



The Blue Glow

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**SUGAR LAND MASONIC
LODGE #1141**

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Michael Tunnell,
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Junior Steward

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Willy Wouters,
Marshal

James Gibson, Tiler

John Goddin,
Jr. Past Master

FROM THE EAST

The baton has been passed and another Masonic Year has started. I would to take this opportunity to thank all the Brothers of Sugar Land Masonic Lodge for giving me the opportunity of serving as the Worshipful Master. It is indeed a great honor for me and one of the high point in my life. I pledge to do my very best to maintain the high standards set by all the Masters before me and would ask for your support and prayers in this endeavor.

The Officers that were elected and appointed with me are all very qualified and ready for their tasks. The preparation for the 2008/2009 Officers began at the 3d Annual Officers Retreat held on May 30, 31, and June 1, at the Creative Coastal Committee location in Galveston. The goal of the Retreat was to lay out our programs for the ensuing year, and to build team work through "Team Building Exercises", which we performed in an outstanding manner. I would like to extend my appreciation to PM Larry Elkins and Bro. Randy Whitaker for their hospitality and helping in organizing the Retreat.

On Saturday, July 19, R.W. Rick Stanley, DDGM, PM Bill Shebs, SW Loren Gulledge, Bro. Secretary Mo Edmonds, and Bro. Julius Baumann, and myself, presented Bro. Allen Williams his "65 Year Service Award" from the Grand Lodge of Texas. What an honor it was to be a part of the ceremony!! The Lodge has thirteen more Service Awards to give this Masonic Year:

60 Year Awards	2
50 Year Awards	3
40 Year Awards	4

25 Year Awards 4

On Monday, July 21, 2008, there was a Public Lodge opened for a "Widows Night" tribute hosted by PM Bob Bird, Brothers Craig Weathers and Brad Tippit. We were blessed with fifteen lovely Ladies as our Honored Guest. A musical medley was performed by Brother Will Wouters on the Keyboard, and a "Sing Along" led by Bro. Michael Tunnell. I would like to thank all the Brothers and Visitors who attended

Prior to our next Stated Meeting on August 18, 2008, we will have a Public Lodge to salute the Past Master of Sugar Land Masonic Lodge and Past Masters who are affiliated with our Lodge. This program is always one of the one interesting and enjoyable of our programs. On behalf of all the Officers, I personally extend an invitation to all the Past Masters to attend. The younger Mason would like to meet the Masons that made Sugar Land Lodge one of the best in Texas.

"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;

For he to-day that sheds his blood with me:

Shall be my brother: "
Shakespeare's, King Henry V, Act IV.



Fraternally,
Brother Carl L. Conley
Worshipful Master



EASTERN STAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 12, 2008 – Stated Meeting, Lodge Meeting Room
September 9, 2008 – Stated Meeting, Lodge Meeting Room

News from the Sugar Land Eastern Stars

2007 - 2008 OES Officers
Sugar Land Chapter #1107

Worthy Matron - Kellie Gibson

Worthy Patron - James Gibson, Jr.

Assoc. Matron - Donna Butler

Assoc. Patron - Charles Cupples

Secretary - Linda Nichols

Treasurer - Peggy Anderson

Conductress - Jackie Parsonage

Assoc. Conductress - Kathy St. John

Chaplain - Tanya Dean

Marshal - Buddy Blair

Organist - Linda Hill

Adah - Elizabeth Lloyd

Ruth - Gerry Sturtz

Esther - Billie Blair

Martha - Kassandra Landa

Electa - Marion Nixon

Warder - Matt Woodard

Sentinel - Bill Sturtz

Our July stated meeting went off in ritualistic format with 17 officers, 1 pro-tem, 9 members and 2 visitors. After our business was conducted we had the pleasure of initiating 2 new members – Jillian and Christopher Day. Make sure to welcome them to our ranks.

As we kick off the year with a bang, get ready for more fun and Star love than ever before. We have a ton of fun programs, a bunch of fun planned and some really awesome community outreach programs. Worthy Matron Kellie (WMK) and Worthy Patron James (WPJ) are very excited about the upcoming year and hope to have a lot of support from the members.

WMK and WPJ unveiled their first program and are asking for support from everyone. Our chapter has adopted a platoon of soldiers!! We have a list available of supplies to send to “our” soldiers and will send a box every month. We are also sending packets of letters and cards once a week, so break out the pens and pencils and printers.

In the next few months we are also gearing up to initiate 3 new members so come out and join us as these men and women learn the beauty of our star.

WMK & WPJ

What is a Cabletow, and how long is it?

I've heard definitions before, but this was the best so far:
"Write out the word cabletow, then erase the first and last letters. There you will find the true meaning of the word."

Below is the operative, and speculative translation.

THE CABLETOW LENGTH
Grand Lodge of British Columbia Bulletin - December 1976

The word 'cabletow' is purely Masonic and not heard of in general use outside of the Lodge Room.

In Medieval days the cabletow or rope noose was worn when taking an obligation, as a symbol of submission, inferring that it could be used to inflict the penalty if a breach of that contract was committed.

In speculative Masonry it is symbolic of our obligations and teaches restraint, self discipline, prudence, temperance, etc.

Elsewhere in the ritual 'cable's length' is mentioned. The term 'cable's length' is a measure





Adopt-A-Platoon



Sisters and Brothers

We have got our Platoon!!! I received notification today that we have adopted a platoon of 20 soldiers from Texas. They cannot release their exact location but it is in need of some OES/Masonic love. They have no running water, they live in tents and carry their lives in knapsacks.

The commanding officer requests the following items:

- ◇ lots of letters and cards
- ◇ blank stationary (so they can write their loved ones and us back)
- ◇ single serving powder drink additives (crystal lite, power aide, etc)
- ◇ individually wrapped grab & go snacks (granola bars, chips, cookies, snack packs, etc)
- ◇ unscented bath wipes and antibacterial wipes
- ◇ unscented lotions
- ◇ disposable razors (medium to nice quality, otherwise the blades give them heat rash)
- ◇ powder (medicated or corn starch or unscented baby)
- ◇ sun screen
- ◇ lip balm
- ◇ homey decorations (calendars, pictures of Texas, holiday, OES/Masonic, etc)
- ◇ toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash
- ◇ newspapers
- ◇ books
- ◇ games

Since these soldiers live out of their knapsacks, please only get travel size containers. There will be a box at the lodge with a sign and this same list on it. We are going to send a box a month to these soldiers to make them feel at home. There will also be a red basket marked "Soldier Correspondence" on the main table in the foyer of the lodge, place all contact letters and cards in this every month so that they will get mailed. These guys requested a lot of letters and cards and we will step up and give it to them. Write write write!

For some of us this may be a push to help - EVERYTHING you buy to send is tax deductible. This organization is a 501(c)(3) organization, and everything we send qualifies under military support. When I get the invitation packet in the mail I will let all of you know the tax number, so keep you receipts and feel the generosity flow!

Thanks for all that you do to make these soldiers special to us!

Thanks and Star Love,
Kellie Gibson
Worthy Matron
Sugar Land OES #1107



What is a Cabletow, and how long is it? (cont'd)

of length used at sea defined as being 200 yards.

A ship's cable can vary according to prevailing conditions of sea, wind, size of ship, weight of vessel to be towed and the length is given as 100, 120, 130 fathoms.

The trade guilds of the middle ages were leaders of serial life and laws to protect their crafts and skills. They assisted the needy, sick and aged, and generally promoted goodwill and fellowship and encouraged church attendance.

Our Freemasonry of today has a strong resemblance to those guilds, and has made symbolic adoption of their trade customs and skills for moral instruction, and in some respects, there is a close relation to the wording of their apprenticeship obligations.

Indentures of Apprenticeship which no doubt some present will possess have a clause giving the apprentice the right to cancel his Indenture should his employer go out of business and cannot place him with another employer within a distance of three miles, in some, in others five miles.

According to ancient laws of Freemasonry every brother must attend if he be within the length of his cabletow.

Old writers define the length of a cable length as three miles, others five to fifty miles.

Three miles was generally recognized as a reasonable walking distance.

The Master Mason promises to obey all signs and summons sent to him if with in the length of 'my cabletow'.

When we take the full sentence the word 'My' in this phrase is very important. It is personal, it represents the individual. So the length of each of our cabletows can vary according to each of our own personal commitments - sickness of self or family, work obligations, transport problems.

It is doubtful that in Speculative Masonry the cabletow was ever intended to have any physical length but purely as a means of impressing the individual Mason that he was committed to fulfill his obligation to his Lodge and the Brethren, in regard to his attendance, to the utmost of his ability and not to let trivial things prevent him from discharging his responsibility.

The compilers of our ritual were men who saw that it was only by attendance of our Lodge that we as Master Masons can be instructed in the spiritual and symbolical teaching of our Craft, a fuller realization of the Fatherhood of God and the universal Brotherhood of man, a greater understanding of the principles of Brotherly love, relief and truth. By emulating the virtues displayed in the Five Points of Fellowship we will find that although our duties and obligations have increased, that which was once a tie has now no longer length or distance lost in the satisfying reward of love, peace and harmony in fraternal nearness and fellowship.

Symbolically the length of the cabletow is the scope of Freeman's responsibility to God, his neighbor and himself in the light of his ability to discharge that obligation.

This is summed up briefly in the words of an American Brother:

"It is as long as the arm that stretches out a helping hand.
It reaches as far as the Brother's cheering voice.
It goes as far as charity's dollar can go.
It can travel as far as goodwill can travel.
Wherever the mails can carry a letter, it can be carried".

The length of a Master Mason's cabletow is precisely equal to the extent of his influences.

Worshipful Brother W.A. Rattray, The Ashlar.
The United Grand Lodge of Queensland.



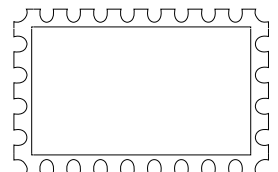
Trestle Board	
Aug 18 -	Stated Meeting, Past Masters' Night
Oct 6 -	Sugar Land Lodge Golf Tournament, Pecan Grove CC
Oct 14 -	OES Appreciation Dinner
Oct 25 -	Sugar Land Lodge/OES Family Picnic
	Stated Meeting, 3rd Monday of the month. Dinner starts at 6:15 pm, Tiled Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Sugar Land Lodge had a lot going on over the past month. A 50 yr. service award was presented to Bro. Williams, a donation was presented to the Rainbow Room, a lodge clean up, and it all culminated with our Widow's Night event at July's Stated Meeting. Above is a collage of photos of all the events that have gone on over the past month.

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