



The Blue Glow

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I want to thank all the Brothers and Sisters that sent sympathy cards and telephoned to offer their condolences during one of the very hardest times in my life. I cannot express the comfort that came from knowing I was not alone.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and hope this will be an exciting new year for you. If you haven't attended the Lodge for a while, make that one of your New Year Resolutions, and we will see you at the Stated Meeting on February 16, 2009.

I understand that Sugar Land Masonic Lodge had a good showing at Santa's Exchange on December 20th. I want to extend my appreciation to everyone for supporting this very worthwhile cause. I am sorry I could not be there, because it has always been my favorite community project that the Lodge participates in. It is such a comfort knowing we made a children's Christmas brighter by spending a few hours participating in this wonderful event.

Speaking of benefiting children, plans are well underway by Bro. Wade Shelton and his committee members for the scholarship barbeque. The event will be held on May 16, 2009 at the Sugar Land Community Center. With the economy in its current condition, we will need as many "boots on the ground" as possible to make this event a success. Sponsorship dollars, ticket sales and live/silent auction items will be harder

to come by as in years past, so any help you may be able to provide will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Bro. Shelton or any of the other committee members and offer your help.

Before the Stated Meeting on January 19, 2009, there was a Public Lodge opened to present the 25 Year Service Award to Brother Brady Elliot. That brings the Lodge total for this Masonic Year to 395 years of service that the Lodge has been privileged to honor.

The February Stated Meeting will be a tiled Entered Apprentice Lodge and the Community Builders Award Committee will announce their recommendation for this year's recipient. This award is to recognize outstanding non-Masons who have distinguished themselves through their service to the community. The award will be presented in March at a Public Lodge before the Stated Meeting. Make sure to put it on your calendar. Dinner will be at 6:00pm and we will open the program at 7:00pm. Come on out and help us recognize these outstanding citizens of our community.

I am sorry there was no Blue Glow for January, but it was due to circumstances beyond my control.

Fraternally,

Carl L. Conley





EASTERN STAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 10th - Stated Meeting

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 - Cassandra Landa

Electa - Marion Nixon

Warder - Matt Woodard

Sentinel - Bill Sturtz

The next Stated Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 10th. We hope to see you all there.

Star Love,
WMK & WPJ



An Eastern Star School of Instruction was hosted by the Sugar Land Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

Many Sugar Land Brothers and Sisters participated and worked hard to make it seem easy and smooth and fun.



Sweet-heart's Night!!

Come Join your Lodge Brothers and their Ladies on Valentine's Day!

Back by popular demand...we will be holding our annual Sweet-heart's Night at the Swinging Door in Richmond, TX off of FM 359. This year we will actually be holding the event on Valentine's Day, Saturday, Feb. 14th.

There is a sign up sheet at Sugar Land Lodge or you can contact Bro. Stephen Milkowski directly for more information.

We hope to see y'all there!!



LODGE DUES

Brethren, if you have not paid your 2009 dues please contact the lodge Secretary, Bro. Mo Edmonds.

Dues notices were mailed out in late 2008 and were due before Dec. 31, 2008. Lodge dues are payable in advance for the ensuing Masonic year. If you are having financial problems and need assistance with your dues, the Lodge has money set aside for this purpose, but we need to know about it. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



Above: Bro. Brady Elliot receives his 25 Year Masonic Service Award from WM Carl Conley and Bro. Secretary Mo Edmonds at an open ceremony prior to January's Stated Meeting. Congratulations and many thanks to Bro. Elliot for his many years of service.

Trestle Board

- Jan. 21 - Grand Master-Holland # 1
- Jan. 31 - Sugar Land Memorial Park -Tree Planting
- Feb 14 - Sweetheart's Night
- Feb 16 - Stated Meeting
- Feb 21 - District 108 Banquet
- Mar 16 - Stated Meeting Community Builders Award
- Apr 18 - **GM Conference, Arabia Shrine**

Stated Meeting, 3rd Monday of the month. Dinner starts at 6:15 pm, Tiled Meeting at 7:30 pm.



Left: Family Court District Judge Robert Kern (seated) next to WM Carl Conley and Bro.s Wade Shelton and Bob Bird.

Sugar Land Lodge donated teddy bears to Judge Kern who gives the bears to newly adopted children and their families. The money used to purchase the teddy bears was purchased from the benevolence fund which is funded by Sugar Land Lodge's annual golf tournament. Sugar Land Lodge made front page news in the Fort Bend Herald due to the donation.

Keep up the good work Brothers!!

What is the Proper Way to Wear a Masonic Ring?

As a preface, it is still the opinion of this editor that it is up to each individual Mason to rationalize how to wear their Masonic ring. That being said, here is an interesting take on the topic. (SH)

The following from Temple Topics (Illinois) is now being quoted with approval by other Masonic papers.

What is the proper way to wear a Masonic Ring? Should the points of the compass be toward or away from the body?

If you were hanging the American flag, would you put the stars down? The same holds true of the ring. Usually it is a gift, and has sentimental value for the wearer. It should look right side up to him. Rings are therefore worn with the points of the compass toward the wearer.

This subject is one on which Grand Lodges have made no regulation and popular opinion is divided. We must therefore reason from analogy. When the emblem of the square and compasses is displayed on a building, pennant, button, watch charm, etc., universal custom requires the points of the compass point downward. When displayed on the Altar they point away from the Master. As the Master from his station views the compass from the Altar of his lodge, the points are from, not towards him. As the wearer of a compass watch charm views it, the points are down and away from his eyes. In a similar way as he views the emblem on his ring the points should be down or away from his eyes.

The square is the symbol of earthly, the compass of heavenly perfection. As a combined emblem, the ends of the

square point up as a symbol of man's aspirations toward God; the points of the compass are down to represent heavenly qualities coming down from God to earth. Therefore it would seem that the proper way to wear a ring would be that in which its symbolism is best expressed; namely, that in which, when the hand is held in its usual position the points of the compass are towards the earth and away from the wearer's eyes.

Thus it will be seen that our conclusion does not agree with the writer in Temple Topics. He truly says that in hanging an American flag we would not put the stars down, but in hanging a compass or a square and compass, he surely would put the points of the compass down. The same rule holds when worn as a ring or button or a watch charm; namely, they would be worn the same way with the points down. When so worn they all serve the same purposes, and by no means the least of these purposes is to announce to the world the proud wearer is a Mason.

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