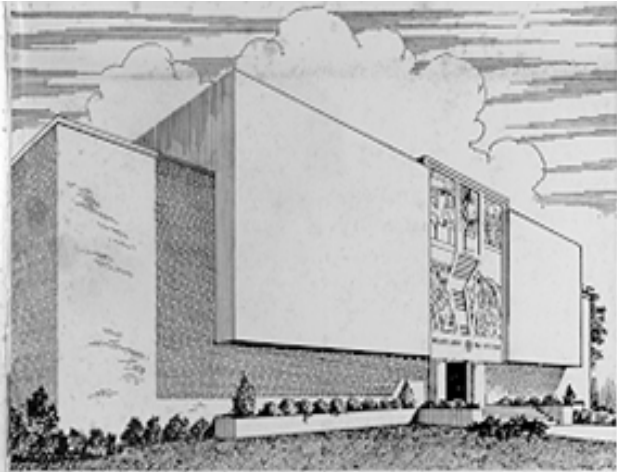


## **THE e-ALPHA**

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### **STATED MEETING**

**May 12, 2004**

**Dinner at 6:30 P.M.**

**Lodge opens at 7:30 P.M.**

**Program will be**

**To greet and honor the  
Past Masters of Holland Lodge**

**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...***

March was an especially busy time with 3 Entered Apprentice Degrees and a Master Mason Degree done in March. Lots of new Brothers participating in the degrees and lots of fun, too. We did a Fellowcraft Degree on April 19 and had new Brothers taking stations and places new to them. Our membership is growing through participation and involvement. Our First Monday Program for our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts has proved invigorating for the candidates and other members.

On May 3 everyone was treated to a tour of the building, all the nooks and crannies, sound room, vault, closets, Master & Warden's Office, basement, equipment rooms and Secretary's Office.

The April Stated Meeting saw presentations by Scottish Rite, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Grotto and Shrine. Each giving a short presentation about who they are and what they do. Pleasing was seeing, Bro. Mark Sandler, PM 1998, presenting the Royal Arch Chapter and Council of Royal and Select Masters and Bro. Eugene Wright, Eminent Commander of Ruthven Commandry presenting the Red Cross, Malta and Knights Templar. The Brothers of Holland Lodge both serve and participate in many affiliated Masonic Bodies. All the presentations were made while Holland was at refreshment and 4 of our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts came in to listen. Holland has eager and enthusiastic candidates.

Last month a report was received that Bro. Harry Madeira, PM 2001, had taken ill but was recovering. Harry is better and has returned to Lodge, but I ask the Brothers of Holland call and personally wish him well! His telephone is 713 436-9969.

On April 21 Holland Lodge celebrated San Jacinto Day with an Open Meeting and presentation by Mr. Richard Reese, Vice Commander of The Sons of The Republic of Texas. Slides showing raising of lands that were once part of the San Jacinto Battlefield with fill from the ship channel, plans to re-vegetate the battleground with native shrubs and grasses. A map of relocation of the Park Headquarters and Visitor Center was shown. There are on the grounds of San Jacinto some 50 monuments unrelated to the Battle and those monuments will be moved close to Park Headquarters.

At the May 12th Stated Meeting our program will be the Past Masters of Holland Lodge sharing some of their year as Master which might bring a chuckle to Brothers of Holland. These are the men who have served Holland and Masonry going back 168 years to Anson Jones.

The Sam Houston Lecture is set for Saturday May 15, with Bro. Nelson King, Editor of The Philaethes Magazine, as the speaker. His topic will be the History of Prince Hall Masonry, Past and Present. Bro. King has written numerous articles and served as Editor of the Philaethes in addition to his recently published book, *Confessions of a Born Again Fundamentalist Freemason*. The topic is a subject of which we in Regular Masonry know very little and have only rumor and vague ideas concerning. In addition to being a timely topic it will serve to educate those in attendance about Prince Hall Masonry. The dinner and presentation by Bro. King will be an open meeting with family and friends invited. I look forward to seeing the Brothers of Holland Lodge at the Lecture.

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**From the East continued...**

We have informational brochures for the Masonic Family Retreat in Arlington on May 21 & 22. This should be a great time for the gathering not only of Masons but of our families.

May 26 Holland will have a Master Mason Degree. This will be special, as are all Master Mason Degrees, but more so because the Grand Master, Brother Reese Harrison, will be conferring the Degree. All of the participants will be members of Holland Lodge and attorneys. Several Judges and members of Holland will also be participating. It will certainly be a "Legal" degree. Our Senior Steward is planning to serve steaks for dinner at 6 PM with the Degree to begin at 7 PM. Our Grand Master is conferring degrees in all the various Masonic Bodies and has accepted the request of Holland Lodge to do the same here. My special thanks to our Wor. Bro. Tom Johnson, G.S.D. for organizing this event.

Holland Lodge in March voted to purchase new Holland Lodge belt buckles in a similar design and style (gold & Silver) to those obtained by Bro. Mark Denson, PM 1987, and bought by Bro. Budd Baumgardner in his year as Master, 1991. The gold & silver belt buckles have been given to newly raised Master Masons at Holland and were available for purchase by members of Holland Lodge until recently when the supply was exhausted. The new Holland Lodge belt buckles are expected in late May and will be given to our newly Raised Master Masons again and for sale to Members of Holland Lodge, who do not already have a Holland Lodge belt buckle, at a cost of \$25 each.

The **Community Builder Award** Committee has met and nominated Linda Parlapiano, Joan Samuelson and Connie Goedecke of the Houston Sheltie Sanctuary. <http://www.houstonsheltiesanctuary.com/HSS.htm> Together they have rescued over 347 Shetland Sheepdogs (Shelties) placing them in 'Forever Homes' and caring for those with special needs. Through the adoption program of The Houston Sheltie Sanctuary they have touched the hearts of many in our Community and provided a haven and rescue for Shelties who have so much love to give. We have invited The Grand Master, Reese Harrison, to come and help preside at the Award presentation because the Grand Master has adopted a Houston Sheltie Sanctuary rescued Sheltie. We are planning to present this Award on a Sunday afternoon with the Honorees, Friends, Family, Masons and of course, Shelties in the Lodge Room. Afterwards there will be treats in the dining room for humans and Shelties alike.

**Fraternally,  
Patrick D. Mahoney, Worshipful Master**



**Ashley**



**Sam**

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

Another Holland Visitation, with a difference; Epilogue. Brethren, on Wednesday, February 18, 2004, we went on a different sort of visitation, other than to another Masonic lodge. A total of approximately 45 people, including Lodge members, their families, spouses and children, and other guests gathered and ate dinner at Holland Lodge #1 and then caravanned over the Houston Holocaust Museum, over at 5401 Caroline Street, in the Museum District and not very far from the Lodge. To be sure, it was a memorable experience for me and for us all.

We were welcomed by Collin Keel, the Education Director at the Museum, and treated to a guided tour of the then current exhibit in the Josef and Edith Minberg Gallery titled, "The Nazi Olympics: Berlin, 1936," an exhibition organized and circulated by the U.S. Holocaust Museum, Washington, D.C. Not only did Bro. Keel conduct the guided tour of the exhibit, but we were also introduced to and welcomed by Ms. Edith Minberg and Ms. Ruth Schnitzer, both Holocaust survivors. Ms. Minberg is the benefactor after whom the gallery is named and Ms. Schnitzer told our group her personal story of attending the 1936 Olympics as a child and having survived the Holocaust. Not only was Ms. Schnitzer's story compelling, but the exhibit itself was moving to us all. In graphic form we saw the reality of the 1930's and afterward, in photographs, film clips, documents and mementos of the period. The displays, graphics and sounds were heart wrenching in their effect. Although the exhibit has moved on, I hope you will be able to see it again, either here in Houston in some form, or the next time you are in Washington, D.C. The eloquence of both Ms. Minberg and Ms. Schnitzer was poignant, enlightening and inspirational.

I am glad that everyone, spouses, children and guests were able to attend this special visit and program. I took my wife, Kathy, and both my children, Annie (18) and Tommy (15). It was very important that they see the exhibit and Museum firsthand and learn from the experience. It is important that they, and we, never forget. Kathy was very moved to see the names of some of her acquaintances, including Alice Cahana, whose magnificent artwork hangs on the walls of the corridor near the core exhibit and main entrance. After spending an hour in the exhibit I was sufficiently moved and motivated to return to the Museum the next Sunday, the last day of the exhibit to see it more closely and take the time to see the entire Holocaust Museum. I will never forget my two trips.

This was a special visit for me. You see, I know Ms. Minberg since I went to school with her son, David, who has been a close friend all my adult life. I only heard the story of Mr. Minberg, David's father, at his funeral last year. Mr. Minberg jumped off of a train headed for Auschwitz concentration camp, where his entire family was killed. Mr. Minberg survived WW II, living in the forest and coming to the U.S. after the War. Had he not jumped from that train, I would have never known one of my best friends. After going through the core exhibit at the Museum, frankly, I had to sit down and spend some time in reflection in the Memorial Room, contemplating the names, including the Minberg family, and then visiting the Garden of Hope. I must admit, when I saw the names on the walls like "Beerhman", "Beerman" and "Berman", I have to think of my own German heritage. In the Garden, I placed a stone not only for all the victims of the Holocaust, but especially for the Minberg family.

I hope each of you will have an opportunity to visit the Museum and I know Collin will be delighted to show you around. Trust me; you need to make the trip. Next month, I guess I may have to wrap up this year in one final article. Certainly not an easy task. Again, I want to extend another invitation for each and every one of you to come join us and attend our May, 2004, Stated Meeting this month and take part in your Lodge. Your attendance and participation are welcomed. We continue to need and solicit the attendance and participation of our Brethren. See you at Holland Lodge No. 1!

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

## Community Builder Award

**M.: W.: Reese L. Harrison, Jr  
Grand Master**

**Will be present to present the 2004 Community  
Builder Awards on behalf of Holland Lodge on**

**June 12, 2004  
At 11:00 A.M.**

**To  
Ms. Linda Parlapiano  
Ms. Joan Samuelson  
Ms. Connie Goedecke**

**For their work in the rescue of some  
347 Shetland Sheepdogs (Shelties)  
G.:M.: Harrison owns one (Sam) as does our  
own Woshipful Master Mahoney (Ashley)**

**See page 2 for pictures!**

## “Legal” Degree Team!

**MANDAMUS  
ALL HOLLAND LODGE MEMBERS  
TAKE NOTICE**

**Lawyer members of Holland Lodge  
Will confer the Master Mason Degree on  
May 26, 2004**

**Dinner at 6:00 P.M. – Degree at 7:00 P.M.  
Lawyers in tuxedo**

**Consider this a SUMMONS  
to all Holland Lodge members.**

**Come meet the lawyers who are fellow members.**

***M.: W.: Reese L. Harrison, Jr., Grand Master  
Will confer***

***R.:W.: Tommy Griffin, Committee on Work  
Each Plan to attend***

**Come be a part of the FELLOWSHIP, and of an  
UNUSUAL and IMPORTANT GATHERING**

**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.**

## Lodge Activities/Calendar

May 5, 2004	Open-See website.	June 9, 2004	Stated Meeting & election of Officers
May 10, 2004	Lodge is DARK	June 12, 2004	Community Builder Award
May 12, 2004	Stated Meeting. Past Masters Night.	June 14, 2004	School of instruction
May 15, 2004	Seventh annual Sam Houston Lecture	June 16, 2004	See website
May 17, 2004	Master Mason Degree practice	June 21, 2004	School of instruction
May 19, 2004	See website	June 23, 2004	See website
May 31, 2004	Lodge is DARK. Happy Memorial Day.	June 26, 2004	169th Installation of officers
June 2, 2004	Entered Apprentice & Fellowcraft Festival.		
June 7, 2004	Lodge is DARK		

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Houston, Texas

is privileged to present the

**Seventh Annual**

Sam Houston Lecture

By

Bro. Nelson King, FPS, BF

Editor

**The Philalethes Magazine**

Our guest speaker

will discuss

**BLACK and WHITE**

*A History of*

*Prince Hall Freemasonry*

Book Signing at 5:30 P.M.

Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

### *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**

### **Holland Lodge No. 1**

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(713) 529-0912

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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