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Borger Masonic News



Masonic News from Unity Lodge #1242, Billy Dixon Lodge #1369,
Borger York Rite Bodies, Scottish Rite, and Chapter 811 O.E.S.
February 2010



Robert O. "Bob" Schnell

8-10-1924-----6-29-2002

Banker, cattleman, electrician, pilot, Sunday School teacher, community leader; just a few of the varied interests of Most Worshipful Robert O. "Bob" Schnell - 154th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, who was elevated to the highest office in Texas Masonry on December 5, 1992.

He was raised a Master Mason on October 25, 1948 in Hansford Lodge No. 1040 at Spearman and served as Worshipful Master of that lodge in 1959-1960. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 102 under appointment by Grand Master Robert B. O'Connor in 1975, and answered the call of Grand Master Robert H. "Bob" Waters to again serve as District Deputy in 1984. A strong supporter of the Grand Lodge Endowed Membership Program, Bob held endowed memberships in Hansford, Adobe Walls, Wichita Falls and Holland lodges. In addition, he was a member of the Sam Houston Hall of Fame, an endowment fund for the maintenance of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum in Waco.

A man who firmly believed that Freemasonry offers something of interest to every Mason, Bob was active in the York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, DeMolay and many other related orders and organizations.

The passing of Brother Schnell from this world was a loss to Masonry, his community, and family.

Scottish Rite Honors



On November 14, 2009, several brethren received honors from the Scottish Rite. Brothers Cecil R. Biggers of Hansford Lodge #1040 and Raymond R. Renfroe from Unity Lodge #1242 received the 33rd Degree.

Brothers Kenneth O. Lanham of Unity #1242 and Gordon Fore of Pampa #966 received the 32nd Degree KCCH.

Congratulations Brethren

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

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 @ 7:00.....Borger York Rite

2-26 & 27.....York Rite Festival in Amarillo

3-6 & 7-2010.....Kettle Korn Sale @ the Aluminum Dome

3-13-2010.....50 Year Awards @ Unity

3-20-2010.....OES Honor the Masons Dinner at 6:30pm

3-27-2010.....1 Day El-Paso Scottish Rite Reunion @ Odessa, TX

4-10-2010....Grand Masters Conference in Borger @ 9:00am at FPC

4-16 to 4-19-2010.....Grand Commandery in Kerrville TX

4-24-2010 Lubbock Scottish Rite Reunion

IN MEMORIAM

William J. Woodruff.....11-09-0209

Harry Argovitz.....10-02-2009

Skyler G. Aynes12-21-2009

Roy G. Bienroth.....12-22-2009

Paul E. Brame.....01-04-2010

DUES NOTICES

My Brethren, the annual dues notices for the 2010 Masonic Year were mailed November 1, 2009. 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 3rd year in a row during the Grand Lodge Session held in Waco, Texas on December 3, 2009.



The award was presented to Raymond R. Renfro by Most Worshipful David Counts, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Unity Lodge was the only lodge in the Texas Panhandle to receive the award.

Grand Lodge Officer

Worshipful Master D. C. Taylor Jr. 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

Unity Lodge #1242 was well represented during the Grand Lodge Session for 2009. A total of eight brethren made the trip this year, six of whom were lodge officers.



Front Row L to R: Kevin Flanagin, Randy Hardin, and D. C. Taylor
Back Row L to R: Bill Spelce, Ray Renfro, Ken Moss, Steve Cross, and Terry Flippo

As usual we all had a great time attending Grand Lodge and eating at the local restaurants.



Unity Lodge #1242 hosts Holiday Dinner

On Friday December 11, 2009, 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.



This was our fourth annual Holiday Dinner. It seems the number present remains about the same each year..



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 Monday, November 16, 2009, Borger Commandery #96 held their annual inspection.

Sir Knight David Melear, Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas was the inspecting officer.



Sir Knight David Melear, Deputy Grand Commander

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

On Monday, December 21, 2009, Borger Commandery #96 installed officers for 2010. The installing commander was Sir Knight Stephen F. Cross, Past Commander of Borger #96 and the installing Marshalls were Sir Knights Terry L. Flippo, Past Commander of Borger #96. The officers installed for 2009 are as follows;



Front Row R to L: Stephen F. Cross, Guard, Curt Farmer, Commander, Randy Hardin, Captain General

Back Row L to R: Robert Gould, Standard Bearer, Orville Robison, Prelate, Ken Moss, Warder, Terry Flippo, Recorder, Joe Bob Trumbly, Sentinel, Ken Waldschmidt, Sword Bearer, Rick Wells, Sr. Warden

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

Following the installation of officers, Commander Curt Farmer presented the Excalibur Award to Sir Knight Joe Bob Trumbly.

This award is presented each year to a Sir Knight who has shown selfless devotion to the Commandery by his presence and work.



Sir Knight Steve Cross, Past Commander of Borger Commandery presented Sir Knight Curt Farmer with the Past Commanders Jewel for serving as Commander of Borger Commandery #96 for the Templar Year 2009.



Following the presentations the Commandery was closed in due form and all the Sir Knights retired to the dining room to enjoy coffee and cake.

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

At a Called Convocation held Monday December 21, 2009, Borger Chapter #437 presented the Cornerstone Award.



Excellent King Curt Farmer presented this year's award to Companion Kenneth R. Moss



At a called meeting of Borger Council #354, the Cryptic Triangle Award was presented to Companion Kenneth Waldschmidt by T.I.M. Curt Farmer.