

Fort Worth Lodge 148

Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

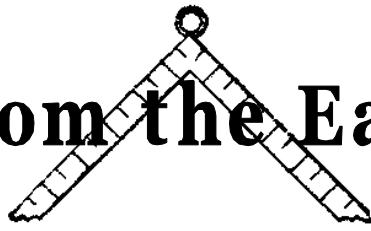
the Trestleboard



Lodge Officers 2005-2006

FRONT – Tres. Derek Oden, Chaplin Buddy Marchbanks, SW Joe Martino, WM Sonny Marchbanks, JW Brian Rasco, Secty Luis Caballero, BACK – MC Colin Short, JS Jeremy Gwin, JD Billy Moore, SD Mike Sims, SS Joe Hester, Tiler Joe Kleehammer

From the East



Brethren,

As we enter this new Masonic year I am continually reminded of the great cycles of the universe. We see these cycles represented in the seasons and in youth, manhood, and old age.

At our last stated meeting I realized that I had been present when almost every officer was Raised. Our guest speaker comment to me what a relaxed fun group we had.

When I was raised it seemed to me that most down line officers were disinterested and floor school had just two or three people showing up. At our stated meetings Past Masters always made up most of the men present.

I enjoyed those early days of learning about Freemasonry, and I appreciate everything that those who do care did to carry on the legacy of Fort Worth Lodge.

We are seeing the wheel turn and Ft Worth Lodge rise like a Phoenix, reborn by the obligations of a new generation of Master Masons.

This new generation has brought new life to our Lodge and Fort Worth Lodge 148 is indeed in a time Renaissance.

New officers are vigorously and enthusiastically taking up new responsibilities and new Master Masons are taking an active part in the life of our Lodge.

Our Lodge is permeated with the feel of Brotherly Love. We enjoy being at Lodge because we enjoy who we are with and we enjoy Freemasonry.

I am so privileged to serve as Master this year with a group of men who have, indeed, received more light in Masonry.

I personally invite every member of the Lodge to come down and see what is happening in your Lodge.

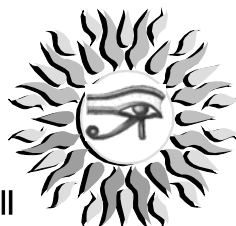
If you need a ride, please give me a call at 817-938-6185 and we can arrange one for you.

Don't worry if you don't remember the work or won't know anyone, no one is a stranger at Fort Worth Lodge, but our long lost friend.

Now is a time of Renaissance and Renewal at Fort Worth Lodge and it can be in your life also. Come see us. We're looking forward to seeing you.

Sons of Light,

Worshipful Master James W Marchbanks, III



MORE LIGHT IN MASONRY



The Sun in the South

Of the three pillars of the Lodge, the Column of Beauty in the South has several messages for the Mason. In the opening and closing ceremonies, the Junior Warden states his location relative to the Sun in the South in its course across the heavens, namely at its meridian or highest point. Normally noon is the time for the members of the Craft to cease their labors, eat, and refresh themselves. The after some time, normally an hour, they return to their labor.

Thus it is, that at the direction of the Master in the East, the Junior Warden assumes charge of the Craft during those moments when they are not at labor. Both his announcement and the raising of the Column of Beauty signify a change in Lodge activities. Close examination of his Column reveals it to be the most decorated of the three principal pillars. This column is of the Corinthian Order of Greek architecture is the lightest, most ornate, and delicate in its design. Its history of basket-like design, bending branches, and leaves by the Corinthian Callamachus clearly points to the importance of Beauty in our Work. The legend of Hiram, whose task was to beautify and adorn the Temple, likewise reminds us to appreciate the beauty found within nature, the Lodge, and our Brothers.


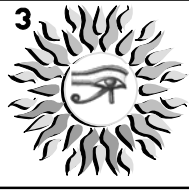



The early rays of the Sun foretell of Wisdom from the East, while the setting rays in the West close the day, but at noon, the full power of the Sun guides the Craft in its Labors. Masons "labor" at self-improvement, the conferral of Degrees, and advancement in the Light of Masonic Knowledge.

They do not "labor" at the routine business of the Lodge. So, when the Junior Warden turns his Column downward, the true Mason is directed to return to Masonic Labor and work toward unity, peace, and harmony. The full Sun and the Beauty of the South are constant reminders of our purpose and goals.

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AT THE NEXT STATED MEETING Monday August 8th

- ★ Special Program from the Scottish Rite
- ★ More Light in Masory through Masonic education
- ★ The Charges of a Freemason and Masonic Law
- ★ Special Reports

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--|-----|----|
|  | 1 FLOOR SCHOOL 6 PM | 2 | 3  | 4 FLOOR SCHOOL 6 PM | 5 | 6 | |
| | 7 | 8 STATED MEETING 7 PM | 9 | 10 | 11 EA° 6PM | 12 | 13 |
| | 14 | 15 MM° 6PM | 16 | 17 | 18 Fellowship  | 19 | 20 |
| | 21 | 22 FLOOR SCHOOL 6 PM | 23 | 24 | 25 MM° 6PM | 26 | 27 |
| | 28 | 29 FLOOR SCHOOL 6 PM | 30 | 31  |  | | |

All are welcome to dinner at 6 PM before Stated Meeting.

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