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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 2013

#### UNITY #1242 PRESENTS 60 & 50 YEAR AWARDS

On Saturday December 15, 2012 60, and 50, Year Awards were presented. Brother Verlie Deaton received his 60 year award. He was presented the award by Right Worshipful Kevin Smith, District Deputy Grand Master.



Brother Deaton receives his 50 year pin

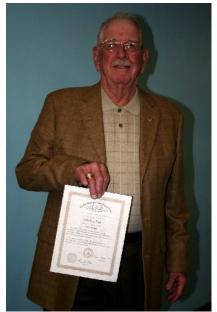


Right Worshipful Kevin Smith

Brother Haskell Clawson and Don Fine each received their 50-year pins and certificates.



Brother Clawson receives his 50-Year pin



Brother Don Fine displays his certificate

There were several other Brethren who received awards but were unable to attend. They are as follows:

Joe T. Lee	65 Year Award
Leslie Raley	65 Year Award
Tommie Maddox	65 Year Award
Clarence Clifton	60 Year Award
William Harter	60 Year Award
Jack L. King	50 Year Award
Leon Griffin	50 Year Award
Ronald Clemshire	50 Year Award

A total of 46 people were present to enjoy the holiday dinner and awards presentation.



My Brethren, the annual dues notices for the 2013 Masonic Year were mailed November 1, 2012. 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**

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

2-14-2013......DDGM Visit to Billy Dixon #1369

3-1-2013...... York Festival in Amarillo

3-2-2013...... Kettle Korn Sale @ the Aluminum Dome

3-7-13.....DDGM Visit to Unity 1242

3-16-2013......Lubbock Reunion Part 1

4-20-2013.....1 Day El-Paso Scottish
Rite Reunion

4-11 to 4-15-2013....Grand Commandery in Addison, TX

4-27-2013......Grand Masters Conference in Amarillo @ 9:00am



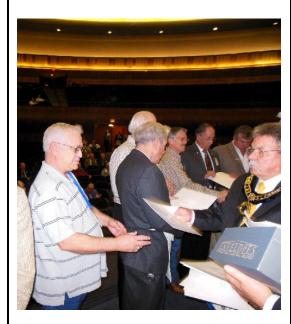
#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Roy Hudson	11-10-2012
Carol S. Colburn	11-23-2012
Dale E. Henry	12-22-2012
William J. Campbell	
McNeal Purvis	01-11-2013

### Unity Lodge #1242 Receives Vanguard Award

Unity Lodge #1242 was presented with the Vanguard Award for the 6th year in a row during the Grand Lodge Session held in Waco, Texas on December 4, 2012.

The award was presented to Secretary Randy Hardin by Right Worshipful Walt Rogers, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.



Once again Unity Lodge was the only lodge in the Texas Panhandle to receive the award.

#### **Lodges Join Forces**

On Sunday January 13, 2013, Billy Dixon Lodge #1369, Unity Lodge #1242 and the Borger York Rite joined together to help a Masonic Widow.

We began a project to repair the floors, Central heat ducting and other house hold repairs.



We began by tearing the old ducting out from under the trailer that dogs had destroyed. All the ducts were replaced and now the heating system is in working order.



Repairs were made to the front porch. The floor repairs will be made when the weather warms a little. Thanks to all the brethren who have helped.

#### **Grand Lodge Officer**

Past Master Kevin W. Smith of Dumas Lodge #1009 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 8, 2012.

Congratulations Right Worshipful Sir!!



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

Weekend, November 10-11, 2012



Borger Commandery #96, a Masonic organization, presented a \$350 check to Helping Hands. Present for the giving of the donation were Terry Flippo, recorder; Randy Hardin, commander; Veronica Lane, Carolyn Poindexter, Director; Linda McGowan, Dora Faulkner, Paul Martin, Lois Boyer, and Bobbye Martin.

## **Borger Commandery #96 Holds Annual Inspection**

On Saturday, October 13, 2012, Borger Commandery #96 held their annual Inspection.

Sir Knight Clarence Laney, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Texas was the Inspecting Officer.



Sir Knight Clarence Laney, Grand Sword Bearer and Commander Randy Hardin

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 Monday, December 17, 2012, Borger Commandery #96 installed officers for 2012. The Installing Commander was Sir Knight Terry Flippo, Past Commander of Borger Commandery #96 and the Installing Marshall was Sir Knight Robert R. Gould, Past Commander of Borger Commandery #96.

Prior to the installation a brief memorial service was given to remember our fallen Sir Knights for 2012.



Past Commander Randy Hardin

Sir Knight Hardin was presented his Past Commanders Jewel and a Past Commander Plaque for his service to the Commandery during the Templar Year 2012.



Front Row R to L: Curt Farmer Senior Warden, Roger Courson Generalissimo, Randy Hardin Commander, Cecil Biggers Treasurer, Robert Gould

Back Row L to R: Joe Bob Trumbly Sentinel, Ken Moss Warder, Terry Flippo Recorder, Kevin Smith Standard Bearer, Ken Waldschmidt Sword Bearer,

Randy Hardin	Commander
Roger Courson	Generalissimo
Sam Fisk	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
Kevin W. Smith	Standard Bearer
Ken Moss	Warder
Joe Bob Trumbly	Sentinel
Stephen F. Cross	Guard
Zar Robinson	Guard

Following the installation of officers, Sir Knight Randy Hardin, Commander of Borger #96 presented the Excalibur Award to Sir Knight Curtis D. Farmer.

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 Farmer also received his Excalibur Lapel Pin.

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 17, 2012, Borger Chapter #437 presented the Cornerstone Award to Companion Kurt R. Schoch. Companion Schoch could not be at the presentation due to other commitments.

He will receive his award at a future meeting of Borger Chapter #437.

At a called Assembly of Borger Council #354, the Cryptic Triangle Award was presented to Companion Curtis D. Farmer by Right Illustrious Terry Flippo District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Texas.



Companion Farmer has been very dedicated in the York Rite and is well deserving of the awards he has received.