# **Borger Masonic News**



Masonic News from Unity Lodge #1242, Billy Dixon Lodge #1369, Borger York Rite Bodies, and Chapter 811 Order of the Eastern Star May 2015

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# Kettle Korn Sale



On March 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 members Unity Lodge #1242, Billy Dixon #1369, and Borger Commandery #96 once again manned the booth at our spring Kettle Korn Sale.



A few new Brethren helped with the Kettle Korn Sale. It was really nice outside. We raised \$635.32 for the Scottish Rite Learning Center at Lubbock. The next sale will be in September. Hope to see you then. Well done Brethren, well done.

# <u>Unity #1242 Presents</u> Golden Trowel Award

On Friday April 4, 2015 Unity Lodge #1242 presented the Golden Trowel Award. This year's recipient was Brother Terry W. Moon.



The Award was presented by Brother Ken Moss. Terry served as a Worshipful Master of Adobe Walls Lodge #1355 in 1996-97. He has been active in the Eastern Star and Borger York Rite Bodies.



Terry is the current Worshipful Master of Unity #1242 and is the District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District #102.

# **Rough and Perfect** Ashler Stones

On Thursday April 2, 2015 Brother J. Don Little of Alvin Lodge #762 visited our lodge. He presented the lodge with a set of Ashler Stones



The Rough and Perfect Ashler Stones give us an opportunity to reflect upon our progress from the Entered Apprentice Degree to the Master's Degree. In this journey we are striving to become smooth and square in our dealing with the community and each other as Masons



### **Calendar of Events**

Conference in Amarillo
8-14 & 15-20155 State Masonic
Installation of Officers
7-20-2015Chapter & Council
in Amarillo
6-26 & 27-2015York Rite Festival
in Amarillo
5-30-2015Red Cross Banquet
Floydada @ 2:00pm
5-23-2015York Rite Conference in
in Lubbock
5-08 & 9- 2015Scottish Rite Reunion
in Lubbock
5-02-2015Grand Masters Conf. at
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 7:30Borger York Rite
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday @ 7:30Billy Dixon
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7:30Unity #1242
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays @ 7:30Eastern Star

# **IN MEMORIAM**

Claude Wood Jr	01-26-2015
Marvin Cogdill	01-29-2015
Merle O. Tolbert	01-29-2015
Cliff Akers	02-09-2015
Efton Ford Jr	
Roy T. Talley	03-14-2015

### Brethren,

The Masonic Year ends on 6-23-2015. If you have not paid your dues you will be suspended per Grand Lodge Law.

# GRAND COMMANDERY 2015

On April 18, 2015 through April 20, 2015 the Grand Commandery Knights Templar was held in San Marcus Texas. Once again 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 Cole Tefertiller, Terry Flippo, David Melear, Josh Strazewski, Elijah West, Randy Hardin, (Shawn Larson not pictured)

The drill team has practiced every Sunday since January and we placed 1st in the drill competition in the "D" Class. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time Borger has ever placed this high in the competition. Amarillo Commandery #96 "D" Team placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. It might also be noted that the Amarillo Team is still the reigning National Champions. It is nice that the Class "D" Banner stayed in the panhandle. The two drill teams practice together and if the truth be known the Borger Team could be called Amarillo Northeast as Borger could not field a team without members from Amarillo.



From L to R: Kieth Finch, Bob Russell, Mike Larsen, Albert Urbina, Tim Benton, Judge Risley and Gary Freedman comprise the Amarillo Team

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

Borger Commandery #96 was presented with the Cross and Crown Award for 2014. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row we have received this award. It is presented to Commanderies that are active in their community.

Past Commander Randy Hardin accepted the award for the Commandery



Commander Randy Hardin receives the Cross and Crown Award for Borger #96

Borger Commandery #96 also received the Civic and Patriotic Award for 2014. This is the 4th year in a row that Borger has received the award.



Borger Commandery #96 won the Kidd Banner for 2014. This plaque is presented to the Commandery that exhibits strong tactics in the Order of the Temple Degree. The Gilbaugh Banner for ritual went to Plainview Commandery.



Commander Randy Hardin receives the Kidd Banner for Tactics from the Grand Sentinel Chance Chapman

Borger Commandery #96 also participated in the Ritual Competition. We placed 6<sup>th</sup> this year. This is an improvement over 2014.



Borger Ritual Team L to R: Kieth Finch, Cole Tefertiller, Randy Hardin, Terry Flippo, Bob Russell, Shawn Larson, Dallas Allford

Amarillo Commandery#48 also competed and place 1<sup>st</sup> in the competition.

## Unity Lodge #1242 Presents 50-Year Awards

On Saturday March21, 2014 Unity Lodge held their annual Awards Banquet. A number of awards were announced and presented.

#### 65 Year Awards

Merle Scoggins Joe C. Miller Raymond R. Renfroe



Ray Renfroe received his 65-Year Award at Grand Lodge

### 60 Year Awards

Ira Honaker Claude Taliferro



Ira Honaker receives 60-Year Award from Terry Moon, Worshipful Master and District Deputy Grand Master

### 50 Year Awards

Gerald Ritter Paul W. Reynolds John E. Reynolds Jr. Furman Maxwell Robert E. Haynes Jr. Kenneth W. Savage David C. Jackson James E. Allison

A total of 45 Masons and guests attend the dinner. Those members who were unable to attend were mailed their awards by the Grand Lodge of Texas or were delivered by the District Deputy Grand Master.

### 40 Year Awards

Albert Mckinney Gerald Bowers



Gerald Bowers receives 40-Year Award from Terry Moon, Worshipful Master and District Deputy Grand Master

### 25 Year Awards

Larry S. Parker Ronnie D. Trammell



Larry Parker receives 25-Year Award from Terry Moon, Worshipful Master and District Deputy Grand Master