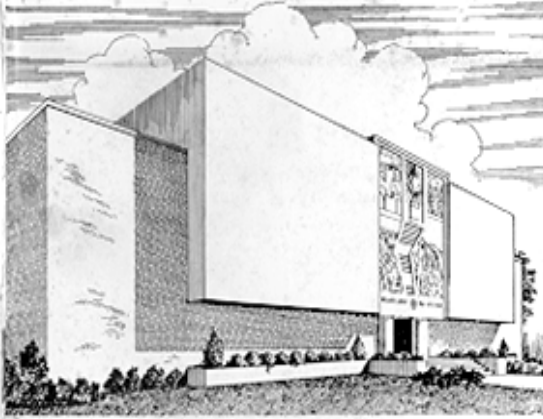


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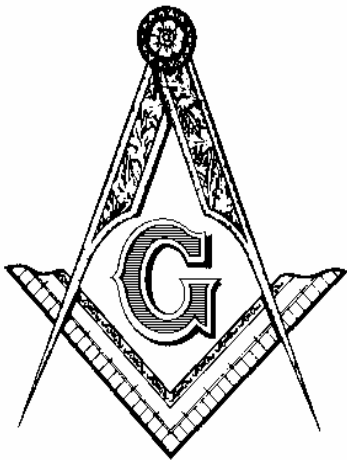


The Next Stated Meeting **July 9, 2008**

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for a Dinner and
our July Stated Meeting



From the East

Brethren, by this time I feel certain that that most of the membership is aware that I have been elected Worshipful Master of Holland Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year. Having just stepped down as Worshipful Master of Memorial Lodge 1298 I feel I have gained some insight regarding the duties and problems of Worshipful Master. However, I recognize the fact that there is a huge difference between Holland Lodge and other lodges. Things are a bit more complicated here at Holland. The membership of Holland Lodge is mainly comprised of highly educated, intelligent and competitive individuals, most of whom are at the top of, or on their way to the top of their respective professions.

The duties of the Worshipful Master as stated in the By-laws of Holland Lodge include but not necessarily limited to: Preside at all meetings. See that the By-laws, rules and regulations of the Lodge as well as the Constitution, Resolutions and Edicts of the Grand Lodge of Texas A.F & A.M. are duly enforced and obeyed, not suffering any of the Ancient Landmarks to be removed.

To see that the Wardens and other officers discharge their several duties with punctuality.

Cause the Brethren to conduct themselves with due decorum while the business of the Lodge is in progress.

To call to order and close any debate with such precedent observations as he may deem necessary.

To have charge of the Warrant and not entrust it to unworthy hands.

To appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.

To use his best efforts to create harmony, banish discord, diffuse charity and preserve temperance.

To present to the Lodge at the first stated meeting following the installation of officers a Planning Budget for the ensuing Masonic year.

Autobiography: As I stated two years ago in my first article (as Junior Warden) I was born in Houston in 1938 at St. Joseph's Hospital. My exposure to Masonry began for me soon after I came into this world. My grandfather, Loy H. Randall was Worshipful Master of Park Place Loge 1172 in 1936. I have been told that I slept through many Master Mason's degrees on my grandfather's lap (as an infant). Later, the then Worshipful Master suggested that I was getting to the age that I might remember what I had witnessed there. My grandfather said that he did not think that would happen but he would not bring me back into the lodge room when it was at labor, and he did not. The old Worshipful was right about one thing. I do remember! My father, Alton Parker Jones was raised in Holland Lodge in 1947. As far as I know all of the men in our family were masons, as were most of the friends of the family. I was raised at Temple Lodge number four here in Houston. I had friends there with whom I attended Saint Mark's Episcopal Church here in Houston, which is located on Bellaire Boulevard. They suggested I stop buy the lodge for a visit. Temple Lodge was only a few streets from my home. I have attended St. Mark's for sixty-five years and have been a member there since 1951. At some time during 2001 I met Brother Henry Gonzalas who invited me to attend the stated meeting at Holland Lodge. As soon as I entered the dining room and saw all the officers in their tuxedos and the other brothers in business suits I knew that was the place for me. I may have missed a meeting here and there but I cannot remember when that was.

I am very pleased that the membership of Holland Lodge has seen fit to elect me as worshipful Master. I will make every effort to do my very best as all the Masters of this great lodge have done before me.

Fraternally Jerry B Jones, W.M. Elect

Worshipful Master Patrick Porter's year in pictures.

Thank you to you and your team of Officers for your service to Holland Lodge Number 1!



M.:W.: Griffin is welcomed by W.:M.: Porter to Holland Lodge for his official visit.



The Final Snowball Visitation Team at Holland Lodge #1



Our friends and brothers at Garden Oak's #1306 cook briskets for Holland's fundraiser!



The East at the Harmony #6 FC Degree with WM's Wood & Porter.



The East at the Rice Degree



Pictures from Holland's first ever charity motorcycle run to LaFayette #34 in LaGrange.

From the Secretary

Installation of officers will be on July 12, 2008, at 11:00 A.M. with reception afterwards. If you park your car or truck on Holland Lodge property overnight put a notice on the front dashboard of your vehicle that you are a member of Holland Lodge. Better to be safe than sorry.

Towing may be enforced.

BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE OF ZERUBBABEL.

Who granted permission to the Jews to build the second Temple?

The foundation for the second temple was laid 537 B.C., & completed 516 B.C. After returning from captivity, the Jews under Zerubbabel laid the foundation. When the people of the land offered to assist in rebuilding the temple, Zerubbabel & the principal men of Judah refused them this honor, since Cyrus had granted his permission to the Jews only.

Lodge Activities/Calendar

July 9, 2008

Stated Meeting

July 12, 2008

Installation of Officers

August 13, 2008

Stated Meeting

Please be sure to check the website at

www.HollandLodge.org

for updates & announcements.

There are Degrees and Proficiency Exams taking place on a regular basis...if you would like know when, please check the website or call or email your Officers.

Welcome to Our Newest Members

Correction to last month's welcome to two new members of Holland Lodge.

Ernest R. Smith and Robert Smith are both from South Side Lodge #493 in Patchogue, N.Y.

Congratulations to our Newest Endowed Members

Howard G. Butter

and

Andrew H. Bass

We will miss our departed Brothers

Dan Edward Walton born 1-1-1919 raised 6-23-1958 died 6-13-2008

John Walter Collis born 2-15-1919 raised 5-18-1950 died 5-31-2008

From the South

Greetings from the South. My first assignment from our new WM is to provide a bio for this edition of the Alpha. Here we go.

Robert G. (Bob) Welch, II

Born April 28, 1948 at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, the first of three children. My dad was a career Air Force officer. I was brought up in California (Whittier and Riverside) and the Washington D.C. area (Oxen Hill, Md., Alexandria and Fairfax, Va.) Graduated from W.T. Woodson High School, Fairfax, VA, in 1966 and from Clarion State College, Clarion, PA, in 1970 with a B.A. in Liberal Arts and majors in Political Science and History.

After a few cold winters in Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska, I headed south and arrived in Houston, Texas in November of 1972. I have been employed in the ocean transportation field since 1973, in operations of general cargo and bulk vessels for major owners and operators. I am presently a licensed marine insurance adjuster and have been working recoveries and subrogation cases on behalf of various marine insurance underwriters for the past eight years.

I have been married to Kate since 1984 and have a son in Vancouver, B.C., and three grandkids.

Today I can say that among most important dates in my bio are:

My 20, 2002 - Initiated * September 25, 2002 - Passed * October 2, 2002 - Raised

Let us all take to heart and benefit from the great virtues and tenets of our excellent institution this year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bob, SW Elect Holland Lodge No. 1.

Editorial Appeal from Bill Sessums, Jr.

Brethren, once again, I will ask that you contribute to the Alpha. Brother's Brad Reel and Phillip von Stephens have been helpful but there is so much more out there!

If you have something you would like to see in the Alpha please email me at

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