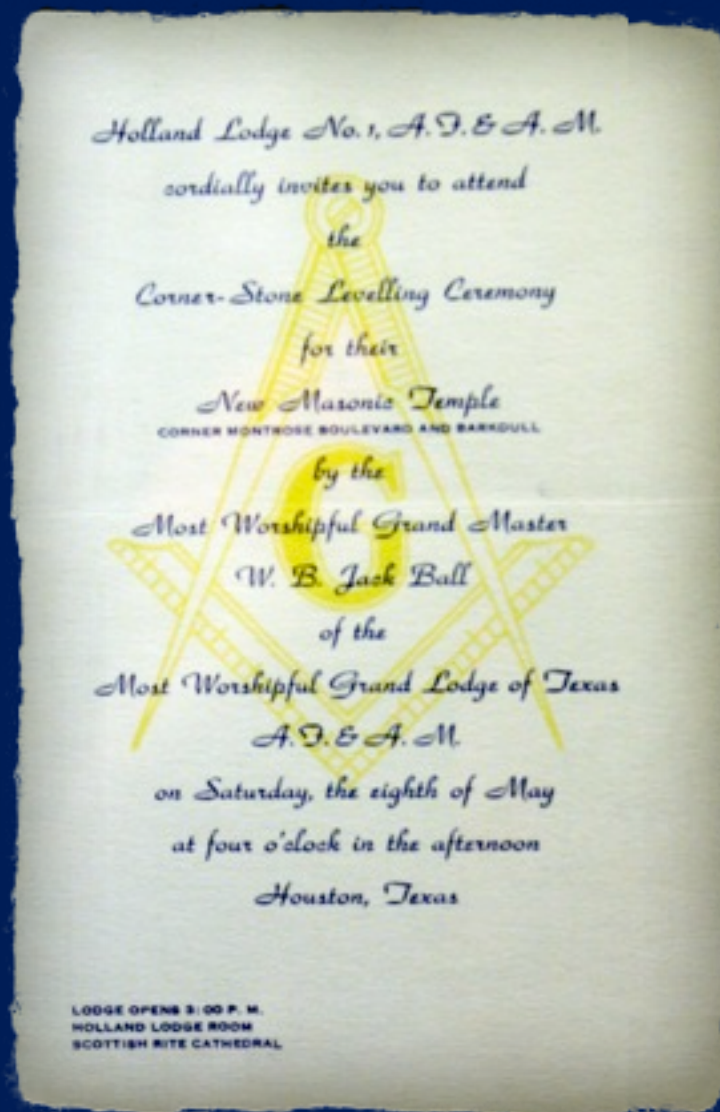
I am afraid that we must make the world honest before we can honestly say to our children that honesty is the best policy. George Benard Shaw

I do proclaim-One honest man-mistake me not-but one, no more I pray and he is a steward!
Shakespeare, "Timon of Athens"

His heart is as far from fraud as heaven from earth. Ibid, "The two gentlemen from Vernona"

HOLLAND LODGE CONCLUDES A MASONIC YEAR OF
CELEBRATION WHICH ENDS THIS MONTH

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS OF MASONRY IN TEXAS
1835-2010



Flag Day (USA) June 14th

"The week of June 14 is designated as "National Flag Week." During National Flag Week, the president will issue a proclamation urging U.S. citizens to fly the American flag for the duration of that week. The flag should also be displayed on all Government buildings. Some organizations hold parades and events in celebration of America's national flag and everything it represents."

from [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_Day_\(United_States\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_Day_(United_States))

The following is attributed to "Red" Skelton -

"On January 14, 1969, I presented "The Little Old Man" as a teacher. The time was 1923. The students had finished reciting the Pledge of Allegiance which at the time was but 10 years old. The old sage called the children together and said--

"Boys and girls, I have been listening to you recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester and it appears that it has become monotonous to you or could it be you do not know the meaning of those words. If I may, I would like to recite the Pledge and give to you a definition of the words.

I---meaning me, an individual, a committee of one.

Pledge---dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self pity.

Allegiance---my love and my devotion.

To the Flag---our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

Of the United---that means that we have all come together.

States---individual communities that have united into 48 great states. 48 individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common cause, and that's love of country.

Of America.

And to the Republic---a republic, a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands!

One nation---meaning, so blessed by God.

Indivisible---incapable of being divided.

With Liberty---which is freedom and the right of power to live one's life without threats or fear or any sort of retaliation.

And justice---The principle and quality of dealing fairly with others.

For all.---which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine."

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Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our nation, and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance "under God." Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said, "That's a prayer" and that would be eliminated from schools, too? "
from <http://www.redskelton.com/PLEDGE.htm>
(both audio & video versions are available at the above link)

More by "Red" Skelton

"Masons are doing a great job helping children, and I would personally like to see more emphasis placed on the DeMolay programs across the country," he said when asked about his thoughts on Masonic activities. His own personal first experience with Masonry occurred in Vincennes, Indiana, when he was seven or eight as he sold papers on a street corner. A man bought a newspaper and tipped him the remainder of a \$5 bill. "Red" asked, "Why did you give me so much money to keep?" The man answered, "I am a Mason and we are taught to give!" "Well, I am going to be a Mason, too, when I grow up," "Red" stated. "Oh, Sonny, you mean you are going to try to be a Mason." This conversation stayed with Brother Skelton all his life.

His Masonic career is most interesting. Aside from his membership in Vincennes Lodge No. 1, he holds membership in both the Scottish and York Rite Bodies. He was the recipient of the General Grand Chapter's Gold Medal for Distinguished Service in the Arts and Sciences. On September 24, 1969, he was coroneted an Inspector General Honorary Thirty-third Degree in Boston, Massachusetts, by the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. Also, he's a member of the Al Malaikah Temple in Los Angeles, California, and he received the Grand Lodge Award of Gold from the Grand Lodge of Indiana in 1993."
from The Texas Mason, Fall 1998 (Vol. 7, No. 4)
(<http://itctel.com/~docsue/red.html>)

Richard Bernard "Red" Skelton, b. July 18, 1913, Raised a Master Mason September 20, 1939 in Vincennes Lodge No. 1, Indiana, d. September 17, 1997

Houston Chapter #201 Order of DeMolay, <http://home.earthlink.net/~mdphillipus/>

J. Weldon Clampitte (Holland Lodge No. 1) is to be installed as Grand Master for DeMolay International on June 18, 2011

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 6, 2011 - **Masonic Symbolism Discussion** - Holland Lodge Library at 7:00 p.m. Astrology & Freemasonry Part 2 of 2. Master Masons only. Dinner at 6:00 p. m.
Esoteric Studies for all Freemasons will also be occurring.
- June 8, 2011 - **Stated Meeting** - Officer Elections - The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the stated meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.
- June 25, 2011 - **2011-2012 Officer Installation** - Times to be announced. Please check the calendar on the webpage

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Allegory

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

According to Albert G. Mackey the notion of allegory for Freemasonry is a narrative which may be understood without a predetermined meaning. Mackey understands the discourse in the third degree to be entirely allegorical, and simply *res ipsa loquitur*. The Greek and Roman empires counted among their vast treasures the jewels of mythology. An ancient method of conveying fundamental truths and eternal enigmas. It is from these mythologies that the ancient peoples of these polis understood what it meant to live in an organized society under the rule of law.

As we continue our work as speculative masons let us always remember that the esoteric work we possess is to be understood through the lens of allegory. *Sapere Aude*

Fraternally Yours, Greg

Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Albert G. Macky 1910.

York Rite Masonry

Ruthven Commandery No. 2

6:00 p.m. Meal and 7:00 p.m. Stated Meeting

June 10, 2011

Houston Chapter No. 1 R&SM

6:00 p.m. Meal and 7:00 Stated Meeting - Red Room

June 13, 2011

Scottish Rite Freemasonry

Houston Scottish Rite Bodies

June 23, 2011

Stated Meeting - Meal at 6:00 p.m. and Stated Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

July 18 & 19, 2011

REUNION



Texas Lodge of Research A.F. & A. M

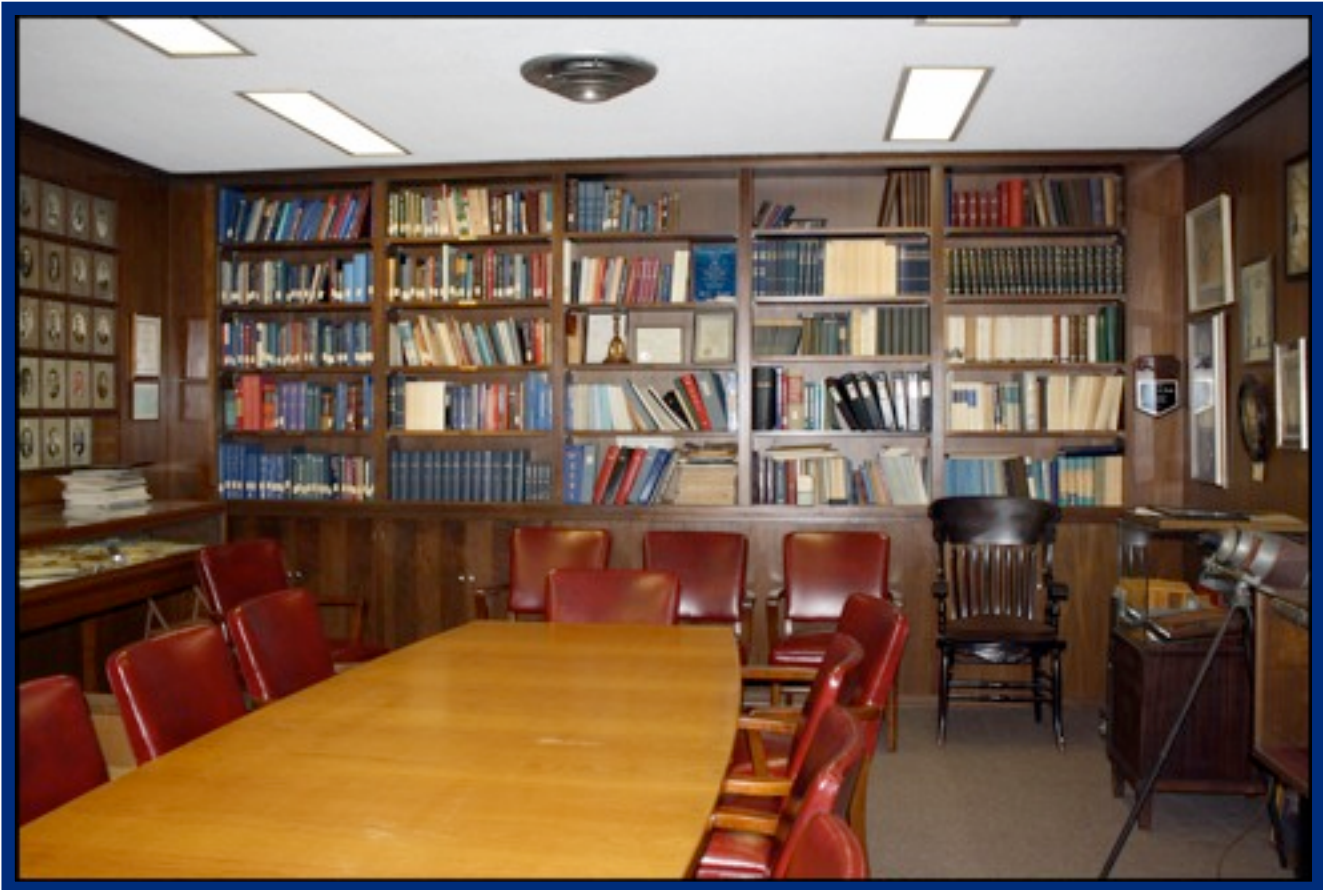
Texas Lodge of Research is dedicated to Masonic research not only for Texas Freemasonry but also for Freemasonry generally. Please visit their web-page for more information.

www.texaslodgeofresearch.org

REMINDER!

The Texas Mason Monthly Magazine Will Be
Available In An Electronic Format Only
Spring & Summer
2011





Come Join Us at Holland Lodge No. 1 On the First Monday of Each
Month for the Masonic Discussion Group Held in the
Holland Lodge Library
Master Masons Only

Letters to Holland Lodge No. 1

Please write us and let us know your
thoughts concerning Holland Lodge No.1.

(PEACE & HARMONY)

DeMolay

DeMolay is a youth organization dedicated to dedicating young men to brighter futures. We as Masons must NEVER invite a man to join Masonry. However, it is often said the youth are our future and each of us certainly CAN (and should) invite young men to be part of DeMolay International.

"DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide." <http://www.demolay.org/aboutdemolay/>

You can sponsor a young man for membership in DeMolay. \$45 pays for a lifetime membership in Houston Chapter #201 meeting most Wednesday evenings on our third floor. This is a monetary amount less than many gifts we might otherwise consider and is intended to last literally a lifetime.

Houston Chapter #201 - <http://home.earthlink.net/~mdphillipus/>

Texas DeMolay - <http://www.txdemolay.org/texas/>

Application - <http://www.texasdemolay.org/pdfs/Application.pdf>

DeMolay International - <http://www.DeMolay.org>

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"Grand Master Murphy greets the members of Houston Chapter following his Installation."

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<http://home.earthlink.net/~mdphillipus/id37.html>

Grand Master Murphy is a Senior DeMolay having received the DeMolay degrees in Robert E. Lee Chapter (now, Houston Chapter), on our third floor.

When a new Member joins, each takes an oath (or obligation) to live by seven "cardinal" virtues:

- Filial Love (or love/respect for parents)
- Reverence for Sacred Things (respect for religion institutions or that which one holds sacred)
- Courtesy
- Comradeship
- Fidelity (loyalty)
- Cleanness (in thought, word and deed)
- Patriotism

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Significance of the Emblem

The current official DeMolay pin, which was introduced in 1949, is an exquisite piece of jewelry that is second to none. It was designed by Frank S. Land, the Founder of DeMolay.

Be sure and wear the pin proudly. Do not wear it any place where you would be ashamed to take your mother, sister or girlfriend. Remember, in all humility, when you wear your pin, you are representing and speaking for millions other DeMolays scattered throughout the world who cannot, for the moment, speak for themselves.

The pin is to be worn only by DeMolays and not any other person.

Every part of the pin has its particular significance and every member should know them by heart.

The CROWN is symbolic of the Crown of Youth and constantly reminds a DeMolay of his obligations and the seven precepts of his Order.

The TEN RED RUBIES honor the Founder and the nine youths whose ties of friendship drew them together in the formation of the Order.

The HELMET is emblematic of chivalry, without which there can be no fineness of character.

The CRESCENT is a sign of secrecy and constantly reminds DeMolays of their duty never to reveal the secrets of their Order or betray the confidence of a friend.

The five-armed WHITE CROSS symbolizes the purity of your intentions to always remember the motto of the Order, "No DeMolay shall fail as a citizen, as a leader and as a man."

The CROSSED SWORDS denote justice, fortitude and mercy. They symbolize the unceasing warfare of DeMolay against arrogance, despotism and intolerance.

The STARS surrounding the crescent are symbolic of hope and should always remind us of those obligations and duties which one brother of the Order owes to another.

<http://home.earthlink.net/~mdphillipus/id44.html>

Submitted by Michael Meier, Holland Lodge No.1 & Senior DeMolay from Robert E. Lee Chapter (now, Houston Chapter)

Notes:

Any member of Holland Lodge No. 1 that requests and submits an article for inclusion in future Alpha's will be considered for publication. Freemasons who are not members of Holland Lodge No. 1 who submit articles may be considered for publication. Deadline for submission is the end of the third week of every month. The first week of each month is the week of publication. Ones request and article may be sent to the Worshipful Master at his email address.

If one desires to have the Alpha delivered as a PDF do so by sending the request to the Worshipful Master at his e-mail address. Receiving the Alpha in a PDF format will allow for printing of either the whole Alpha or individual pages. Additionally, one may request to be placed on the Alpha distribution list. Further, back issues of the Alpha are located on the web-page, www.hollandlodge.org

Additionally, a special thanks to Brother Matthew Murphy for his excellent work on scanning and manipulating the proclamation given by Ed Emmet, making it usable for this edition of the electronic Alpha. Moreover, Brother Murphy should be recognized for his outstanding "Special Edition" June 2011 Alpha -175th Anniversary of Holland Lodge No.1, GREAT JOB!

Finally, we want to thank Burnett Marketing, the creator of the logo art work for allowing the Alpha to use of the Holland Lodge No. 1 Masonic Logo used in the electronic Alpha publications.



The Alpha is the official publication of Holland Lodge No.1. All articles, letters or commentary reflect personal points of view and are not the official position of Holland Lodge No. 1 or The Grand Lodge of Texas unless explicitly stated as such.

Thank You
Holland Lodge No.1 Officers
For Serving The Lodge for the
2010-2011 Masonic Year



From the Editor

I want to thank Worshipful Master Bob Welch for allowing me the opportunity to serve Holland Lodge No. 1 as editor of the Alpha for the 2010-2011 Masonic year. I also want to thank all the officers for keeping the Alpha current with articles concerning the Masonic work Holland Lodge performs as well as our Lodge history. Additionally, I want to thank all the other contributors to the newsletter, your contributions added value. Further, I want to thank all the publications that gave me permission to reprint articles from their archives. Finally, I have enjoyed my service and hope that the Alpha's for this Masonic year have been a source of pleasure for the Lodge.

Sincerely & Fraternaly

Greg Butter

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LODGE NO.1 AND THE EVENTS
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CALENDAR LOCATED ON THE
LODGE'S WEB-PAGE,
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