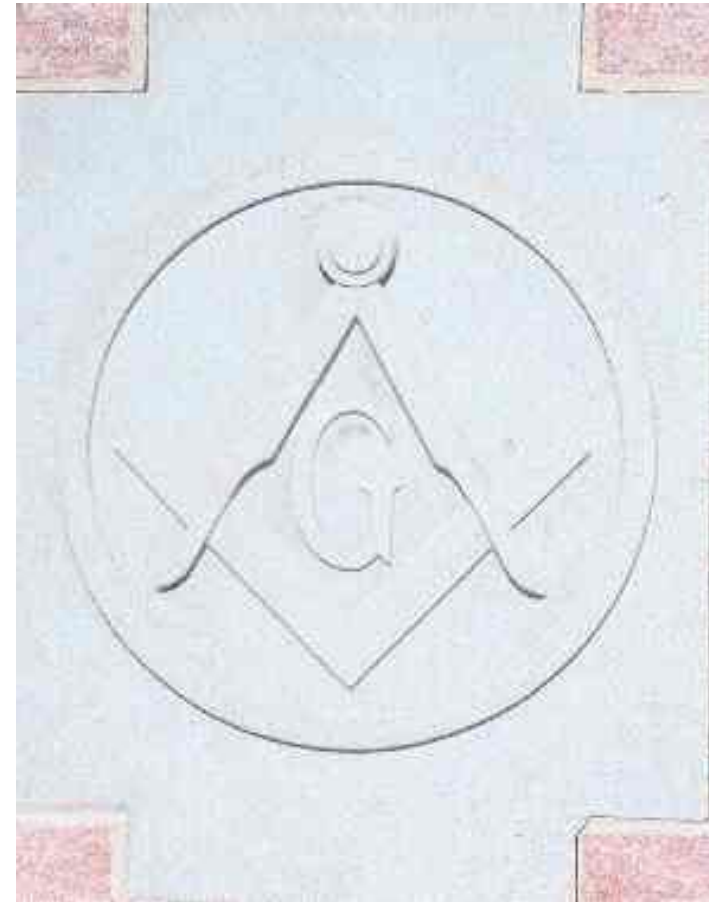


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Borger Masonic News



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.

May 2009

BUSY SATURDAY

Saturday, March 7, 2009, was a busy day for the lodge.

The morning kicked off with a breakfast at the lodge. The Stewards, with a little help cooked a full breakfast of bacon, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy.

Following the breakfast several brethren repaired to the Dome to set up for the Kettle Korn Sale.



Sales for Saturday were brisk and the brethren had a great time.



As usual there were not enough of us and several had to stay all day to man the booth.

At the same time the Kettle Korn Sale was going at the Dome, a second group of Brethren manned the booth at the Chili Cook Off at the Borger Elks Lodge. This was the first Annual Chili Cook-off sponsored by the Kiwanis, Rotary, and Lions Club.



We didn't win first place, but members of the lodge cooked some pretty good chili.



It might be noted that our newest Fellowcraft Mason helped cook and worked the Chili Booth on Saturday and the Kettle Korn Booth on Sunday.

A special thanks goes to all the brethren who worked so hard to make the day a success.

Unity #1242 Qualifies for Vanguard Award at Conference



On Saturday, April 11, 2009, Officers and members of Unity #1242 attended the Grand Masters Conference. Ten attending officers qualified the lodge for the 2009 Vanguard Award.

Brethren,

Due to the cost of printing and postage, this will be the final general mailing of the Borger Masonic Newsletter. If you **do not** have e-mail and wish to continue to receive the Newsletter, please contact the lodge secretary at 806-273-6029 or 806-584-0695.

If you have e-mail and wish to continue receiving the newsletter, then send your e-mail address to:

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Calendar of Events

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

5-02-2009.....Red Cross Conferral & Banquet

6-12-2009.....American Cancer Walk for Life @ Dome at 5:30pm

6-18-2009.....Unity Stated Meeting and Election of Officers

7-11-2009.....Installation of Officers
 Unity Lodge @ 6:30pm

7-25-2009.....MS Bike Ride & BBQ @ Canadian

IN MEMORIAM

John A. Bulla.....1-19-2009
 Stanley W. Booten.....1-26-2009
 Aubrey Tisdale..... 2-22-2009
 George Robie.....2-25-2009
 James H. Zink.....4-1-2009

Certificate Exams will be held in Unity Lodge #1242 on 10-03-2009 at 10:00am.

Golden Spread Council #468
Allied Masonic Degrees

On Saturday January 17, 2009, the Charter for Golden Spread Council #468, Allied Masonic Degrees was constituted in Amarillo.

Brother Ken Fischer, Sovereign Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America presented the Charter and installed the officers for 2009. He was assisted by Brother Jimmy Willson, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees and Brother Roy Elliott, Grand Superintendent of Texas of the Allied Masonic Degrees.



L to R: Brother Jimmy Willson, Brother Kenneth Fischer, Brother Roy Elliott

The AMD is dedicated to research and preserving those degrees in Masonry that are not part of the Blue Lodge, York Rite, or Scottish Rite. A Council is limited to a total of 27 Members by invitation only and is devoted to fellowship and research.

The officers installed for 2009 are as follows;

David Melear	Sovereign Master
Ted Hennis	Senior Warden
Judge Risley	Junior Warden
Jimmy Willson	Secretary/Treasurer
Charles Hood Jr.	Senior Deacon
Milton Skipper	Junior Deacon
Stephen F. Cross	Chaplain
Orville Robison	Tiler



Installed Officers

One of the requirements for membership is being a member of a Royal Arch Chapter. (York Rite)



Charter Members

Billy Dixon #1369

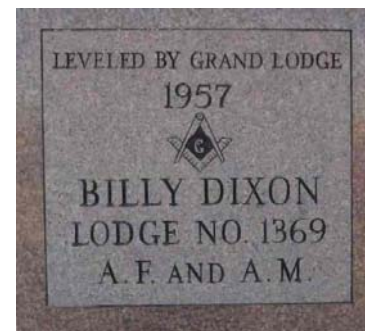
The first recorded minutes of Billy Dixon Lodge are dated 6-28-1956.

On July 22, 1956 the name Billy Dixon Lodge was selected and the officers installed;

Herbert J. Walker	Worshipful Master
James E. Wright	Senior Warden
Woodrow D. Key	Junior Warden
Paul Lambert	Treasurer
James W. Holley	Secretary
Theron H. Smith	Chaplain
Eugene Armstrong	Senior Deacon
Roland Hodges	Junior Deacon
Ivor R. Swinney	Senior Stewart
Coy Friday	Junior Stewart
William Whitley	Tiler

On September 7, 1956 dispensation to form Billy Dixon Lodge U.D. was received from Most Worshipful W. W. Booth Grand Master of Texas.

The Charter for Billy Dixon Lodge #1369 A. F. & A. M was issued on December 6, 1956 during the Grand Lodge Session held in Waco, Texas.



The lodge was dedicated and constituted on January 4, 1957 by Most Worshipful Paul Turney, Grand Master of Texas. The ceremony was held in Isom Lodge #1242 in Borger as the Billy Dixon building was under construction. Several hundred Masons and Guests were in attendance representing 37 lodges from 8 Grand Jurisdictions.



After 52 years, the lodge is still going strong. On Monday 3-09-2009, the members of Billy Dixon #1369 conferred the Master Masons Degree on their newest member.

Scottish Rite

On Saturday, April 18, 2009, members of the High Plains Degree Teams helped confer the Degrees at the Lubbock Scottish Rite Reunion. We had a great time and urge any Scottish Rite Mason to join a degree team.

UNITY #1242 PRESENTS 50 and 60 YEAR AWARDS

On Friday February 6, 2009, Unity Lodge #1242 presented 50 and 60 Year Awards. An Awards dinner was served in the dining room to honor our awardees. A total of 74 Masons and guests were present.



Brother Clifford L. Neeley of Sanford Texas received his 60-Year Award from Right Worshipful Bill R. Spelce, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District #102.



Brother William J. Cambell of Skellytown Texas received his 50-Year Award from Right Worshipful Bill R. Spelce, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District #102.

UNITY #1242 PRESENTS THE DANIEL CARTER BEARD AWARD

On Friday February 6, 2009, Unity Lodge presented the Daniel Carter Beard Award. The award is presented to those Masons who have served their lodge and the youth of the Boy Scouts of America.



The flags were presented by members of the combined Boy Scout Troops of Hutchinson County.



Brother Deloyd Ray McGehee received the Daniel C. Beard Scouting Award from Right Worshipful Bill R. Spelce, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District #102.



Brother L. Rick Wells received the Daniel C. Beard Scouting Award from Right Worshipful Bill R. Spelce, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District #102.

The Scouting Award is presented from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and is approved for presentation to Texas Masons by the Grand Lodge of Texas.



Hutchinson County Scouts and Scoutmasters

In attendance at the meeting were Scout Leaders and scouts from the various Scout Troops in Hutchinson County.



Also in attendance were representatives of the Golden Spread Council, Adobe Walls District Boy Scouts of America.

York News

On February 27th and 28th, 2009 a York Rite Festival was held in Amarillo Commandery #48. Borger had a total of 4 candidates. The Borger Degree Teams conferred the Royal Masters Degree in the Council and the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross in the Commandery.

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.