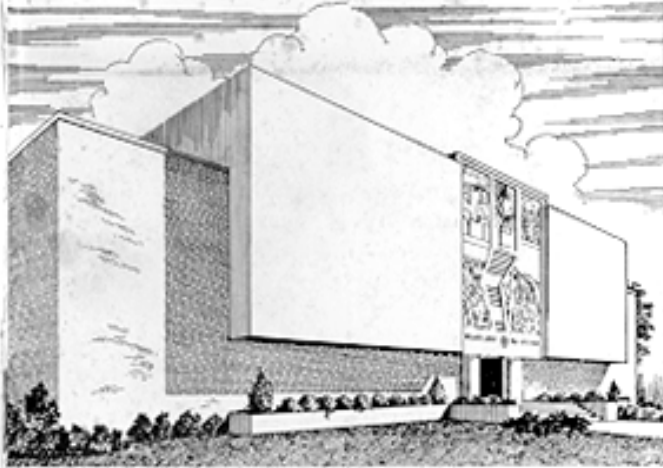


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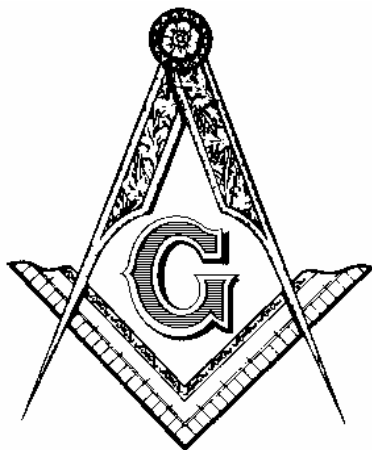
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Stated Meeting:
November 8, 2006
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.

Please join us as the
business of Your Lodge is conducted!

We will be reviewing and voting on
how HL #1 will vote regarding
Grand Lodge Resolutions and
Voting on a HL Dues Increase!



From the East...

The Holland Lodge annual brisket sale is in full swing and thanks to the dedication and hard work of a some of our Holland Masons such as Patrick Porter, Kurt Kasper, Brad Reel, Oliver Wenker David Herzog, Greg Wood, Allen Johnston and Brother Terry Morton this year's event will be very successful! (If I missed anyone let me know!) It is important to mention that if we want to continue to have a tradition of Masonry, that we need to continue the tradition of helping our surrounding community by contributing to it. Remember, we founded the school system in Texas. Our history revolves around helping to educate the members of our State and Communities, which is why we started the tradition of the Brisket Sale and Luncheon to raise funds for our Annual Scholarship program. This year Mr. Mike Freely of Specialty Products and Insulation Company (SPI) has again agreed to provide his "professional" assistance and his barbecue pit. Mike has won the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo several times and always provides quality Briskets. Be sure to order yours today, if you cannot get to the lodge to pickup your brisket call me and I will get it delivered to you.

The front of the lodge building has finally been cleaned, and it looks fantastic. The cost of cleaning just the front of the building was a total of \$1350.00. To my knowledge the limestone had not been cleaned since the original construction! Now the details of the art work by Brother William Mozart McVey is clearly visible. This cleaning is a part of putting our best foot forward in the community and our symbols are now more clearly visible for all to see. Now you can't help looking at the front of our building and being proud of what it stands for. It is clearly a Texas landmark and it is one of only a few Masonic landmarks in Houston.

We are the oldest Masonic Lodge in Texas, when Houston was founded in 1836 we were a part of it, each day thousands of Houstonians pass Holland Lodge and I bet only a few realize they are passing the oldest lodge in Texas, they have no idea that Holland members were instrumental in the founding of Texas and development of Houston. Now maybe they will stop by to read our Texas Historical Landmark plaque and maybe even stop in for a visit to find our more about or Fraternity.

Our November Stated Meeting will include several things that of interest to you, the first is the reading discussing and voting on the proposed resolutions. As a Mason the resolutions are the rules and regulations that you as a member agree to live by, it is therefore important that you should have a say in how your lodge votes. Remember the decision you make at lodge will direct the way your officers vote at Grand Lodge. Secondly, and no less important will be the consideration of the motion made last month to increase our membership dues. The motion was made and it has lain over one month. We will be voting on this motion at the November stated. This is your lodge and this should be your decision so please come out and vote.

Holland Lodge is now meeting every Wednesday and you can find our Lodge programs are on hollandlodge.org by clicking on the web calendar. If you would like to provide a program to the Lodge please call me and get in the schedule.

Duncan Chapman, W.M.

From the South...

As you all know I have written several articles in which I made mention of Brother Albert Pike, who authored several volumes relating to the Masonic work and symbolism. After reading his last work Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry, Esoterika I became more and more interested in Brother Pike and his work concerning The Craft. Several years ago after reading his most famous work Morals and Dogma I discovered that I had to go over it several times before I could begin to understand it, which I still do not completely to this day. It is a loquacious and prodigious work to be sure, written in the style of English philosophers of centuries past such as John Stewart Mill or John Locke. It has been suggested by other Masonic scholars (Dr. Mackey and Brother Lightfoot to name two), that some of his observations were not completely his, rather that he had been influenced by other Masonic writers. Which seems to be an off-handed way of stating that there is nothing new under the sun.

As a result of these articles I discovered not surprisingly that there were more than a few brethren who had never heard of Albert Pike. Those who had admitted that they started to read Morals and Dogma and quickly lost interest for the same reason that I had several times. It is very difficult to grasp and easy to put down. There are also those among us that who consider Pike a Masonic writer and nothing else. Which is not true. There is more to Albert Pike than meets the eye.

Albert Pike was born at Boston, Massachusetts, December 29, 1809, and died April 2, 1891. He came from a poor family and received his education in the public school system. At one point in time he applied to Harvard University and was rejected because he could not meet the entrance requirement of depositing two years tuition in advance, and was therefore mostly self educated. He practiced law in New Orleans and settled in Little Rock Arkansas and practiced law there. At that time it was unnecessary to attend law school to practice law. After the War Between the States began he became a General officer with the Confederate Army. His job there was to recruit native Americans to fight for the south. The native Americans made poor soldiers and the effort was a failure. After the war he moved to Washington, District of Columbia where he practiced law, making his home in Alexandria. He did not become a Mason until after he was in his forties. Before that time he had been an Odd Fellow. Albert Pike has been described as a reformer, a crusader for justice for native Americans, a practical joker, Lawyer, philosopher, a Civil War General, and for many years he was leader of the Scottish Rite of the Southern United States.

Many people, Masons and non-masons as well try to dismiss General Pike as a meaningless footnote of history. He was a giant in his own time that did extraordinary things in his lifetime. He was the only confederate soldier who is honored in Washington, D.C. where a large statue of him stands at a major intersection. (Judiciary Square). To this day the United States honors General Pike through an interstate highway system, which runs from Hot Springs, Arkansas to Colorado Springs, Colorado. Anti-Masonic writers often take Pike's philosophical writings out of context in an effort to discredit the Craft. Mostly because of his short reference to Lucifer. (Which I will discuss in another article another time) He makes this comment in Morals and Dogma. " The Anti-Masons, traitors and perjurers some, and some mere political knaves, have purified Masonry by persecution, and so proved to be its benefactors".

Fraternally, Jerry Jones, J.W., **Holland Lodge Number One**

Lodge Activities/Calendar

November, 2006

November 8 Wednesday - **November Stated Meeting**

November 18 Saturday- 5th Annual Brisket sale & lunch!

November 30 to Dec 2 **Texas Grand Lodge Meeting in Waco TX.**

December, 2006

December 1st- **Bro. Dr. Red Duke to be honored at Grand Lodge Friday Night**

December 13 Wednesday - **December Stated Meeting**

January, 2007

January 10 Wednesday - **January Stated Meeting**

Please check the website at www.HollandLodge.org for updates and meeting announcements.



The Holland Lodge No. 1, A.F. & A.M.

**Fifth Annual Brisket Sale and
Bar-B-Que Lunch**

Benefiting the Holland Lodge Scholarship Fund

Will be held on

***** Saturday, November 18th, 2006 *****

From 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

@ Holland Lodge No. 1
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Support the Scholarship fund...

Whole Bar-B-Que Briskets Only \$40.00 each

BBQ Lunch Plate — \$10.00 each

Chopped Beef Sandwiches(only) - \$5.00 each

Choice of 2 meats, sliced beef, chicken, sausage;
Choice of 2 sides, potato salad, beans, cole slaw
and of course, Pickles, Onion, Sauce and Fresh Bread!

Order yours today!

Call Holland Lodge No. 1, @ 713-294-3704 or

Use www.paypal.com for orders and/or donations. Please send PayPal orders to
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**100% of the net proceeds to benefit the Scholarship Fund! Scholarship will
be awarded Spring of 2007**

***Bring your Family & Friends for Great Food, a Great Time and
Support a Great Cause!***

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