

Unity Lodge #1242  
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# *Borger Masonic News*



Masonic News from Unity Lodge #1242, Billy Dixon Lodge #1369,  
Borger York Rite Bodies, Tri-City Scottish Rite Association, and  
Chapter 811 O.E.S.  
February 2009

## Honor The Masons

On Saturday, October 25, 2008, Borger Chapter #811, Order of the Eastern Star held their annual Honor the Masons Night.



Worthy Matron Geneva Howard and the Beautiful Ladies of the Star

The Ladies served a fine meal of baked ham and all the trimmings. The meal was topped off with some of the best desserts a Mason could ever wish for.



Thank you ladies for the fine meal and for your dedication.

The Order of the Eastern Star is a fraternal Order with deep religious convictions and social values, whose membership all share one common virtue-- a belief in a Supreme Being. It is a charitable and benevolent organization to which both men and women belong. The Order was organized as a tool for service to humanity.

The beautiful lessons of the Order revolve around Biblical female heroines - - Adah, Jephthah's daughter, Ruth, Esther Martha, and Electra - - the elect - - lady referred to in the second epistle of John. The lessons of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love are deeply embodied with the love of God, country, and family.

In Texas the Star has generously given in support of religious scholarships for students of all denominations, cancer research, kidney dialysis, arthritis foundation, heart fund, eye foundations, literacy programs, etc. They have also supported the Shrine Hospitals for burn victims and the Scottish Rite Hospital for crippled children

If you are a Master Mason in good standing, a wife, mother, daughter, widow, sister, half-sister, granddaughter, step-mother, step-daughter, or step-sister of a Master Mason in good standing or was in good standing at the time of his death, you are eligible for membership. Although the Order of the Eastern Star is not part of the Masonic Lodge, it is related by the dearest ties to those dedicated Masons.

**Contact a member to join!!!!**

## Lodge Trivia

Unity Lodge #1242 was chartered on December 2, 1926 as Isom Lodge #1242 (Changed name to Unity in 2007). During its 83 year history, the lodge has had 73 different Worshipful Masters. Six Masters served for two terms, while two Masters served three terms. The lodge has conferred over 4,700 EA, FC, and MM Degrees.

The lodge room has been home to:  
Unity Lodge #1242.....Active  
Adobe Walls #1355.....Merged  
Chapter #811 OES.....Active  
Borger Chapter #437 RAM.....Active  
Borger Council #354 RS&M.....Active  
Borger Commandery #96 KT.....Active  
Demolay Chapter..Demised unknown date  
Rainbow Chapter #97.....Demised 1980  
Assembly #212 SOOB...Demised 1964  
Borger Shrine Club.....Demised  
Tri-City Scottish Rite.....Active  
Membership began at 20 members in 1927 and reached 1000 in 1955.

Brethren, we are still trying to set up an e-mail system so the Secretary can contact the brethren about upcoming events, newsletters, etc.

If you have an e-mail address, please send it to:

[borgermasons@sbcglobal.net](mailto:borgermasons@sbcglobal.net)

## Calendar of Events

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays @ 7:30.....Eastern Star  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7:30.....Unity #1242  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday @ 7:30.....Billy Dixon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 7:00.....Borger York Rite  
2nd Friday @ 6:30pm.....Tri-City  
Scottish Rite Assoc.

1-31-2009.....York Rite Conference  
in Floydada @ 9:00am  
2-6-2009.....50-Year Awards  
Unity Lodge @ 6:30pm  
2-27 & 28.....York Rite Festival in  
Amarillo  
3-7 & 8-2000.....Kettle Korn Sale @  
the Aluminum Dome  
4-11-2009....Grand Masters Conference  
@ Khiva Temple @ 3:00pm  
4-18-2009.....Lubbock Scottish Rite  
Reunion  
4-24 to 4-28-2009....Grand Commandery

## IN MEMORIAM

Floyd L. Jarnigan.....11-27-2008  
Vernon M. Dawson.....12-23-2008  
Otis Deffibaugh.....12-27-2008

## DUES NOTICES

My Brethren, the annual dues notices for the 2009 Masonic Year were mailed November 1, 2008. Please pay your dues promptly to avoid Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues.

## Unity Lodge #1242 Receives Vanguard Award

Unity Lodge #1242 was presented with the Vanguard Award for the 2nd year in a row during the Grand Lodge Session held in Waco, Texas on December 4, 2008.



The award was presented to Worshipful Master Bill Spelce by Most Worshipful Thomas Griffin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Unity Lodge was one of only two lodges in the Texas Panhandle to receive the award.

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### Grand Lodge Officer

Worshipful Master Bill R. Spelce of Unity Lodge #1242 was appointed and installed as the District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District #102 of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas.

**Congratulations Right Worshipful Sir!!**

## Grand Lodge 2009

The area lodges were well represented during the Grand Lodge Session for 2009. Worshipful Masters from Unity #1242 and Billy Dixon #1369 were in attendance.



Front Row L to R: Fred Ruland, Bill Spelce, Ken Moss, M:W: David Counts, Grand Master, Randy Hardin, Bobby Mack Sr.  
Back Row L to R: Terry Flippo, D. C. Taylor

Masonic District #102 was enlarged to cover Rock Island Lodge #869 at Dalhart, Texas and Triangle Lodge #1135 at Texline Texas. This brings the number of lodges in District #102 up to six. The lodges are;

Rock Island #869 @ Dalhart  
Dumas #1009 @ Dumas  
Triangle #1135 @ Texline  
Unity #1242 @ Borger  
Gruver #1326 @ Gruver  
Billy Dixon #1369 @ Fritch

## Unity Lodge #1242 hosts Holiday Dinner

On Saturday December 13, 2008, Unity Lodge #1242 hosted their annual Holiday Dinner.



A traditional meal of turkey and dressing with all the trimmings was served.



A total of 39 Masons, ladies and guests enjoyed the meal. Decorations were done by the ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter #811.



Following the meal all present gathered around the Christmas Tree for a group photo.



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**Study and Floor Practices are being held every Monday evening at 7:00pm, except on the 3rd Monday of the month. Come to practice and learn to work in a degree or just enjoy the fellowship.**

## **Borger Commandery #96** **Holds Annual Inspection**

On Saturday, November 8, 2008, Borger Commandery #96 held their annual inspection.

Sir Knight Robert Loflin, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Texas was the Inspecting Officer.

Prior to the inspection, Sir Knight Loflin presented Past Commander and Sir Knight Raymond R. Renfroe with the Excalibur Award for 2008.



L to R; Commander Steve Cross, Ray Renfroe, Robert Loflin Grand Standard Bearer

This award is presented to a Sir Knight who has shown dedication to the craft by his regular attendance and work to promote Templar Masonry.

Sir Knight Loflin then presented Ron Kenyon his certificate of Membership to Borger Chapter #437 and Borger Council #354. Sir Knight Kenyon took the Chapter and Council Degrees along with the Red Cross and Malta Orders at a York

Rite Festival in Amarillo, Texas on August 22nd and 23rd. Sir Knight Kenyon was the candidate for the Order of the Temple at the inspection.



Sir Knight Ron Kenyon and Sir Knight Loflin



Officers and Members of Borger #96



Sir Knight Kenyon receives Membership Certificate from Commander Cross

## **Borger Commandery #96** **Installs Officers for 2009**

On Monday, December 15, 2008, Borger Commandery #96 installed officers for 2008. The Installing Commander was Sir Knight David Melear, E: Grand Generalissimo and the Installing Marshalls were Sir Knights Judge Risling and Elijah West of Amarillo Commandery #48. The officers installed for 2009 are as follows;



Curtis D. Farmer.....Commander  
Cecil R. Biggers.....Generalissimo  
Kurt R. Schoch.....Captain General  
Marcel A. Poulain .....Treasurer  
Terry L. Flippo.....Recorder  
Orville Robison.....Prelate  
J. David Williams.....Senior Warden  
Robert R. Gould.....Junior Warden  
Ken Waldschmidt.....Sword Bearer  
Raymond R. Renfroe.....Standard Bearer  
Kenneth R. Moss.....Warder  
Joe Bob Trumbly.....Sentinel  
Ron W. Kenyon.....Guard  
L. Rick Wells.....Guard  
Randy Hardin.....Guard

## **Borger Chapter #437 and** **Council #354 Present** **Awards**

At a Stated Convocation held Monday November 17, 2008, Borger Chapter #437 presented the Cornerstone Award.



Past High Priest Stephen F. Cross presented this years award to Companion Joe Bob Trumbly



At a called meeting of Borger Council #354, the Cryptic Triangle Award was presented to Companion Kenneth R. Moss.