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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 2014

Unity #1242 Celebrates Holiday Season

On Saturday December 14, 2013 the members of Unity Lodge #1242 and Eastern Star Chapter #811 gathered in the lodge dining room to celebrate the holiday season.

A traditional holiday meal of turkey and dressing with ham and all the side dishes was served.



Chaplain Tommy Howard opened the meeting with a blessing and then 43 Masons and guests enjoyed a fine meal together. We then enjoyed all the fine deserts prepared by the wives. Hmmm good.

Following the meal Worshipful Master D. C Taylor introduced the evening's entertainment.



The Mack Family singers furnished some great music with Bobby Mack Jr. on the base fiddle, Bobby Mack Sr. playing the guitar, and Mrs. Bobby Mack Sr. playing the dobrou.



A great time was enjoyed by all.

Grand Lodge Report

The Grand Lodge Session was held in Waco, Texas on 12-6-13 and 12-7-13

Brother Kevin Flanigan, Past Master of Unity #1242 was installed as the District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District #102 of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas.



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

2-8-2014.....50-Year Awards @ Unity
Lodge @ 6:30 pm

2-11-2014.....Snack Pack at the School
Admin Building @ 3:00 pm

2-19-2014.....MM Degree at Unity 7:00pm

3-04-2014.....Snack Pack at the School
Admin Building @ 3:00 pm

3-29-2014....El Paso Scottish Rite Reunion

4-4-2014....Lubbock Scottish Rite Reunion

4-5-2014....Lubbock Scottish Rite Reunion

4-25-2014 to 4-28-2014....Grand
Commandery @ Houston

5-3-2014....Grand Master's Conference
@ Khiva Temple 2:00 pm

In Memoriam

James F. Formby.....12-05-2013

Clifford L. Neeley.....12-11-2013

Dues Notices

Dues notices for Unity Lodge #1242 and Borger Commandery #96 were mailed on November 1, 2013. Please pay your dues promptly to avoid being suspended.

Snack Pack

Unity Lodge #1242 is assisting the Borger Schools with the Snack Pack for Kids. The program provides snacks for children who do not have enough to eat on weekends.

The program has spread all over the Texas Panhandle. It costs about \$133.00 per year per child to provide nine months of weekend food. The lodge is helping pack the Snack Packs on the second Tuesday of the month at the School Administration Building on Weatherly Street in Borger.

Our lodge is collecting 18oz jars of peanut butter and all the Pop Tarts we can find. Come on brethren make a donation!!!!



This is one of our lodge projects for the community. We need help setting up the tables each month and with the donations. Plus it is a lot of fun. LET'S GET WITH THE PROGRAM MASONS!!!

Tooth Fairy Strike Again!!!

Once again Unity Lodge #1242 is helping with the Fantastic Teeth Program. This has turned into an annual event for the lodge.



The brethren gathered at the lodge to pack the packets being handed out to the grade school children in Borger, Stinnett, Fritch, and Spring Creek Schools. We deliver the packets to the schools and put on a short program telling the children about dental care.

If I was a good at computer graphics I could put wings and Tutus on all the guys in the above picture. Thanks Brethren for helping with the local programs.

Just think... In two more days, tomorrow will be the past.

Borger Commandery Makes Donation to Helping Hands

On Monday November 25, 2013, Sir Knight Terry Flippo, Past Commander of Borger Commandery #96 presented a check for \$350.00 to the Helping Hands.

Borger York Rite Organization donates to Hutchinson County Helping Hands



Borger York Rite Org. donates a check for \$350 to Hutchinson County Helping Hands. Pictured here, Board President John W. Westman and Past Commander Terry Flippo present the check to Director Susie Hernandez and Supervisor Dora Faulkner

Borger Commandery #96 has made this their primary fund raising event each year. The Chapeau is passed at each meeting and the Sir Knights present make a donation. At the end of the year the money collected is donated to the Helping Hands to purchase food for the needy in Hutchinson County.

The York Rite also donates a cash sum to the Rainbow Room to purchase Christmas Gifts for the children in custody of the Child Protection Services.

Commandery Marches

On Saturday November 9, 2013, members of the Borger #96 and Amarillo #48 Drill Teams marched in the annual Veteran's Day Parade in Amarillo.



Amarillo Team is the reigning "D" Team Champions nationally and on the state level.

Most of the team members are former service members. We try to march in the parade each year and also have done the flag presentations at the War Memorial in Amarillo the last few years. It is an honor to march for our Veteran's.

Scottish Rite

On Friday April 4th and Saturday April 5th, the Lubbock Scottish Rite will have their Spring Reunion. If you would like to take the Scottish Rite Degrees contact a Scottish Rite Mason as soon as possible.

Borger Commandery Installs Officers for 2014

On Monday 12-16-2013, the officers of Borger Commandery #96 were installed for the 2014 Templar Year. The Installing Commander was Sir Knight Terry Flippo and the Installing Marshall was Sir Knight Cecil Biggers.



L to R Front Row: Cecil Biggers Treasurer, Kevin Smith Generalissimo, Randy Hardin Commander, Larry Chancellor Capt. General, Terry Flippo Recorder

L to R Back Row: Robert Gould Std. Bearer, Ken Waldschmidt Warder, Orville Robison Prelate, Curt Farmer Sr. Warden, Joe Bob Trumbly Sentinel, Ken Moss Swd. Bearer

Following the installation of officers, Sir Knight Flippo presented Sir Knight Randy Hardin with the Excalibur Award for his dedication and service to Borger Commandery and Templar Masonry.



This is the 3rd year that Sir Knight Hardin has served as Commander of the Commandery.

TMRC Project

A new project is being started for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. The Companions of Borger Chapter #437 and Borger Council #354 will start collecting the shampoos, conditioners, and soaps from the motel rooms on their various trips. These items will then be donated to the TMRC General store for the residents to pick up at no charge. This will help our retired masons at no cost to them or to any member of the Chapters and Councils.

Borger Chapter #437 Presents Cornerstone Award for 2013

On Monday 12-16-2013 Borger Chapter #437 presented the Cornerstone Award to a deserving Companion. The award was presented by Most Excellent High Priest Kevin Smith.



The award was presented to Companion Raymond R. Renfro.

Companion Renfro has served the Chapter as a Past High Priest, Past District Deputy Grand High Priest, and as an appointed officer of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Texas.

Congratulations Companion and thank you for all the hard work and time you have contributed to Capitular Masonry in Texas.

Borger Council #354 Presents The Cryptic Triangle Award for 2013

On Monday 12-16-2013 Borger Council #354 presented the Cryptic Triangle Award to a deserving Companion. The award was presented by Thrice Illustrious Master Kevin Smith.



This years award was presented to Companion Randy L. Hardin.

Companion Hardin has served the Council as a Past Thrice Illustrious Master on two occasions.

Congratulations Companion and thank you for all the hard work and time you have contributed to Cryptic Masonry in Texas.