

Unity Lodge #1242  
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# *Borger Masonic News*



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

May 2011

## Unity Lodge #1242 in Community Chili Cook-off

Saturday, February 26, 2011, Unity Lodge #1242 took part in the 3rd Annual Community Chili Cook-off. The event was held at the dome in Borger.



Brother D. C. Taylor, with a little help, prepared the chili on Friday afternoon. The lodge prepared about 10 gallons of chili. Although the crowd was not large, we did serve a little chili.



## Kettle Korn Sale



On March 5th and 6th Unity Lodge #1242 once again manned the Kettle Korn Sale. We raised over \$889.99 for our Masonic Charities.



A few new Brethren helped with the Kettle Korn Sale. Thanks to Brothers David Hagler, Chuck Nichols, and Brad Sable. The next sale will be in September. Hope to see you then.

Well done Brethren, well done.

## Borger Commandery #96 Wins 3rd Place

Saturday, February 26, 2011, Borger Commandery #96 took part in the 3rd Annual Community Chili Cook-off. The event was held at the dome in Borger.



Sir Knight Terry Flippo, with a little help, prepared the chili on Friday afternoon. The Commandery cook prepared about 10 gallons of chili. Although the crowd was not large, we did serve some chili and raised \$50.00 for the food drive.



After all the tasting and politicking it was announced that Borger Commandery #96 K. T. had placed 3rd in the Chili cook-off. The Commandery was awarded a check for \$50.00 which was donated to the Food Drive.

## 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 @ 7:30.....Borger York Rite

5-14-2011.....Hilltop meeting at  
Amarillo Lodge @ 11:00am

5-14-2011.....Red Cross Conferral

5-20--2011 thru 5-22-2011 ...  
Scottish Rite Convocation in Waco

6-04-2011.....AMD Meeting in  
Perryton @ 2:00pm

6-24-2011.....Unity Installation of  
Officers @ 7:00pm

7-20-2011.....Chapter & Council  
Installation of Officers

7-23-2011.....MS Bike Ride & BBQ  
@ Canadian

8-19 thru 8-21-2011...5-State Conference  
in Amarillo

## **IN MEMORIAM**

Toy R. Stanton.....3-02-2011  
John R. Lagrone .....3-10-2011  
Raymond R. Gant.....  
Robert L. Mathews.....4-16-2011

## Grand Masters Conference

On Saturday April 23, 2011, the Grand Masters Conference was held in Amarillo, Texas.



Grand Master Gene Carnes gave a program on his plans and programs for 2011.

There were a number of officers and members of Unity Lodge #1242 and it was announced that we qualified for the Vanguard Award.



## A Mason's Wife

From active Masons, resolute,  
our wives and families we salute;

We surely know the price you pay,  
who sit alone while we're away;

No high degrees on you conferred,  
in Lodge, your name is seldom heard;

You serve our cause though out of  
sight, while sitting home alone tonight;

Masonic papers list our names,  
awards are given, fit to frame;

But yours is absent...you who strive,  
to keep our fortitude alive;

You're part of every helpful deed,  
on your encouragement we feed;

Without your blessings, how could we,  
continue acts of charity?

And so, this poem, we dedicate,  
to every Master Mason's mate;

And offer our undying love,  
rewards await in Heaven above

## Secretary Note

Brethren,

It is with mixed emotions that I report this is my final year as Secretary of Unity Lodge #1242. It has been my honor to have served as Secretary since 1995.

I recently moved to Wildorado, Texas and feel it is impractical for me drive to Borger for each Masonic Meeting.

I will continue as the Secretary/Recorder of the Borger York Rite and hope to keep the quarterly newsletter going.

I will not drop out of masonry and plan on being active in the Amarillo lodges. I will attend some functions in Borger and will aid the incoming secretary as much as possible to allow the lodge to run smoothly.

Again Brethren, thank you for allowing me to serve. I will miss all of you.

Fraternally,

*Terry L. Flippo*

## Scottish Rite

On Saturday, April 22, 2011, members of the High Plains Degree Teams helped confer the Degrees at the Lubbock Scottish Rite Reunion.

We had a total of twelve candidates that watched the degrees as they were put on by the various degree teams from across the panhandle.



5th Degree Team

We had a great time and urge any Scottish Rite Mason to join a degree team and assist in conferring the degrees. The next Scottish Rite Reunion will be held in Lubbock in October of 2011



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# GRAND COMMANDERY

On April 15, 2011 through April 18, 2011 the Grand Commandery Knights Templar was held in Amarillo Texas. This is the first time that Grand Commandery has been held in the Texas Panhandle for many years.

Borger Commandery #96 joined in the annual session and brought home a few rewards.

On Saturday morning the Borger Drill Team competed in the "D" Class Drill



Members of the team pictured are Sir Knights Terry Flippo, Jeff Graham, John Benton, Grand Commander David Melear, Curt Farmer, Randy Hardin, Kurt Schoch, and Josh Strazewski.

The drill team practiced three times a week during the last month and we are proud to report that we placed 4th in our first ever drill competition. This is quite an accomplishment for a bunch of guys with two left feet and no sense of direction. We plan to do better next year and hope other members of Borger #96 will join the team.

During the banquet and awards ceremony on Saturday night Borger Commandery was recognized with several awards.

Borger Commandery #96 was presented with the Award of Merit for 2010.



Curt Farmer, Grand Sword Bearer Jack Harper, Gary Freedman, Past Commander of Amarillo #48, Grand Commander David Melear

Sir Knight Curt Farmer, Commander for 2010 was presented the award by Grand Commander

David Melear and Grand Sword Bearer Jack Harper.

Amarillo Commandery #48 received the Gilbough and Kidd Plaques for Ritual and Tactics.

Past Commander Farmer was also presented with the Cross and Crown Award for 2010. This is the first time Borger has received this award in 10 years and is the result of a lot of hard work by the Sir Knights.



Sir Knight Terry Flippo was present with the Knight Templar Cross of Honor by Sir Knight David Melear, Grand Commander of Texas.

This award is a very special award and is presented to only two or three Sir Knights each year. Other recipients were Sir Knights Milton Skipper of Amarillo #48 and Gene Schneider of Odessa.



Past Commander Curt Farmer and Lady ,Ann Beach, Lady Carol and Sir Knight Bob Gould

Over 400 people were present at the awards Banquet.

During the Grand Commandery business session held on Monday 4-18-2011. Sir Knight Gary Freedman of Amarillo Commandery #48 was elected as Grand Sentinel for 2012. This means that another Grand Commandery will be held in our area in about 10 years. Congratulations to Sir Knight Freedman.

My Brethren we all had a great time and urge any Christian Mason to take the York Rite.