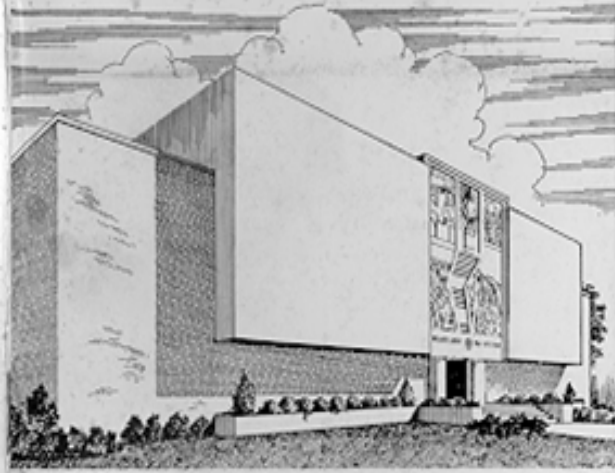


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From the East...

Another Brother has been raised a Master Mason at Holland Lodge, Brother Octavio George Cavillo. Dr. Cavillo attended his first stated in October – Be sure to welcome him to the sublime degree of a Master Mason when you see him. The Degree Team, under degree master Senior Warden Tom Behrman put on an excellent degree – several visitors were in attendance to view our degree work. Another Masters Degree will be coming up and EA's are in the mill. Get involved in a degree or just come and watch to solidify our Masonic Light.

When you read this, the Fund Raiser for Scholarships will be over, everything will be cleaned up and the families will be full of bar-be-que and the spirit of giving, Chair, Tom Behrman has a goal of “two” scholarships this year.

The November stated meeting will be a salute to our Masonic Veterans and all are invited to attend and bring something of remembrance of your military service (I know the uniform will not fit most of us) to share as we honor each veteran for his service to his country and his fellow man. It is always an interesting time of sharing the past and remembering our troops in Harms way throughout the world.

November 15th, Monday, will be a called meeting for the purpose of reviewing the changes in Grand Lodge Law for our December annual conclave. We will also review the qualifications of those Brothers who had made themselves available for Office. Holland Lodge members are very involved. Our own Junior Warden, Duncan Chapman, will be assisted by our Brother Bracht Jones, a member of Holland and the Jurisprudence Committee. Every one will have an opportunity to vote on the decisions to be made by the Holland Delegates at Grand Lodge. If you plan to attend Grand Lodge in Waco, December 2, 3, 4 & 5 see the secretary, quickly.

With the “Holiday Season “coming, we will adjust our calendar as needed, while continuing our work. The Senior Steward has talked this Master into frying “CAJUN TURKEYS” on December 22, 2004 – it will be a special meal open to everyone.

There is a lot happening at Holland Lodge No. 1 in this 169th year and I welcome all of you to stay involved or become involved with Masonry.

Fraternally, Earl Thompson, W.M.

The November Stated Meeting

**Of Holland Lodge No. 1
Will be on
November 10, 2004**

**Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
Stated Meeting Starts at
7:30 P.M.**

**The November Stated Meeting
Program will be an honoring of our
Masonic Veterans.**

*Your attendance and support
will be appreciated by all.*

*Veterans, remember to bring something
of remembrance of your service.*

What is Freemasonry all About?

The Principles of Freemasonry

Freemasonry is a fraternal organization dedicated to Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Brotherly Love: How a man chooses to practice his personal religious beliefs is left entirely up to him, but Freemasonry recognizes the strong bond which unites all people under One Creator. Our members include men from a wide range of religious backgrounds, but each of them shares a commitment to this important principle.

Relief: Because of our strong bond of Brotherly Love, Masons provide Relief to help those who are in need. This includes the notion of charity, and Masons provide much assistance to worthy charities, but it also means offering a helping hand, in other ways, to people that need assistance.

Truth: As Masons, we are committed to being honest and truthful with other people. The Masonic Fraternity teaches a man to be faithful to his responsibilities to God, his Country, his fellow man, his family and himself. The Masonic principle of Truth also teaches a man to search for wisdom and understanding. For only in this way can he grow and become a better person. The pursuit of knowledge is at the very heart of our purpose.

FRANKLIN ON FREEMASONRY:

Freemasonry has tenets peculiar to itself. They serve as testimonials of character and qualifications, which are only conferred after due course of instruction and examination. These are of no small value; they speak a universal language, and act as a passport to the attentions and support of the initiated in all parts of the world. They cannot be lost as long as memory retains its power. Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned, let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world, still those credentials remain, and are available for use as circumstances require. The good effects they have produced are established by the most incontestable facts of history. They have stayed the uplifted hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancor of malevolence; and broken down the barriers of political animosity and sectarian alienation. On the field of battle, in the solitudes of the uncultivated forest, or in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made men of the most hostile feelings, the most distant regions, and diversified conditions, rush to the aid of each other, and feel a special joy and satisfaction that they have been able to afford relief to a Brother Mason.

Benjamin Franklin



From The South The Masonic Building Association

This article is a review of the By-Laws of The Masonic Building Association as amended in 1981. It is not intended to be a complete copy of the by-laws, for that you would have to visit with Brother Secretary. I have taken a part of the articles that I deemed to be of interest to you and included them here-in.

ARTICLES II (shortened)

2.2 The annual meeting of the shareholders shall be held on the Monday preceding the second Wednesday in July.

2.3 Special meetings of the shareholders, may be called by the president, or a majority of the board of directors.

2.6 If a quorum is present at any meeting, those present or represented by proxy, shall decide any question properly brought before such meeting.

2.7 Each outstanding share having voting power shall be entitled to one vote on each matter.

ARTICLE III (shortened)

3.1 The number of directors shall be twelve. Nine to be elected at large and three to be ex-officio, Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

3.2 Any Director can be removed for any cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares entitled to vote at the annual meeting or at a special meeting of shareholders duly called. such removal shall take place immediately.

3.6 Quarterly meetings shall be held on the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in the month of January, April, July, and October.

3.7 Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by the president or by written request of two directors.

3.11 The board of directors by affirmative vote of a majority, shall have the authority to establish reasonable compensation of all directors for services to the corporation.

3.12 A director who is present at a meeting of the directors at which action on any matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action unless his dissent shall be in the minutes or in writing.

ARTICLE V (shorten) OFFICERS

5.1 The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

5.2 The board of directors shall elect the officers from among the directors.

5.5 The officers shall hold office until their successors are chosen and qualify, or until death, resignation or removal.

5.6 The chairman of the board, if one be elected, shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors.

5.7 The president shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation. shall have active management and see that all orders of the board of directors are carried into effect. He shall preside at all meetings of the shareholders.

5.8 The vice president in the absent of the president shall perform his duties.

5.9 The secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings.

5.11 The treasurer shall disburse funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the board of directors.

The Current Board members are as follows.

Earl Thompson Chairman of the Board, Duncan Chapman, President, Eugene B, Wright, Vice P resident, Gary A. Held, Secretary, Emile A Bussemey III, Treasurer, Tom Behrman, James E. Brill, Bill Sessums Jr., Patrick D. Mahoney, Ken Kirkpatrick and Patrick Porter

Brethren

There are many issues that have to be resolved in the process of the day to day operation of your facility. The board takes each of the matters into discussion and makes decision that we believe is what you as owners of the property would want. The operation of your facility requires the help of the board, the officers and you the members. From the members we need you to report any problems that might occur as soon as possible, your attention will help preserve the value of our facility.

Your continued help and support is appreciated.

Fraternally, Duncan Chapman, J.W.

Lodge Activities/Calendar

November 6 - Forum and Exam @ Holland
 November 8 - Dark
 November 10 - Stated Veterans Special
 November 15 -Called Grand Lodge Proposals
 November 17 - EA Degree Practice
 November 22 - School of Instruction
 November 24 - Dark "Happy Thanksgiving"
 November 29 - School of Instruction
 December 1 - Dark
 December 2,3,4,5 Grand Lodge in Waco
 December 6 - Dark
 December 8 - Stated
 December 13 - Dark
 December 15 - EA Degree Practice
 December 20 - School of Instruction
 December 22 -Worshipful Master Fries Cajun Turkeys
 Dinner & Fellowship

On Saturday, November 6, 2004

**Holland Lodge will host
a Masonic Forum and Exam.**

Breakfast at 8 a.m., Forum at 9 a.m.,
Lunch at Noon, Exam at 1 p.m.

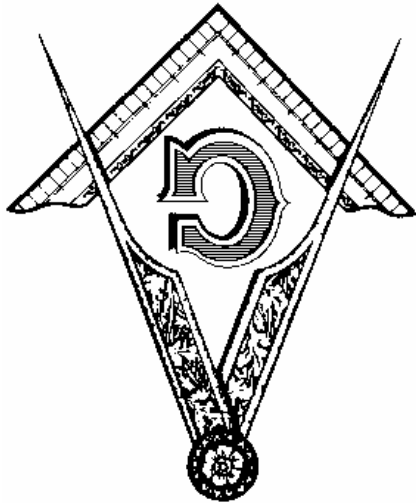
**Please come out and show your appreciation
to R.W. Tommy Griffin for his 13 years
of service on the Committee on Work.**

Even if you don't wish to stay for the exam,
please feel free to join us for the forum.

**More dates will be published on the
website in the coming weeks.
Be sure to check out the website at
www.hollandlodge.org for updates!**

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