

La Marque Lodge #1325

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Meetings are 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Meal at 6:30pm

Your line of Officers for 2006-2007

Curtis WilsonWorshipful Master
Lem Powell P.M.....Senior Warden
Robert Good.....Junior Warden
Marvin Labohm P.M.Treasure
Allen Webb P.M.....Secretary
Scott Mills P.M.....Chaplin
Lee Knudson.....Senior Deacon
Jerry Stripling.....Junior Deacon
Jim Rex P.M.....Tiler

Prayer Requests:

Keep the following brothers in your prayers for improved Health:

- Brother Bill Campbell P.M.
- Brother Earl Walker
- Brother Jerry Stripling.
- Brother Keith Billerbeck P.M.
- Brother Boots Donovan P.M.

If you know of any brother in need of prayer, please contact the Secretary so they can be added.



No Member is Forgotten

Grand Master D. Broughton has emphasized an importance of mentoring our EAs and FCs though to maturity as a Master Mason. Let us not forget and be sensitive to all members, regardless of their reasons, that their attendance is important. One of the reasons for our existence is to associate ourselves with men that can make us better. Let us encourage each other in fostering a place were all members from EAs to Masters will grow together.



May 2007

Message from the East

We are in the winding down stages of my year as Worshipful Master, and we still have several activities planned before this year is complete.

At the beginning part of this year, I had asked for members help with a large financial deficit. Without that help, we would not have been able to function as we did. Much of our focus has always been to operate with as little financial stress to the lodge as possible. Money collected for meals at the stated meetings have exceeded the cost for producing the meals. Only those special functions, such as Widows night and 50 year awards night, were at the cost of the lodge, and much of this was mitigated with covered dishes brought by member wives.

We had reviewed the bills and utilities and worked to lower the impact of the utilities where ever we could.

It has also been my belief that much of what we can do as a Lodge did not require a monetary impact to the Lodge at all. Increasing the activity of the members was all it takes. This increase of activity also helps stimulate growth, as we have seen.

We've had a great year, in my opinion, but there are still things that we could do better. Some of these were revealed as mistakes or shortcomings occurred. Don't get me wrong, we've made some strides as well. Funeral attendance has increased, from what I can see. With only a few that were the exception because of short notice to our lodge, we are getting the information out to our lodges, communicating between the lodges better, and members are realizing their responsibility to pay their respects to those members who have died.

As I mentioned, we've had some shortcomings as well. Our member representation to a wonderful reception for our Widows was not well attended. Many of our Widows are also members or our Order of the Eastern Star. These ladies have always been there to assist us with deserts and attendance to our functions. It was a disappointment that we failed to show our respect to the Wives of our deceased brethren. Many members have come to me with very valid reasons for not attending, but the end result is the same.

However, attendance to the 50 year awards was beyond what we were prepared for.

With dining seating at 60, and lodge seating at 80 people, we had attendance of around 111 people.

We still have other activities to complete such as our 25 and 40 year awards, Community builder award, and our Appendant body appreciation night. Other activities include building improvements like painting the outside, now that the old Western Auto is gone and we are now more visible to Hwy 3.

I encourage all members to come back to the Lodge. Our friendship and fellowship are something you would enjoy. No member is forgotten, but the longer you stay away, the longer it takes us to remember.

Curtis Wilson, W.M. May 2007

The logo listed on the front page is the Logo adopted by the Grand Master for this year. The message for the year is L.A.M.P. or Lodge Assistance Mentor Program. We'll learn about this program in the following months.

Birthdays in the month of May

- Eugene Felter (23)
- Robert Good Jr. (17)
- Kirk Jackson (13)
- Tony Kelly (28)
- Donald Richardson (24)
- Earl Walker (9)
- Walter Wilson (28)

Masonic Anniversaries in the month of May

Raised to a Master Mason this month:

- Jose Chapa (1994)
- Robert Good Jr. (1983)
- Kenneth May (1984)
- Glen Mulvaney (2006)
- James Osteen (1988)
- Charles Paschetag (1941)
- Carl Prater III (1989)
- Criss Schroeder (1990)
- Robert Smith (1964)
- Harold Thomas (1992)
- Bert Wall (1965)

Current Lodge of Sorrow:

- Chester L. Neagle
- Lonnie Gene Wood
- Arthur Villarreal
- Jerry Stevens

Announcements:

- Saturday May 12, - 25/40 year Awards Ice Cream Social at 2:00pm followed by a program from the John Wayne Chapter of the DeMolay.
- Saturday May 26, - 6:30 pm Covered dish dinner. A Combined Social of Lodge, OES and York Rite.

- Stated Meeting nights, we are hosting a Food Drop for can goods to be given to local charities. Bring a can good by and drop it in the container. At the end of the month these goods will be taken to a church, food bank, or Shriners to be handed out to needy families.
- Keep checking the Lodge website calendar for updated information on upcoming activities and links to other local area Masonic bodies.