# **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 2015

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# Unity #1242 Celebrates Holiday Season

On Saturday December 13, 2014 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 51 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 Terry Moon introduced the evening's entertainment.



The Moon Family singers furnished some great music with Worshipful Master Moon play the guitar, Brother Jerry the keyboard, father playing the fiddle and wife and all singing.



A great time was enjoyed by all.

**Dues Notices** Dues notices for Unity Lodge

#1242 and Borger Commandery #96 were mailed on November 1, 2014. Please pay your dues promptly to avoid being suspended.

### **Grand Lodge Report**

The Grand Lodge Session was held in Waco, Texas on 12-5-14 and 12-6-14 Brother Terry W. Moon, Worshipful Master of Unity #1242, was installed as the District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District #102 of the Grand Lodge of Texas.





Apron Case presented by Kevin Flanagin, District Deputy 2014

### **Calendar of Events**

1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays @ 7:30Eastern Star
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7:30Unity #1242
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday @ 7:30Billy Dixon
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 7:30Borger York Rite
2-10-2015Snack Pack at the School
Admin. Building @ 3:00 pm
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3-14-2015Kettle Korn at the Dome
3-15-2015Kettle Korn at the Dome
3-21-201550 Year Awards @ Unity
Lodge at 6:30 pm
3-28-2015El Paso Scottish Rite Reunion
4-4-2015Golden Trowel Presentation @
Unity Lodge at 6:30 pm
4-14-2015Snack Pack at the School
Admin Building @ 3:00 pm
4-18-2015 to 4-21-2015Grand
Commandery @ Sam Marcus
4-25-2015Grand Council School of
in Borger @ 9:00 am
5-2-2015Grand Master's Conference
@ Lubbock at 1:00 pm
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# In Memoriam

06-23-2014
11-08-2013
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# **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.

We have had several nice write-ups in the Borger Newspaper over the last couple of weeks.

We recently presented a \$500.00 check to the program and 50 jars of peanut butter.



We meet at the School Administration Building on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm to set up the tables so the lunch bags can be stocked.



The girls Golf Team is always there to help.

# 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.



Six Masons, 20 Teachers, and about 200 1<sup>st</sup> graders assembled at the Gateway School.



Brothers Bill Spelce and Randy Hardin used "Bristles the Dinosaur" to demonstrate the proper method of tooth brushing.

The program has been presented in Borger, Fritch, Stinnett, and Spring Creek Schools.

## Borger Commandery Makes Donation to Helping Hands

On Monday November 24, 2014, Sir Knight Terry Flippo, Recorder of Borger Commandery #96 Randy Hardin, Commander of Borger Commandery #96 presented a check for \$350.00 to the Helping Hands.

#### **Donation to Helping Hands**



Helping Hands Recives a donation from Borger Comander 196 Knight Templar of Texas. (Photo by Don Rice)

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.

# Ray Renfroe Receives 65 Year Award

On Thursday afternoon, December 4, 2014, Brother Raymond R. Renfroe received his 65-Year Award.

The Award was presented by Grand Master Jerry I. Martin during the opening ceremonies of the Grand Session for 2014.



# **Scottish Rite**

On Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 2015

On Monday 12-15-2014, 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: Earnest Lancaster JW, Larry Chancellor Generalissimo, Kevin Smith Commander, Cole Tefertiller Capt. General, Kevin Flanagin SW L to R 2nd Row: Cecil Biggers, Treasurer, Randy Hardin Std. Bearer, Robert Gould Sentinel, Terry Moon Swd. Bearer L to R 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Ken Waldschmidt Warder, Orville Robison Prelate, Terry Flippo Recorder

Following the installation of officers, Sir Knight Ed Prince was awarded the Excalibur Award for his dedication and service to Borger Commandery and Templar Masonry.



# 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.

BONES

There are four MAIN BONES in every organization. The WISHBONES wish someone would do something. The JAWBONES do all the talking, but very little else. The KNUCKLEBONES sit back and knock everything. The BACKBONES carry the brunt of the load and do most of the work. Which BONE are you?

# Borger Chapter #437 Presents Cornerstone Award for 2014

On Monday 12-15-2014 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 Randy L. Hardin.

Companion Hardin has served the Chapter as a Past High Priest and a Past District Deputy Grand High Priest.

Companion Hardin is presently serving as the District Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters 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 2014

On Monday 12-15-2014 Borger Council #354 presented the Cryptic Triangle Award to a deserving Companion. The award was presented to Companion Joe Bob Trumbly.

Companion Trumbly was very ill and was unable to attend the Awards Ceremony.

# Unity Receives Vanguard Award

During the Grand Lodge Session held 12-3-2015, Unity Lodge received the Vanguard Award for the 2013-14 Masonic Year. Worshipful Master Terry Moon accepted the award.

