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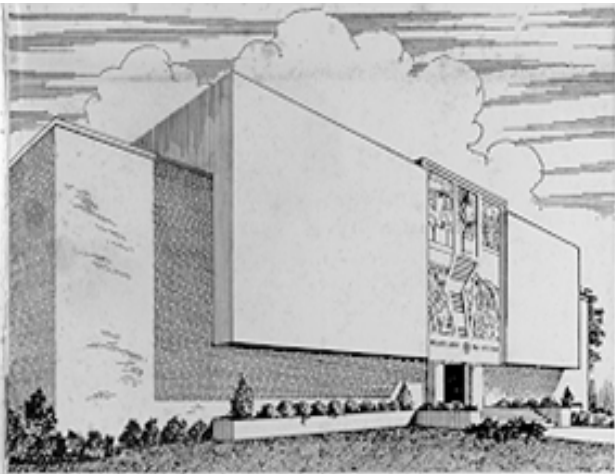
### Holland Lodge No. 1 A.F. & A.M.

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## STATED MEETING

April 14, 2004

Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Lodge opens at 7:30 P.M.

Program will be  
A Masonic Family Festival  
Featuring Presentations from  
The Scottish Rite, York Rite,  
Shrine and Grotto!

### Make Your Reservation for the Seventh Annual Sam Houston Lecture

Presented by Holland Lodge  
on May 15, 2004.

Speaker: Wor. Brother Nelson King, FPS, BF  
Editor of the Philaethes Magazine

Will discuss

**BLACK AND WHITE**

**A HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF  
PRINCE HALL MASONRY IN TEXAS**

***This will be an open meeting  
with a cost of \$30 per person.  
Registration form is attached  
to this e-Alpha!***

### ***From the East...***

Holland Lodge received our DDGM in early March. The Grand Masters message was given and appreciated by all. We made a special request of our DDGM Mark Deikemann to share with us the activities and functions of the other Lodges in District 30A.

At the March Stated Meeting Bro. Tom Johnson demonstrated a Masonic Funeral for the Brothers. The service is the last tribute we can do for a fallen Brother. It is very meaningful and the representation by Bro. Johnson and those assisting him impressed all present. If you have not been to a Masonic Funeral Service lately, it is a truly beautiful and meaningful service. The Brothers who performed the representation of the funeral service stand ready when our Lodge is called upon for a Masonic Funeral Service and I thank them each of them and invite you to do the same.

March was a busy time with one Masters Degree and 2 EA Degrees. Congratulations to Bro. Rodney Elliott, MM on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on March 17. Prior to lodge being opened that evening the Senior Warden was able to state that all present were Irish by decree of the Master. Come to Lodge and see the Degree teams picture on the table centerpieces. By the way I wore my Leprechaun hat which made everyone laugh and smile. Next time come be a part of the MM Degree and be included in a keep sake photo of the MM Degree Team.

For the April Stated Meeting an invitation has been given to Scottish Rite, Chapter & Council, Commandry, Shrine and Grotto to share with us what it is they do and why they are a part of the Masonic Family. Come and learn about the other bodies in Masonry and how you can become a part or become reacquainted with them.

April 21 will be an Open Meeting with a presentation on Texas Independence and the Battle of San Jacinto. The 7th Sam Houston Lecture will be presented on May 15, 2004. The speaker is to be Bro. Nelson King, Editor of the Philaethes Magazine. His speech will be on Prince Hall Masonry which is often spoken of but rarely with any real or accurate knowledge. The Lecture will be open to all friends and Masons at a cost of \$30 for dinner and the Lecture. Come and learn as well as grow in understanding.

Holland Lodge is purchasing new belt buckles of the kind many Brothers of Holland Lodge proudly wear. The silver and gold belt buckles which were first purchased in 1987 by Mark Denson, PM have all been given out to new Master Masons or sold to Members of Holland Lodge. The Brothers voted to give a belt buckle to newly Raised Master Masons at Holland and sell a belt buckle to Members of Holland Lodge who do not have a gold and silver Holland Lodge belt buckle for \$25 each.

Our Chaplain, Max Bernstein, has made a remarkable recovery. Thanks to all for their prayers and calling of concern. If you know of a Brother who is not doing well or would like to hear from his Brothers let me know. If we all take the time and effort to show concern and interest in the Members of Holland Lodge then we will truly be Brothers.

**Fraternally,**

**Patrick D. Mahoney, Worshipful Master**

## ***"From the South"...Holland Team Fellowcraft!***

Brethren, on February 14, 2004, Valentine's Day Saturday, the Holland Lodge No.1 Fellowcraft Team put on the Fellowcraft Degree on a worthy Brother. And what a degree it was. Not only did our Brother get an outstanding degree, and not only did we all have a terrific time putting on the degree, but R.: W.: Tommy Griffin, a Member of the Grand Lodge of Texas Committee on Work, was present to grade the degree, one of the first graded degrees at Holland Lodge #1 in several years. At the conclusion of the degree, out of a possible total of 1000 points, R.: W.: Griffin announced that he scored the degree at **994 points**, tying the highest score for a Fellowcraft degree he has given in his 13 years on the Committee on Work. Wow, what a day! A record tying grade, a ton of fun and our Candidate got a beautiful degree put on him.

I want to recognize and thank the FC degree team which has been working off and on for the last 6 months practicing for the degree. Here is the lineup of Brethren:

Candidate	---	A Worthy EA
Mstr Ceremonies	---	Mike Orr
W.M.	---	Emile A Bussemey, 3 <sup>rd</sup> [prompt on Lecture/assists]
S.W.	---	Bill Lins
J.W.	---	Patrick Porter
S.D.	---	Tom Behrman
J.D.	---	Walter Saunders
Secretary	---	Phillip von Stephens [Earl A. Thompson, during Lecture/slides]
Lecture	--	Bill Sessums, Sr.
Slides	---	Phillip von Stephens
Charge	---	Patrick Porter
Tiler:	---	Budd Baumgardner
Chaplain:	---	Bob Welch
Prompt	---	Bill Sessums, Sr.
Assistants	---	Bob Welch and Patrick Mahoney

Brethren, Holland Lodge No. 1 and Texas Masonry were done proud at this Fellowcraft degree! The Team **dedicated** this Fellowcraft degree to our Chaplain, **Bro. Max Bernstein**, who unfortunately was at home under the weather, but who otherwise would have done the Charge had he been there. It is great to see you back at Lodge, Max. We missed you! Thank you Bros. Emile Bussemey and Bill Sessums, Sr. for the instruction, participation and leadership.

The degree and the day would not have been the same without the able support of our Sr. Deacon, Bro. Duncan Chapman, and his wife, Linda. They made it very special by treating everyone to a great country breakfast earlier in the morning. Take it from someone who was there: No healthy dieting was observed or practiced on this day! Thank you, Linda! You too, Duncan!

Great breakfast! Great degree! Great fun! That is what it is all about, Brethren. I hope you are not missing out on all that is going on at your Lodge. We will be having at least three EA degrees in the next month and a Master Mason's degree as well. I am looking forward to the all attorney degree team MM degree tentatively scheduled sometime in May with the Grand Master of Texas having been invited to confer the degree! How 'bout them apples! Stay tuned for more to come.

Next month, I am going to attempt to give my comments and reflections on "*A Different Kind of Visitation --- The Holland Lodge No.1 Visit to the Houston Holocaust Museum, 2/18/04*". The experience was memorable and moving to us all. I hope each of you will plan on attending the **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Sam Houston Lecture** this year on May 15, 2004, with our guest speaker from Toronto, Canada, **Wor. Bro. Nelson King**, Editor of the Philalethes Magazine, who will discuss "*Black and White --- A History and Development of Prince Hall Masonry*." Please mark your calendars and plan on attending our lecture series. A brochure for your reservation is included in this issue of *The Alpha*.

I again want to extend another invitation for each and every one of you to come and join this month and am looking forward to your attendance and taking part in the many activities at our Lodge. We need and solicit a dialogue with our fellow members and Brethren, See you at Holland Lodge No. 1 very soon, I trust!

**Fraternally, Tom Behrman, J. W.**

**The Lodge has secured a small supply  
of Brother Nelson King's book  
*Confessions of a Born Again Fundamentalist Freemason*  
At \$16.00 per copy for "book signing" prior to the Sam Houston Lecture.  
See Tom Behrman, J.W. or Jeff Burnett, P.M.**

## **New Master Mason**

**Welcome to Holland Lodge's  
Newest Master Mason!**

**Brother Rodney D. Elliot**

Faith 'an bigotry  
Brother O'Elliot

Was Raised while W.:M.: Pat O'Mahoney  
Was 'a wearen his leprechaun hat!

## **New Endowed Members**

**Congratulations to our  
Newly Endowed Members!**

**Brother Joe F. Crabb  
&  
Brother Brad A. Reel**

## **Affiliated Members**

**Welcome to Our  
Newest Affiliated Members!**

**Brother Brack Jones, Jr.  
Beaumont, Texas**

**Brother John Fletcher Woolsey, Jr.  
Bay City, Texas**

## **“Legal” Degree Team!**

### **The LEGAL TEAM**

Worshipful Master Patrick Mahoney has approved the conferral of the Master Mason Degree by a team composed entirely of lawyers, who are members of Holland Lodge.

Worshipful Brother Mahoney (a lawyer) has appointed Worshipful Brother Thomas B. Johnson, Grand Sr. Deacon, (another lawyer) to serve as Degree Master.

It is planned that M.:W.: Grand Master Reese L. Harrison, Jr. (yet another lawyer) will be present to serve as Master.

It is further planned that the degree will occur in late May or early June 2004, as the Grand Master's schedule will allow.

**To all Brethren, where-so-ever dispersed  
this will be a rare opportunity to witness a truly  
“LEGALLY CORRECT DEGREE”**

## **The Life Cycle**

*With Sincere Sympathy*

*Brother Kenneth Lester Walter Hinz  
Was lost to us on February 11, 2004  
He was Raised to the Sublime Degree of  
Master Mason on August 31, 1977  
In Holland Lodge.*

## **Lodge Activities/Calendar**

April 5, 2004	E.A. Degree, Passover begins	May 5, 2004	Open-See website.
April 7, 2004	School of instruction	May 10, 2004	Lodge is DARK
April 11, 2004	Easter Sunday	May 12, 2004	Stated Meeting. Past Masters Night.
April 12, 2004	Lodge is DARK	May 15, 2004	Seventh annual Sam Houston Lecture
April 14, 2004	Stated Meeting (see page 1)	May 17, 2004	Master Mason Degree practice
April 19, 2004	Fellowcraft Degree practice	May 19, 2004	See website
April 21, 2004	San Jacinto Day program – open meeting!	May 31, 2004	Lodge is DARK. Happy Memorial Day.
April 26, 2004	Open. See website	June 2, 2004	Entered Apprentice & Fellowcraft Festival.
April 28, 2004	School of instruction		
May 3, 2004	Entered Apprentice & Fellowcraft Festival		

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Houston, Texas

is privileged to present the

**Seventh Annual**

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By

Bro. Nelson King, FPS, BF

Editor

**The Philalethes Magazine**

Our guest speaker

will discuss

**BLACK and WHITE**

*A History of*

*Prince Hall Freemasonry*

### **Sam Houston Lecture**

On Saturday, May 15, 2004, Wor. Brother Nelson King, will present the Seventh Annual Sam Houston Lecture in Holland Lodge. Brother King has chosen the very provocative subject:

#### ***Black and White***

#### ***A History of Prince Hall Freemasonry***

The Sam Houston Lecture will be open to Brethren, their families and friends and will be preceded by the evening meal at 6:30 P.M., in the dining room, by reservation. Tickets may be secured from the lodge at \$30.00 each with an entrée choice of beef or chicken.

#### ***Brother Nelson King, FPS, BF***

Brother King was born and raised in Montreal, Canada and graduated from the University of Toronto. He and his family are residents of Toronto.

Brother King is a Past President of the Philalethes Society and current Editor of its Journal of Masonic Research and Letters. He is in demand as a Masonic speaker having spoken throughout the United States, Canada and Costa Rica. He is author of a Masonic best seller, *Confessions of a Born Again Fundamentalist Freemason*.

He was Raised in and is a Past Master of Birch Cliff Lodge No. 612, Scarborough and is also active in both the Scottish and York Rites. Brother King is a member of some 23 Research Lodges or Societies and was proclaimed a member of the Society of Blue Friars in 2000. He holds 3 Fellowships in Masonic Research.

### **The Sam Houston Lecture**

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Saturday, May 15, 2004

Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Members, visiting brethren, family and friends are welcome

**BY RESERVATION ONLY**

(Deadline is May 12, 2004)

#### Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Entree choice: Beef \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

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