

Unity Lodge #1242  
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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 2011

## UNITY #1242 PRESENTS 60, 50, and 25 YEAR AWARDS

On Saturday January 15, 2011, Unity Lodge #1242 presented 60, 50, and 25 Year Awards. The Awards Ceremony was held in the dining room. A total of 38 Masons and guests were present.



Worshipful Master Ray Renfroe and R:W: Marvin Moore, District Deputy Grand Master presented the awards.



The 60-Year Award was presented to Brother William H. Chisum



The Right Worshipful then presented 50 Year Awards to Brothers George Cannon and Paul Chilton.



Forty Year Awards were presented to Brothers Ronald Briggs, Charlie Hutchinson, and Roy Newman

There were no 25-Year Awardees present. There were several Awards that were mailed to out of state brethren by the Grand Lodge

Andrew L. Askew	65- Year Award
Ellis K. Green	60- Year Award
Homer R. Shipley	50- Year Award
Raymond R. Gant	50- Year Award
John D. Leonard	50- Year Award
Billy R. Phillips	50- Year Award
John O. Vinson	50- Year Award

## Unity Lodge #1242 and Billy Dixon #1369 Join the Fantastic Teeth Fan Club

On Monday January 10, 2011, members of Unity Lodge #1242 and Billy Dixon #1369 met at the lodge to assist the Masonic Children & Family Services Team to stuff the Fantastic Teeth Fan Club Goodie Bags.

This program was designed to bring dental care to 1st graders in the community. Members of the lodges then went to the schools with the Masonic Children and Family Services Team where they delivered 270 packets to Borger and Stinnett elementary students and 70 packets to Fritch elementary students.



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

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

2-26-2011.....Chili Cook-off @ Dome  
3-5 & 6-2011.....Kettle Korn Sale @ the Aluminum Dome

3-19-2011.....OES Honor the Masons  
Dinner at 6:30pm

4-9-2011....York Conference @ Floydada

4-2-2011 ..Lubbock Scottish Rite Reunion

4-15 to 4-18-2011....Grand Commandery in Amarillo

4-16-2011.....1 Day El-Paso Scottish Rite Reunion @ Snyder, TX

4-23-2011....Grand Masters Conference in Amarillo @ 2:00pm

## IN MEMORIAM

Billy J. Willhite.....10-17-2010

Wiley G. Price.....12-16-2010

## DUES NOTICES

My Brethren, the annual dues notices for the 2011 Masonic Year were mailed November 1, 2010. 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 4th year in a row during the Grand Lodge Session held in Waco, Texas on December 2, 2010.



The award was presented to Worshipful Master Raymond R. Renfroe by Most Worshipful Orville O'Neal, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Unity Lodge was again the only lodge in the Texas Panhandle to receive the award.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It is not what we eat, but what we digest ...  
that makes us strong.  
It is not what we earn, but what we save ...  
that makes us rich.  
It is not what we read, but what we remember  
that makes us learned.  
It is not what we profess, but what we practice  
that makes us Masons

## Dues Increase for 2011

The annual Grand Lodge of Texas was held December 2, 2010 through December 4, 2010 in Waco Texas. The major item discussed at Grand Lodge was an increase in per-capita dues. The per-capita has not been raise in several years, and Texas has one of the lowest in the nation. This has created a problem for the Grand Lodge. In it's efforts to help the smaller lodges a number of Grand Lodge programs had been discontinued or scaled back.

Now with the decrease in membership and increase in lodge repairs the Grand Lodge is being forced to raise the per-capita on its members. The per-capita has been raised from \$14.75 per member to \$25.00 per member each year.

Brethren, now we must raise dues in the lodge. I know this will create a small hardship on those with fixed incomes, however Unity Lodge #1242 has one of lowest annual dues in the state. Most lodges are charging \$75.00 to \$150.00 for annual dues.

The proposal brought forth in the lodge is \$60.00 per year. Hopefully this will allow us to continue for several years without raising dues again.

This is not a step the lodge takes lightly, but we hope it will preserve our lodge for many years in the future to serve the members and our community.

## Grand Lodge Officer

Past Master Marvin Moore of Billy Dixon #1369 was appointed and installed as the District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District #102 of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas.

Brother Moore served as Master of Billy Dixon Lodge #1367 in 1967-68 and is a 50-Year member.



Front Row L to R: Wesley Hughes, R:W: Marvin Moore, Matt Trammell  
Back Row L to R: Shane Hughes, Gabriel Sims

Right Worshipful Moore attended the Grand Lodge session and was blessed to have four of his grandsons witness his installation.

The District Deputy will make his first official visit to Unity Lodge #1242 on Thursday 2-17-2011.

**Congratulations Right Worshipful Sir!!**

## Borger Commandery #96 Holds Annual Inspection

On Monday, November 6, 2010, Borger Commandery #96 held their annual Inspection.

Sir Knight Jack M. Harper, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Texas was the Inspecting Officer.



Sir Knight Jack Harper, Grand Sword Bearer

A total of 18 Sir Knights were present during the inspection.

**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 Installs Officers for 2011

On Monday, December 20, 2010, Borger Commandery #96 installed officers for 2011. The Installing Commander was Sir Knight David Melear, Very Eminent Grand Commander of Texas and the Installing Marshall was Sir Knights Judge Risley, Past Commander of Amarillo #48.

Prior to the installation Commander Curt Farmer present the Grand Commander with an Honorary Membership to Borger Commandery #96



Grand Commander David Melear

Grand Commander Melear thanked the Sir Knights for the honorary membership. At this time the officers for 2011 were installed as follows;



Front Row R to L: Judge Risley, Rick Wells, Capt. General, V:E: David Melear, Kurt Schoch, Commander, Cecil Biggers, Treasurer  
Middle Row L to R: Orville Robison, Prelate, Ken Waldschmidt, Ken Moss, Warder, Robert Gould, Senior Warden  
Back Row L to R: Joe Bob Trumbly, Terry Flippo, Recorder, Lee Crites, Standard Bearer

Kurt R. Schoch.....Commander  
Randy L. Hardin.....Generalissimo  
L. Rick Wells.....Captain General  
Cecil R. Biggers.....Treasurer  
Terry L. Flippo.....Recorder  
Orville Robison.....Prelate  
Robert R. Gould.....Senior Warden  
J. David Williams.....Junior Warden  
Ken Waldschmidt.....Sword Bearer  
David Lee Crites.....Standard Bearer  
Kenneth R. Moss.....Warder  
Joe Bob Trumbly.....Sentinel  
Stephen F. Cross.....Guard  
Zar A. Robinson.....Guard

Prior the installation of officers, Commander Sir Knight Curt Farmer presented the Excalibur Award to Sir Knight Kenneth R. Moss.

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 Kurt Schoch, Commander of Borger Commandery presented Sir Knight Curt Farmer with the Plaque in recognition of his service as Commander of Borger Commandery #96 for the Templar Years 2009 and 2010.



Following the presentations the Commandery was closed in due form and all the Sir Knights and guests 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 20, 2010, Borger Chapter #437 presented the Cornerstone Award.



Most Excellent High Priest Curt Farmer presented this years award to Companion Robert R. Gould



At a called meeting of Borger Council #354, the Cryptic Triangle Award was presented to Companion Raymond R. Renfroe by T.I.M. Kurt Schoch.