

Holland Lodge No. 1 A.F. & A.M.
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Wisdom,
Strength,
&
Beauty

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From the East

Brethren,

It is hard to believe that September is already here. July and August have been filled with activity and the future shows no sign of letting up either as the calendar continues to expand.

For those of you who could not make the August Stated Meeting, we were blessed to receive our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Louis S. Binder to deliver his second message from the Grand Master. This special treat was enhanced by the presence of members of many lodges, including Gray Lodge and their Worshipful Master Roberto Sanchez. Several brethren also made the trip down from Sam B. Crawford to attend the event, and brethren from Garden Oaks also made it so we could finally thank them in person for the fantastic support they have long provided to our lodge. We had one special visitor from Tampa, Florida who made a special presentation to R.W. Binder and to me on behalf of his Worshipful Master in his home lodge. Traveling men are always welcome, just as we have always been welcomed wherever we have travelled around the world. One of my visions for Holland Lodge for this year is to enjoy the broadness and diversity of the Masonic fraternity, no matter what lodge we may call home. Thank you brethren all for sharing that vision and working to make it happen. We are blessed to have so many brothers, most whom we have never met. I apologize to the lodges present but not mentioned. I realized a long time ago that a short pencil beats a long memory every time, and I find myself at this time without that short pencil handy.

Nonetheless, I thank you also for your presence and support, including the out of town brother who I drove home after the meeting. Hurry back when your travels bring you back to Houston. Together, you made it the largest gathering that I have seen at Holland Lodge since the Grand Master's official visit.

August also saw our newest Entered Apprentice Mason initiated into the fraternity on the same night that Brothers Marsh, Amaya, and Lopez successfully turned in their Master Mason's work in traditional Holland Lodge fashion. Great job guys! I might add that this occurred on a night when two of our line officers were in the hospital, two more were sick and another was out of town on business. It is heart-warming to watch new brethren stretching upward to fill new roles, learn new things, and contribute to the Lodge, even though at times it can feel scary. That is how we all have done it and I commend you for the wonderful jobs you did the other night, some of you who were also preparing to turn in your Masters' work! Congratulations on a job well done.

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From the East

Finally, I wish to thank Brother Podwin for taking the lead in getting our building spruced up, by organizing a Saturday work day to knock out a list of “to do’s”. I also want to thank the brethren who so graciously gave of their time to make this happen. Although the crew was light, they got a lot done under the circumstances. Thank you Brothers John Armitage, Jason Santeford, Tony Bass and John Brewer. Sometimes big things come in small packages.

So, where are we at the end of August in this Masonic year? How do you feel about your lodge? Another of my visions for the lodge this year is to “Get er done, while having fun.” I am always looking for good ideas for the Brethren and for the lodge. I invite you to share your thoughts with me. This is your lodge and will continue to be, well after this year is over. Coming up at our September Stated Meeting, we will be honored by a short talk by Brother Michael Wiggins. Brother Wiggins is also a candidate for the Grand South this year. You will not want to miss this event. Our Masonic Discussion Group continues to grow as the Brethren continue their journey into a discussion of the finer meanings of Masonry. This event is open to all Master Masons. Watch the Holland Lodge calendar closely as September’s date will most likely change.

Brethren, you continue to do a great job for the fraternity and I thank you all. I want to send out a special message this month to our sick, infirmed and recovering brothers to get well soon and hurry back to Lodge soon. We miss you.

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From the East

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Ronald E. Adams, Worshipful Master



Ron Adams, Worshipful Master 2011-2012

From the South

With August and the close of summer, it is now the “back to school” season. In that spirit, I would like to encourage all members of Holland Lodge to polish their Masonic ashlar and test for an esoteric certificate from the Grand Lodge of Texas. We are truly blessed to have PM Emile A. Bussemey, District Instructor for Masonic District No. 30-A of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, as an active member of our lodge. Avail yourself of his esoteric knowledge and our excellent standard in degree work at Holland Lodge! Please come out, get involved with degrees and refresh your minds in our rich Texas Masonic traditions. A “C” certificate requires the knowledge of esoteric questions and answers in all three degrees as well as the opening and closing of lodges, a “B” certificate further requires knowledge of all speaking parts in the three degrees, while an “A” certificate requires the previous work in addition to the three lectures. I would like to challenge our membership to achieve certificates, and at least 10 active members to do so this year. Many of you are closer to a “C” certificate than you might realize! I have included the calendar for remaining Forum and Exam meetings in the Houston area by RW Duane Anthony and the GLOT Committee-on-Work. Please make special note of November 5 (Holland Lodge #1), where we should all be in attendance whether we are testing for a certificate or not!

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From the South

Thursday, August 18, 2011 - 6:00 PM - (Exam Only) Gray 329 Houston, TX
Saturday, August 27, 2011 - 9:00 AM - Sul Ross 1300 College Station, TX
Saturday, September 10, 2011 - 10:00 AM - Cedar Bayou 321 Baytown, TX
Saturday, September 24, 2011 - 10:00 AM - BW Tinsley 1458 Houston, TX
Saturday, October 1, 2011 - 10:00 AM - Texas City 1118 Texas City, TX
Saturday, October 15, 2011 - 10:00 AM - Brookshire 1066 Brookshire, TX
Saturday, October 29, 2011 - 10:00 AM - Pasadena 1155 Pasadena, TX
Saturday, November 5, 2011 - 10:00 AM - Holland 1 Houston, TX

Fraternal greetings and salutations,

Matthew B. Murphy



Matthew B. Murphy, Junior Warden 2011-2012

From the Secretary

CEMENT

What is the mystic tie of Fraternalism?

The symbolic tie that binds men together, the cement of brotherly love. The lodge is strongly cemented with love & friendship, & every brother is duly taught secrecy & prudence, morality & good fellowship. 1 TH 4:9.

Fraternally & Sincerely,

Phillip von Stephens



Phillip von Stephens, Secretary 2011-2012

From the Junior Deacon

WHY IS A MASTER ADDRESSED AS “WORSHIPFUL”?

Few Masonic matters are less understood by the non-Masonic public than this. The word “worchyppe” or “worchyp” is Old English, and means “greatly respected.” In the Wycliff Bible “Honor thy father and thy mother” appears as Worchyo thy fadir and thy modir.” English and Canadian mayors are still addressed, “Your Worship.” In some of the Old Constitutions of Masonry in the phrase, “Every Mason shall prefer his elder and put him to worship.”

“Worshipful,” therefore, in modern Masonry continues an ancient word meaning “greatly respected.” A Grand Master is “Most Worshipful,” that is, “Most greatly respected” (except in Pennsylvania, where the Grand master is “Right Worshipful,” as are Pennsylvania’s and Texas’ Past Grand Masters)

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From the Junior Deacon

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My Kind Fraternal Regards,

Greg Butter





Workmen at the Temple
“August 2011 Work Day”
Holland Lodge No.1



“Workman” Brother John Armitage



“Workman” Brother Jason Santeford



THANK YOU BRETHERN!

Senior Warden, Barry Podwin; Tony Bass; John Armitage; John Brewer
and Chaplain, Jason Santeford

When is a man a Mason?

When is a man a Mason? This question has been often asked many times and in many places. Varied answers to this question might seem clearly simple and obvious to many people. Masonry teaches Truths by veiled allegories and symbols so it is appropriate that the finding of a substantial answer is likely neither simple nor obvious.

Some might say a man becomes a Mason when he receives a membership card. Some might say it is when a man obligates to the fraternity. Some might say a man had to be within himself already a Mason before qualifying to be accepted and receive our lessons. Some might say an assortment of other visible checkpoints during a man's life and Masonic career can answer the question. These might sound good to many but they remain external determinations of an internal matter.

Masonry remains at its core forever about the internal. This is a simple truth guiding us to look within while seeking to understand something of the seemingly simple and clearly external appearing question posed above. Rev. Joseph Fort Newton long pondered these ideas and then recorded his answer while completing his popular book "The Builders". His answer is an effort to pull back a bit of allegorical veil and thereby shine more light within each of us and so, through us together, to the outer world.

Fraternally,

Michael Meier

Holland Lodge No. 1 - Announcements

- September 7, 2011 Officers Meeting The meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.
Esoteric Studies for all Freemasons will also be occurring.
- September 11, 2011 Grand Master of Texas Reception For Area Lodge Officers,
Sponsored by The Gulf Coast York Rite College No. 106. Food will be provided and the activities begin at 11:00 a.m. and end around 3:00 p.m. Location - Holland Lodge No. 1
- September 12, 2011 Masonic Symbolism Discussion - Holland Lodge Library at 7:00 p.m. Brother Colby Lewis will present a short talk on "Masonic Parallels in Selections of William Shakespeare's Works," Master Masons only.
Esoteric Studies for all Freemasons will also be occurring.
Food - Snacks will be served at 6:00 p.m.
- September 14, 2011 Stated Meeting - The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the stated meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker Michael L. Wiggins.
- September 17, 2011 Grand Secretary and Officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas School of Instruction, Food will be provided and the activities will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end around 3:00 p.m - Holland Lodge No. 1.
- September 19, 2011 Esoteric Studies - Open to all Freemasons and begins at 7:00 p.m.
- September 26, 2011 Esoteric Studies - Open to all Freemasons and begins at 7:00 p.m.

York Rite Masonry

Ruthven Commandery No. 2

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

September 9, 2011

Washington Chapter No. 2 Royal Arch Masons

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

September 12, 2011

Gulf Coast Super Excellent Masters Association

Super Excellent Master Degree Conferral - Only Conferred Once a Year

Date: Saturday October 29, 2011 , Time: 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: 4911 Montrose Blvd Houston, Texas 77006

- Available to Council of Royal & Select Masters -

Scottish Rite Freemasonry

Houston Scottish Rite Bodies

REUNION

September 23rd & 24th
Both Dates 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
York Rite Room (Red)
4911 Montrose Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77006

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Houston Scottish Rite Honor Designees for 2011 And Among Whom Are Members of Holland Lodge No.1

Congratulations to all the latest honor recipients from the Valley of Houston, Orient of Texas, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J., U.S.A, and especially those from our Lodge. Remember that an honor is bestowed sparingly and only upon those proven worthy of recognition; honors cannot be requested.

Thirty-Third Degree (33°) Designees

Roy I. Smith, Jr.	Holland Lodge No. 1	Houston, Texas
Patrick D Mahoney	Holland Lodge No. 1	Houston, Texas

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Scottish Rite Freemasonry

Houston Scottish Rite Bodies

The Scottish Rite Creed of Freemasonry is as follows:

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.

Mission

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and country.

How To Join The Scottish Rite

The path to becoming a Thirty-Second Degree Scottish Rite Mason starts at your local Scottish Rite Bodies. Any Master Mason belonging to a regular Symbolic Lodge is eligible to petition for the 4°–32° of the Scottish Rite. Petitions can be obtained from a Scottish Rite Mason, or from the Secretary of the local Scottish Rite Center, or you can download a petition from

<http://www.houstonscottishrite.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Petion-2012-webV1.pdf>



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.texaslodgereofresearch.org



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.
The Discussion is Moderated by
Brothers Luke Spencer & Colby Lewis.

DeMolay



DeMolay's in Texas did recently complete the 2011 State Conclave. The officers serving for 2011-2012 are...

State Master Councilor, Carl Wesley Wunsch Jr.

District Deputy State Master Councilors,

District 1 - Nicolas Smith

District 2 - Dillon Allen

District 3 - Hunter Beilharz

District 4 - Weston McCall

District 5 - John David Parker

District 6 - Caleb Alejandro Avila

District 7 - Omar Mascorro

Deputy State Master Councilor, Sean Waldrop

State Senior Councilor, Joey McAteer

State Junior Councilor, Matthew Smith

State Treasurer, Steven Wayne Seymour

State Scribe, Tommy Chance Chapman

State Illustrious Knight Commander, K. Colby Spicer

State Sweetheart, Kathryn E. Smith

Weldon Clampitte, while currently the serving Grand Master for DeMolay International, remains the Executive Office serving DeMolay in Texas.

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2011 DeMolay Honors

Active Legion of Honor

Charles Kinsey - Pearland

David Palmlund, III - Dallas

Gary Drescher - Allen

Harold "Buddy" White - Grand Prairie

John Dunn - Beeville

Stephan Wade - Tomball

Stephen Rossman - San Antonio

Terry Littlepage - Spring Branch

Honorary Legion of Honor

Ben Gray, Jr. - Garland

Gerald Joe Hocker - Midlothian

H. Buck Howard - Dallas

Tony Shotwell - Grand Prairie

Walter Melear - Canyon

Cross of Honor

Frank Martin - Grand Prairie

Jeff Holder - Pasadena

William Perkins - Grand Prairie

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Chevalier

*Boyd Parks - Nederland
Charles Orrison - Theodore Roosevelt
Christin White - Grand Prairie
Christopher Pena - Phoenix
Daniel O'Briant - Legacy
Daniel Steck - Houston
Hunter Beilharz - Richardson
Joseph Castillo - Albert Pike
Keyin Barton - Albert Pike
Matthew Smith - Albert Pike
Michael Hernandez - Albert Pike
Richard Duncan - Theodore Roosevelt
Samuel Martinez - Albert Pike
Thomas Hill - Houston*

Honors vs awards...

Everyone likes to receive recognition. In filling this need, DeMolay provides numerous honors and awards for the official recognition of service and achievements. It's important to remember that there is a difference between an award and an honor: An award - is an achievement to be worked toward, a goal or a recognition to be earned. You can apply for an award. An honor - is granted without the recipient knowing about it until it is announced. DeMolay honors must be voted on by the ISC as a whole. There are both awards and honors available for Active DeMolays, Senior DeMolays, Adult Volunteers and everyone else providing special service to DeMolay and the world.

Houston Priory has an induction scheduled for Knighthood on Thursday evening the 13th of October 2011 to be on our third floor. Bring a young man, between the ages of 12 and 21, to DeMolay so we can together help build the future. Houston Chapter DeMolay meets on our third floor most Wednesday evenings and generally keeps DeMolay petitions available on the third floor landing.

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 should 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

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If you are interested in learning more about Holland Lodge No.1 and the events scheduled please look at the calendar located on the Lodge's web-page, www.hollandlodge.org

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