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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.
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UNITY #1242 PRESENTS 60 YEAR AWARD

Recently, 65, 60, and 50, Year Awards were presented. Brother Felix Parker received his 60 year award in the lodge on December 15, 2011. He was presented the award by Worshipful Master Rick Wells.



Brother Cliff Akers was presented his 60 Year Award in Tyler Texas by the District Deputy Grand Master of that District. Other members who declined a presentation ceremony received their awards by mail from the Grand Lodge. Following is a list of members who received awards:

Lester Wiles.....65 Year Award
 Jack Fitzgerald.....60 Year Award
 Cliff Akers.....60 Year Award
 Felix Parker.....60 Year Award
 George Ithaca.....60 Year Award
 John Anderson.....60 Year Award
 Johnny Sappington.....50 Year Award
 James Limes.....50 Year Award
 Harold Rawlins.....50 Year Award
 Richard Wallace.....50 Year Award

LUBBOCK SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

On Wednesday, January 18, 2012, Brother Stephen F. Cross was installed as the Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Texas to the Lubbock Scottish Rite Valley in Lubbock Texas.



Brother Cross was installed by Douglas M. Adkins S.G.I.G. of Texas.



Let us all give Brother Cross all the support we can going forward.

Brother Kenneth R. Moss was installed as the Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection by newly installed Stephen F. Cross. Congratulations to both Steve and Ken.



DUES NOTICES

My Brethren, the annual dues notices for the 2012 Masonic Year were mailed November 1, 2011. Please pay your dues promptly to avoid Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues.

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:

rhardin47@hotmail.com

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

2-16-12.....DDGM Visit to Unity 1242

3-3 & 4-2012.....Kettle Korn Sale @
 the Aluminum Dome

3-17-12.....OES Honor the Masons @
 6:30 pm

3-23 & 24-2012....Lubbock Reunion

4-14-2012.....1 Day El-Paso Scottish
 Rite Reunion @ Snyder, TX

4-20 to 4-23-2012....Grand Commandery
 in Houston

4-28-2012.....Grand Masters Conference
 in Amarillo @ 3:00pm

IN MEMORIAM

Alvin S. Tucker.....08-26-2011
 Jim L. Hall.....11-24-2011
 Johnny G. Sappington.....11-25-2011
 William H. Chisum.....11-26-2011
 C. C. "Bud" Reynolds.....11-26-2011
 Robert V. Patak.....12-28-2011
 Harry Gene Kuhrt.....01-12-2012

Unity Lodge #1242 Receives Vanguard Award

Unity Lodge #1242 was presented with the Vanguard Award for the 5th year in a row during the Grand Lodge Session held in Waco, Texas on November 30, 2011.

The award was presented to Treasurer Mike Webb by Most Worshipful Gene Carnes, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Unity Lodge was again the only lodge in the Texas Panhandle to receive the award.

Kettle Korn Report

Brethren we are still doing the Kettle Korn Sale at the Dome 3 times a year. At the sale November 12th and 13th we raised \$610.35 bringing the total raised to over \$13,000.00 during the years we have been working on the project.



Dues Increase for 2012 Now in Effect

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 raised 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 had to 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 dues in the lodge were raised to \$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 Bobby Mack Jr. 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 during the Grand Lodge session on December 3, 2011.

Congratulations Right Worshipful Sir!!

Commandery Makes Presentation to Helping Hands

Sir Knight Randy Hardin, Eminent Commander of Borger Commandery #96 presented the Helping Hands with a check for \$350.00. This is the results of the annual Commandery Fund Raiser.

Helping Hand receives donation



High Plains Helping Hand recently received a donation from the Borger Commandery #96. Present for the giving of the donation were Maxine Moe, Randy Harbin of Borger Commandery #96, Carolyn Poindexter, and Veronica Lane.

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 2012

On Friday, December 30, 2011, Borger Commandery #96 installed officers for 2012. The Installing Commander was Sir Knight David Melear, Eminent Past Grand Commander of Texas and the Installing Marshall was Eminent Sir Knights Gary Freedman, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery of Texas. Sir Knight Albert Urbina, Commander of Amarillo #48 was the Installing Chaplain.

Prior to the installation a brief memorial service was given to remember our fallen Sir Knights for 2011. Commander Curt Farmer present the Grand Commander with an Honorary Membership to Borger Commandery #96



Past Grand Commander David Melear



Front Row R to L: Cecil Biggers, Randy Hardin, V:E: David Melear PGC, Robert R. Gould, E. Gary Freedman, Grand Sentinel
Middle Row L to R: Lee Crites, Ken Waldschmidt, Joe Bob Trumbly, Zar Robinson, Dallas Alford of Amarillo #48
Back Row L to R: Orville Robison, Curt Farmer, Albert Urbina of Amarillo #48, Terry Flippo

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

Following the installation of officers, Sir Knight Randy Hardin, Commander of Borger #96 presented the Excalibur Award to Sir Knight Kenneth E. Waldschmidt.

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



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.



Right Excellent District Deputy Grand High Priest High Priest Gary Freedman 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 Robert R. Gould by Right Illustrious Gary Freedman District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Texas.