

The Alpha
January 2005

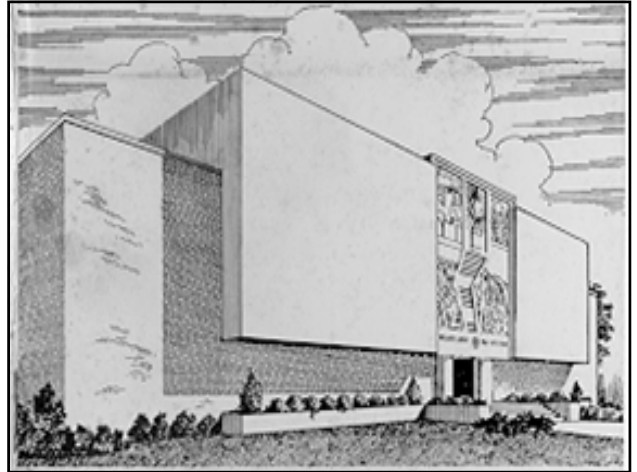
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**The January Stated Meeting
will be held on**

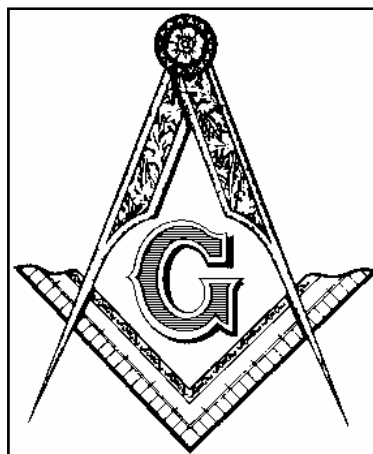
January 12, 2005
Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
Meeting Starts at 7:30 P.M.

Hope to see you there!



Lodge Activities/Calendar

January 3, 2005	Dark	January 24, 2005	EA Practice
January 5, 2005	Degree Practice	January 26, 2005	EA Degree
January 10, 2005	Dark for Chapter and Council	January 31, 2005	School of Instruction
January 12, 2005	Stated Meeting	February 2, 2005	Degree Practice
January 17, 2005	Practice Receiving Grand Lodge Officers	February 9, 2005	Stated Meeting DDGM Official Visit
January 19, 2005	Official Visit of Grand Master	February 14, 2005	Dark Chapter and Council



Happy New Year 2005 AD and 6005 AL, the halfway mark of Holland Lodge's year. Exciting things are still happening at Holland Lodge and several accolades were presented at Grand Lodge Conclave the first week of December. Most Worshipful Reese L. Harrison, Jr showed the entire Grand Lodge the Afghan of his Sheltie "SAM" that was presented to him by Holland Lodge last Spring. He also commented on the "Texas Mason" article and the enjoyable time he and his family (including "SAM") had when Holland Lodge went to the dogs in his honor.

Holland Lodge member Elmer Murphey III, was installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Texas for 2005. Please join your Holland Brothers in greeting our own Most Worshipful Murphey on his official Grand Master's visit to Holland Lodge on January 19, dinner 6:00PM - Lodge at 7:00. Past Master T. J. Burnett, Jr will be introducing the Grand Master on his visit, January 19, 2005, Jeff was on his original investigating committee - Brother Burnett you approved a good one. After our new Grand Master was installed he honored Holland Lodge #1 where he was raised a Master Mason and recognized all the members of Holland present at his installation.

Also at Grand Lodge, our own Past Master and 2004 Golden Trowel recipient, Bill Sessums, Sr. was elected to a five year term to the "Committee on Work", Right Worshipful Sessums asked us to use the abbreviation "C.o.W" instead of COW. In fact he can now initial things BS COW or even R.:W.: BS COW. Brother Sessums was proudly nominated by his son, another Holland Lodge Past Master Bill Sessums, Jr.

Holland Past Masters Patrick Mahoney and Tim Rivers were named District Deputy Grand Masters for their Masonic Districts. Affiliated Past Master Bill Lins was also named a District Deputy Grand Master for his home district. R.:W.: Mahoney was also appointed to the Civil Law committee of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. Affiliated Past Masters Brack Jones and Tom Johnson were named to the Grand Lodge Committee on Jurisprudence. As you can see Holland Lodge No. 1 is very much involved in the Leadership and Brain Trust of Texas Masonry.

Another Master Mason was raised, Brother Bassem Elias Semaan, on December 15 with an excellent degree with visitors from all over the Houston area and even Norway, Venezuela and New Jersey. All the visitors commented on the great degree work done at Holland Lodge, get involved in the Brotherhood and fun. You will read this after the Holiday Dinner, but I will guarantee a good time for all.

Make 2005 your year to become re-involved with your own Holland Lodge No.1 - things are happening at Texas oldest Masonic Lodge and I urge your attendance.

Happy New Year - enjoy the Season, the Bowls, Family and Fun.

Fraternally, Earl Thompson, W.M.

Be a part of your Lodge!

**Make a resolution to make a meeting, participate in a Degree or
write an article for the Alpha in 2005!**

There are so many ways you can be involved...

**Your Officers' contact information is on the back if you want ideas on
how you can take part in Holland Lodge!**

**From the South
And the MBA**

Brethren,

Last month my article was about risk management and the need for a safe viable means that our visitors and brethren could gain admission into our building. The donations are coming in weekly. We are currently a little over \$1500.00 in collections.

I received a letter from Brother Garth Bohlin that I would like to share with you. Brother Bohlin lives in California.

Bro. Duncan Chapman J.W.
Excellent article--A very necessary improvement. Will preclude the eventuality of problems. As I am finding it more difficult to get around, I can appreciate the need.

Thanks for your efforts,
Garth

Brother Bohlin, your contribution is greatly appreciated. As time continues its march onward so will the need for this chair lift.

The overhead area in the covered parking area was an ugly eyesore. It has been pressure washed at a cost of only \$1050.00. I apologize for the inconvenience; the contractor was in the area and gave us a price of 7 cents per square foot!

The front entrance and walk has been cleaned, the black stain was removed and the heating system has been serviced and is in winter operation.

**Duncan Chapman, J.W. and
President of the Masonic Building Association**

From the Secretary

In the October Stated Meeting, lodge members discussed the installation of a lift at the Lodge for our brethren and guests who can not easily get up the entry stairs. So far about \$1500 has been donated toward this much needed project. Please consider making a donation. We have needed this lift for many years and it is finally in the works!

Secondly, We are taking reservations for next year's Grand Lodge Meeting in Waco. Rooms may be limited so please let us know as soon as you can if you plan to attend the meeting with us.

**Welcome to Our
Newest Affiliated Member!**

James M. Witkowsky

Welcome to our new Master Masons

Third Degree Proficiency
Octavio Calvillo

Third Degree Conferral
Bassem Semaan

**Are you an Endowed Member?
Remember, only \$500 for an
Endowed Membership!**

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**Send you email address to
billjr@insper.com
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Help Wanted

**Currently seeking knowledgeable
Masons who would like to contribute to
the Lodge Newsletter. Experience not
required, just a true desire to participate!
Apply by emailing your article to
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