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Special points of interest:

- Family Fun Night and Potluck Supper will be held on August 30th
- Past Masters Night on November 14th
- Holiday Banquet will be held on December 10th

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FROM THE EAST—HONORING A FALLEN BROTHER

BY BROTHER BOBBY ROGGENBUCK, MASTER

Brethren,

What an honor and privilege it is to serve as Master of Sul Ross. Four years ago, I was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and I have learned so much in that short time. I have some large shoes to fill, following the outstanding men who have come before me, but I stand willing and ready to take the challenge before me, and will strive to serve with honor and dignity, and ultimately reach the summit.

The installation of Officers was held on Saturday, July 9, 2011 and was well attended. Serving as Installing Officers were R.:W.: Tom Freeman, Bro. David Martin, and Bro. Mike Gerst. These brothers have each played a large role in my Masonic career, and I would not be where I am today if it were not for them. Thank you, brethren, for your support.

It was my privilege and honor to wear the hat passed to me in memory of Bro: Mike Oglethorpe, who laid down the working tools of life before he could be installed as Master. Rita Oglethorpe, his loving wife, is a special friend to me and my wife, Catherine. We have enjoyed her friendship and were pleased to have her as our special guest for the installation.

This year as Master, we will focus on increasing our involvement in the community. Some of these efforts will include: sponsoring a little league baseball team next season, increasing charitable donations, offering scholarships to deserving students, and becoming more involved and supportive of our local public schools.

I also request that all officers continue performing our duties in professional dress and wear a coat and tie to all called and stated meetings. This request is



Brother Roggenbuck is pictured wearing a hat once owned by the late Brother Mike Oglethorpe. Brother Oglethorpe laid down the working tools of life while serving as Junior Warden in 2006.

extended to each member working in degree conferrals at called meetings of the lodge as

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MASONIC CAREER OF ROGER 'DODGER' SHEPHERD

BY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ROGER SHEPHERD, BEM

I was initiated into Freemasonry on April 24th 1996, becoming a member of Wayfarers Lodge #5740 at the Masonic Hall, Albert Road, Cosham, Portsmouth in the English county of Hampshire in the Register of the United Grand Lodge of England. We hold our regular once a month meetings 9 times

a year, with a break for summer and another at Christmas. Wayfarers Lodge is one of over 150 Lodges in the Masonic Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

Under the United Grand Lodge of England we have a strict dress code, requiring us to wear a dark suit with shirt and tie,

black socks, black shoes, and white gloves. If you are a serving member of the Armed Forces you may wear uniform. Alternatively Morning Dress is permitted which consists of a black jacket, black vest, and pinstriped trousers. In my photograph,

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A report of some of the Sul Ross Lodge members serving in the military is provided in Dispatches From the Front.

DISPATCHES FROM THE FRONT

My brothers please keep all of our service men and women in your prayers when on bended knee and let us not forget to thank them for their service and sacrifice.

If you are or know of a Sul Ross Lodge member currently serving in the military please provide a report for future

newsletters. You may send a message to Brother Roy Smith at smithro@myalpha1.net or Brother Chance Robinson at crobinson@aggienetwork.com.

Where are they serving?

- ENS Chance Schrutka is halfway through the Nuclear Power School, and will be attending Submarine School upon graduation

tion

- CPT Joseph Dagostino was home on a short mid-tour R&R from Afghanistan and has now returned to the Mideast
- CPT Mark Howard is deploying to Korea this month for one year with the USAF

MEMBERS OF SUL ROSS LODGE SERVING OUR FRATERNITY

- Brother Bob Blum recently retired as Secretary of Hickory Flat Lodge #205 in Canton, Georgia.
- Brother Bobby Evans is quite active in the Masonic activities of Erath County as he recently served as Tiler of three lodges, Clairette #1052, Dublin #504, and Bluff Dale #724. Brother Evans has been a member of Sul Ross Lodge since 1974, and is a Past Master of Clairette Lodge.
- Brother Carlos Chang was recently installed Junior Warden of El Paso Lodge No. 130.
- Brother Scott Bratsen was recently installed Worshipful Master of Brazos Union Lodge No. 129 in downtown Bryan.
- Brother James McGinnis was recently installed Junior Warden of Brazos Union Lodge No. 129 in downtown Bryan.



Brother Carlos Chang (front row second from right) and the newly installed officers of El Paso Lodge No. 130

- V.:W.: Brother Connie Eckard is featured in a story on page 5

**Congratulations
brethren on
your
preferment.**

LAMAR AWARD PRESENTED TO DESERVING STUDENT



(L-R) Dr. Eddie Coulson, CSISD Superintendent, Bethany Monsees, Candice Garrett, and Brother Bobby Roggenbuck

On July 11, 2011, the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award was presented to Miss Bethany Monsees, a very deserving student and recent graduate of A&M Consolidated High School.

Miss Monsees graciously received the award at the regular stated communication of Sul Ross Lodge in the presence of her grandmother, Mrs. Candice Garrett, and CSISD Superintendent, Dr. Eddie Coulson.

In her remarks, Miss Monsees reflected back upon 8th Grade where she was awarded the *Sul Ross Masonic Lodge American History Award* as an Outstanding Student in American History.

Sul Ross Lodge presented Miss Monsees with a \$400 scholarship to assist in her expenses as a student at Texas A&M—Galveston this fall, where she will study Marine Biology.

Sul Ross Lodge was chartered in 1947, and is thought to be the first known Masonic Lodge to have functioned on the campus of a state college or university in the United States. A unique feature of the new lodge was that among its members were the president of Texas A&M College, all of the deans, and almost all of the department heads. The sizeable number of college administrators who were Master Masons provided impetus to the growth of the new lodge which created almost 100 new masons during its first year of existence. In 1951 Sul Ross Lodge purchased the Dan Russell building at 312 Jersey Street (now Bush Street. It was sold in 2000.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF MASONIC EVENTS

AUGUST 2011

6	Sat.	<u>Knight Templar School of Instruction</u>	Masonic Temple	9:00 a.m.	Bryan
6	Sat.	<u>Masonic Night at the Astros Game</u>	Minute Maid Park	6:05 p.m.	Houston
8	Mon.	Stated Communication (Program: <i>The Texas Ritual: From Whence We Came</i>)	BVMLM	5:30 p.m.	College Station
27	Sat.	<u>Forum and Exam</u>	BVMLM	9:00 a.m.	College Station
27	Sat.	<u>Gulf Coast York Rite Festival</u>	Holland Lodge	7:00 a.m.	Houston
30	Tues.	Family Fun Night and Potluck Supper	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station

SEPTEMBER 2011

10	Sat.	<u>Blue Bonnet York Rite Festival</u>	Anderson Lodge	9:00 a.m.	San Antonio
12	Mon.	Stated Communication (Program: <i>Community Builder Award</i>)	BVMLM	5:30 p.m.	College Station
23 - 24	Fri. Sat.	<u>Houston Scottish Rite Reunion</u>	Holland Lodge		Houston

OCTOBER 2011

1	Sat.	<u>Come and Take It Celebration</u>	Downtown Gonzales	9:00 a.m.	Gonzales
5	Wed.	Grand Master's Workshop	BVMLM	7:30 p.m.	College Station
8	Sat.	<u>TMRC Family Day and Centennial</u>	TMRC	10:00 a.m.	Arlington
10	Mon.	Stated Communication (Program: <i>The King James Bible 400 years later: 1611-2011</i>)	BVMLM	5:30 p.m.	College Station
13 - 18	Thurs. Tues.	<u>York Rite School of Instruction / Grand Convocation and Assembly</u>	Grand Lodge Temple		Waco
22	Sat.	<u>Grand Secretary's School of Instruction</u>	Waco Lodge	9:00 a.m.	Waco
24	Mon.	Steve Cooke Scottish Rite Club Feast of Tishri	BVMLM	7:00 p.m.	College Station
29	Sat.	<u>York Rite—Commandery Orders</u>	Kendall Lodge	8:30 a.m.	Boerne
29	Sat.	<u>Super Excellent Masters Degree Conferral</u> (York Rite Masons are eligible to register)	Holland Lodge	11:00 a.m.	Houston

NOVEMBER 2011

14	Mon.	Stated Communication (<i>Past Masters Night</i>)	BVMLM	5:30 p.m.	College Station
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DECEMBER 2011

2 - 3	Fri. Sat.	Grand Communication (All Master Masons May Attend)	Grand Lodge Temple	9:00 a.m.	Waco
10	Sat.	Annual Lodge Holiday Banquet	Pebble Creek CC	6:00 p.m.	College Station
12	Mon.	Stated Communication	BVMLM	5:30 p.m.	College Station

Sul Ross Lodge No. 1300 meets every Monday evening for a communication or practice.

Called Communications or Floor School are held every Monday except Stated Communication at 6:30 p.m.



**A Past Masters
Night will be
held on
November 14th**



**R. W. Gibb Gilchrist,
Past Grand Master of
Masons in Texas and
Charter Master of Sul
Ross Lodge**



Worshipful Brother Roger Shepherd, BEM wearing his regalia as a Past Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

“... I consider this Lodge to be my second home.”

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this is what I am wearing, together with the Worshipful Master's Collar with Jewel and Cuffs. Please note I am proudly wearing a lapel pin of the Grand Lodge of Texas!

I was then passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft on October 23rd 1996 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on June 25th 1997. Very shortly after that I was made a Steward of the Lodge and also appointed as the Dining Steward. It is usual in English Lodges to sit down to a full 3 or 4 course dinner after our regular meetings, and it is the responsibility of the Dining Steward to organise the menu, liaise with the catering staff and the table seating arrangements according to normal English Masonic protocol.

I steadily progressed through the various Lodge Offices being appointed Tyler in November 2000, Inner Guard in November 2001, Junior Deacon in November 2002, and Senior Deacon in November 2003. In November 2004 I was appointed

Senior Warden, a year earlier than I had expected, due to the resignation from the Lodge by the previous Junior Warden. It was at this point that I passed on the duties of the Dining Steward.

On Wednesday November 23rd 2005, I experienced the proudest moment of my Masonic career so far when I was installed into the Chair of King Solomon in my Mother Lodge and appointed Worshipful Master for the next year.

During my reign as Master of Wayfarers Lodge, we received an official visit from the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Very Worshipful Brother Brian C Bellinger, and I was pleased to be able to demonstrate to him the Ceremony of Raising.

The next November I became the Immediate Past Master (IPM), and in November 2008 I was appointed the Charity Steward of the Lodge. This appointment involves collecting charitable contributions from the Brethren of the Lodge, and discussing with the General

Purposes Committee which local charities we want to make donations to.

In May 2010 I was appointed by the Provincial Charity Committee (The Tom Langton Fund) to be the Cosham Group Representative to their Committee, an appointment of which I am also very proud to hold.

If all goes well, I am due to be considered for my first Provincial Grand Lodge appointment and, if I am successful, I will inform Sul Ross Lodge immediately, as I consider this Lodge to be my second home.

Worshipful Bro. Shepherd has graciously provided his Masonic Record, at the request of Worshipful Master, Brother Bobby Roggenbuck. W.: Bro. Shepherd is a regular visitor of Sul Ross Lodge and frequently joins his brethren at lodge when in College Station on business. We anticipate the receipt of a future story explaining a high honor bestowed upon W.: Bro. Shepherd titled the British Empire Medal, which is signified by the letters BEM following his name.

FROM THE WEST

BY BROTHER CHANCE M. ROBINSON

Brethren,

It is truly an honor to serve Sul Ross Lodge during this Masonic year as your Senior Warden. I am also honored to serve under the leadership and guidance of our Worshipful Master, Brother Bobby Roggenbuck. He has great plans for the upcoming year that will build on the framework laid by his predecessors in office. This vision will further our knowledge as Masons and our reputation as Masons in the community.

This year, Brother Roggenbuck has stressed Masonic education and research within the lodge coupled with greater involvement in our community and

our public school system outside of the lodge. I am excited to be a part of this very worthwhile and important work with each of you. In his efforts to ensure the future growth of Sul Ross Lodge in Masonic knowledge, Worshipful Brother Roggenbuck has charged each of his officers to research a topic of a Masonic nature and report the findings to the lodge as a program at a stated meeting. In this endeavor, I believe our Worshipful Master has truly taken to heart the following words:

“The ultimate success of Masonry depends on the intelligence of her disciples.”

Brother Albert G. Mackey

Our involvement outside of the lodge is also important for the betterment of our community, and in our small way, we can convince the world at large that our institution is one that exists for the benefit of mankind. With the current economic situation, there is not a better time to rekindle our relationships and involvement with our local schools and community through volunteerism and charitable giving. This good work cannot and will not be successful without each member supporting our lodge and these efforts through your personal giving of time and finances. This might include simply attending an upcoming

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(L-R) Chance Robinson, Bobby Roggenbuck, and Josh Reinbolt

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fundraiser or possibly much more, but each must give in his own way to ensure the success of these efforts.

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.”

Brother Albert Pike

My brothers, if it has been sometime since you last attended a meeting of Sul Ross Lodge and you currently live in the area, I charge you to consider returning to your Lodge and making our stated meetings a part of your plans each month. Not only does your lodge need you, but I believe as Masons we need each other to learn and grow.

I realize that for some members who live locally, regular attendance at meetings is not feasible at this time for various reasons, but if such is not the case please consider making your plans to attend an upcoming stated meeting of your

lodge. I assure you that you will not regret it. If uncertainty in your ritual proficiency and in your knowledge of masonic protocols is hindering your attendance please realize that your brothers are here to help you. As a member of this lodge you will not be examined, but will be automatically vouched for by your Lodge Secretary.

It is your right and privilege to attend the stated and called meetings of your lodge, and it is through these relationships and involvement in the work of the lodge that we can grow as Masons and in turn better our community. The work of the lodge is not only simply the recitation of ritual, but it is fraternity and fellowship with like-minded men who hope to celebrate success, and comfort one another in times of desperation. The betterment of our world should be our constant care as Masons, but to accomplish our goals we must all work together.

“Masonic labor is purely a labor

of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.”

Brother Benjamin Franklin

As a young father and husband, I understand something of the value of my time, but I also understand the benefits of my time invested in Sul Ross Lodge ... my wages as a Mason. These wages are truly worth the value of my time spent away from work and family. I hope you will consider giving a few hours each month for your brothers, for your community, and for yourself, you will not regret the investment in your Lodge. God Bless you all.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Chance M. Robinson

Senior Warden, Sul Ross Lodge



Chance Robinson and his wife Suzanne prior to the installation of officers

“This honor is given to Master Masons who have demonstrated service to humanity ... “

CONGRATULATIONS TO V.: W.: BROTHER CONNIE ECKARD



V.: W.: Brother Connie Eckard DDGM of the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Washington

Brother R. Conrad

“Connie” Eckard was recently appointed to the office of Very Worshipful District Deputy of the Grand Master in District Number 23 of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington.

He was installed as District Deputy on Friday, June 10, 2011 at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington.

Brother Eckard was raised a Master Mason in Sul Ross Lodge 52 years ago, and is a Past Master of Richland Lodge No. 283 in Richland, Washington.

In November 2010, Very Wor-

shipful Brother Eckard received the Honorary Legion of Honor from DeMolay International. This honor is given to Master Masons who have demonstrated service to humanity and who reflect that service upon the Order of DeMolay. Connie was nominated by the Columbia Basin Preceptory of DeMolay in Washington state

Congratulations, Bro. Eckard in your preferment. Sul Ross Lodge thanks you for your continued service to Masonry, the Demolay youth of the state of Washington, and your community.

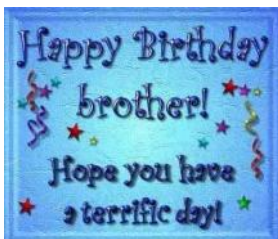


For more information regarding the Demolay Legion of Honor go to: <http://www.demolay.org/community/appendent/loh.php>



Lawrence Sullivan Ross—1838-1898 Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman, Brig. General C.S.A., Governor of Texas, President of AMC

“The three steps delineated upon the Master’s carpet are emblematical of the three principal stages of human life, youth, manhood and old age.”



UPCOMING BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

AUGUST

2	Clifford S Linsey	13	Kenneth B Fischer	26	Thomas L Fritz Jr
3	Jack C Britain	13	Thomas J Freeman	28	William C Lafield Jr
4	Ismael Villalobos Jr	13	Kent J Fuselier	28	Steven C Loomis
5	Stephen T Williams	18	Douglas V Porter	29	Francis J Axline
7	Welsey N McShan Jr	22	Michael D Nanny	30	Giles C Berry Jr
8	Wayne E Sirmon	25	Jerry R Flanagan	29	Donald F Simons
12	John D Smith Jr	26	Brian M Cromeens	31	Cecil T Fields
13	Newton W Cunningham	26	Walter D Melnyk	31	Robert D Tucker

SEPTEMBER

2	Leonard W Martin	13	Ryan W Elliott	23	Henry P O'Neal
2	Gavan D Tinsley	14	James D Ingram III	23	R Scott Atkinson
4	Alexander P Gogulski	14	Nathan L Teinert	24	Joshua D Blankenship
5	Rodney A Taylor	15	Andrew P McNeel	26	Louis B Cole
7	Wesley A VanRite	17	Edward T Dickerson	26	Eddy E Yuja
7	Roger A Schoppe	17	Kenneth D Loveless	27	Sul Ross (1838)
8	David R Walker	17	Randy A Mena	27	Joseph E D'Agostino
9	Jeffrey L Williford	18	Paul D Beckingham	27	Juan M Hinojosa
10	Doyle W Morse Jr	19	James P Irving	27	Roy I Smith Jr
10	Michael J Sconzo	19	James A Richter	28	James T McGinnis
10	Charles C E Garrett	21	George E Miles Jr	28	Eugene R Molina
12	James L Breed	21	Lee J Phillips Jr	29	John B Hopkins
12	Donald S Davis	22	James R Scoggins	30	Michael D Gerst
13	Tyler L Boykin	22	Curtis E Waldrop	30	Audry T Oliver
13	Robert S Cohen	23	James D Giles		

OCTOBER

2	Seth D Hudson	14	Andrew J Cummings	19	Jon E Hall
4	Erik S Scott	15	William C Landiss	19	Charles M Sneed
6	Robert A Lacey	15	Robert R Roggenbuck Jr	20	A Dale Felps
6	C Montel Rutledge	17	John E Baquet	23	E Edward Staples Jr
7	Stephen Henry	17	Charles R Haning	25	Shane P Bush
8	Michael L Epps	18	Sean E Matula	25	Russell R Farquhar
10	Raymond C Freeman	18	Robert A Garner Jr	31	Ryan A Bareilles
10	Alfred Lehtonen	18	Willard P Worley Jr		
12	Don K Lyons	18	Joseph L Boring Jr		

MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST

2 Allen D McCord IV (1977)	17 William C Lafield Jr (1959)	26 Roger A Powell (1965)
2 Ismael Villalobos Jr (2010)	17 Stephen Henry (1971)	27 Guy L Moody (1986)
2 Jerome W Swoboda (1994)	19 Rodney A Taylor (1977)	29 Clifford S Linsey (1957)
3 Timothy L Pickerill (2009)	20 William A Haile (1948)	29 Jesse E Watson (1966)
5 Robert C White (1972)	20 Henry M Sorrels (1948)	29 Clyde E Collins (1970)
8 Justin D Curtsinger (2006)	20 Lee J Phillips Jr (1953)	29 William J Cross (1984)
10 William C Landiss (1971)	21 Billy L May (1970)	29 Matthew W Allan (2005)
10 Ryan J Ussery (1995)	24 P G (Pete) Normand Jr (1979)	31 Frank M (Skip) Langley (1963)
16 James B Akin (1979)	26 Kenneth F Keller (1959)	31 William P Harper (1978)

SEPTEMBER

5 Joel Latham (1963)	15 William R Boswell (2001)	22 Benjamin C Baskin (2008)
7 Laurence H Potts Jr (1962)	18 Joseph L Boring Jr (2000)	23 Alfred W Jeanes (1975)
7 Frederick A McKethan III (1978)	19 Claude D Davis (1990)	25 Robert C Pagenkopf (2006)
8 Aaron D Gibbs (2009)	19 Carl D Seiter Jr (1994)	28 Jon E Hall (2009)
11 David L Slanker (1993)	20 Charles R Haning (1962)	28 Matthew S Parmerlee (2009)
13 John D Williams (1955)	21 James M Mann (1988)	29 J Michael D Murphy (2003)
13 Leonard W Martin (1979)	22 Clark Rich (1970)	30 Leslie C Clifton (1982)

OCTOBER

1 Alfred Lehtonen (1953)	9 Barron R Fredricks (2010)	20 Jerry R Flanagan (1982)
2 Riley W Waddell (2006)	10 Ronald G Claiborne (1984)	21 Michael P Becket (1969)
3 Justin E McKown (2005)	11 Marion M Barringer (1973)	21 Wesley C Hoffmann (1996)
4 James P Irving (1994)	11 Wayne E Sirmon (1973)	22 R Frederick Hunter (1959)
5 James L Shelton (1992)	15 Arthur J Stocker (1946)	23 Jeremiah M Nance III (1980)
5 Zachary S Elewitz (2009)	16 Audry T Oliver (1952)	25 Arthur C Flory (1951)
8 Louis B Cole (1945)	16 Herman T Hunt Jr (1991)	29 David M Peter (2001)
9 Robert S Adams (2010)	17 John C Thomas (1968)	30 Newton W Cunningham (1956)

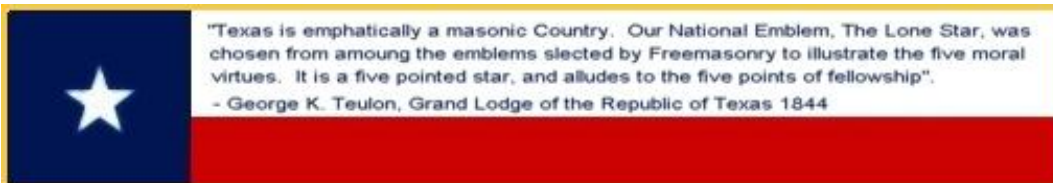


Crest of Clan Ross. Sprig of evergreen held aloft. Motto: Success Nourishes Hope

“... be true and faithful, and imitate the example of that celebrated artist whom you have this evening represented.”



Stained glass depiction of our Ancient Grand Master drawing his designs upon the trestle.



“Texas is emphatically a masonic country. Our National Emblem, The Lone Star, was chosen from among the emblems selected by Freemasonry to illustrate the five moral virtues. It is a five pointed star, and alludes to the five points of fellowship”.
 - George K. Teulon, Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas 1844



Brother Joe West
(photo by Stuart Villanueva from Bryan Eagle)

**“Some may
boast of
prowess bold Of
the schools they
think so grand
But there’s a
spirit can ne’er
be told It’s the
Spirit of
Aggieland.”**



Brother Nathan Teinert
(Photo from Texas A&M Foundation)

BROTHER JOE WEST—DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Established in 1962, the Distinguished Alumnus Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a former student of Texas A&M University. Since its inception, 204 individuals have been recognized for their significant contributions to their professions, Texas A&M University and their local communities.

Dr. Joe E. West, Class of 1954, graduated from Texas A&M University with a doctorate in veterinary medicine after graduating as valedictorian of Cotulla High School. While at A&M, he played freshman baseball and was a senior yell leader, vice president of the YMCA cabinet, president of the student chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association and a member of the Aggie Christian Fellowship. West also earned a Master of Science degree in Radiation Biology from the University of Rochester, and a PhD in Comparative Pathology from the University of California at Davis.

He served in the U.S. Air Force Medical Service from 1957 to 1979, rising to the rank of colonel and receiving the Legion of

Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, among other honors. After retiring from the service, he became an associate professor of veterinary medicine at Mississippi State University before joining the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at Texas A&M. He has published more than 30 scientific articles and, after retiring from TVMDL, worked in emergency preparedness and response with the Texas Engineering Extension Service. He was recognized as an Outstanding Alumnus of the College of Veterinary Medicine in 2001.

West was the 2001 campus Muster speaker and he and his family cared for A&M mascot Reveille V after her retirement. He is a past president of the Association of Former Yell Leaders, the National Capital A&M Club and the Brazos Valley A&M Club. He is a Fish Camp namesake, Class Agent and Representative at Large, and has been a member of the Century Club for 40 years. He is also a member of the Corps of Cadets Association and the Sul Ross Group.

He is a past president of the Brazos Valley Medical Association and the Texas Academy of Veterinary Practice and was delegate to the American Veterinary Medical Association House of Delegates. He is also member of the College Station Noon Lions Club, the Men’s Garden Club, American Legion Post 159, and the Brazos Valley Chapters of the U.S. Air Force Association and the Military Officers Association of America.

He and his wife, Carolyn K. West, Class of 1988, have four children, two of whom attended Texas A&M, and three grandchildren.

This full story can be viewed at the following web address: <http://tamunews.tamu.edu/2011/04/13/texas-am-university-announces-2011-distinguished-alumni/> or at <http://www.theeagle.com/aml/Earning-a-place-in-A-amp-amp-M-history>.

BROTHER NATHAN TEINERT’S STORY FEATURED ON A&M BLOG

Nathan Teinert ’13 wanted to avoid taking on student loan debt while pursuing his studies at Texas A&M University. When he wasn’t able to find a job in the tough economy, the third-generation Aggie took matters into his own hands by founding Triple T Landscape and Design.

Two Acres and a Push Mower “Triple T was started in the spring of 2009 with the hopes of being able to mow a few lawns and eventually pay some of my college expenses while also furthering my knowledge

with landscaping,” the landscape design major said.

“The first couple months were filled with hard labor and long hours. My first lawn care property was just over two acres and all I had for equipment was a push mower that my grandmother gave me.” Since then, Teinert has acquired additional clients, allowing him to purchase new equipment and add employees.

The landscaping company is another in a series of Teinert’s entrepreneurial efforts. “I start-

ed my first business at the age of 18. It was a clothing/accessory line but can be better defined as a ‘fun project,’” he explained. “Although it was very small scale, creating a legitimate business and dealing with the responsibilities were mind-blowing at that age. It was life changing and I believe that the lifestyle has led to what I have today.”

The full Story can be found at: <http://givingblog.tamu.edu/texas-am-foundation/a-very-green-thumb>

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well. As has been stated before, while the internal and not the external qualifications are what recommend a man to be made a mason; it is imperative that we continue to take pride in the external appearance of our fraternity. This pride in the external appearance does not necessarily reflect upon the internal, but for the new candidate or potential candidate for our degrees it does have something to say about the pride of our members in this great Fraternity.

The Wardens and I have a desire to see our programs focus on the history, tradition, and philosophy of Masonry. I have asked our Lodge officers this year to use our great library and resources to research a topic of personal interest and present his findings to the Lodge. I also encourage

each member to consider participating in these efforts; that we might improve in Masonic knowledge together.

The July stated meeting highlighted Texas Masonry and the impact it has on Education. In keeping with our program regarding education, the Lamar Award was presented to Bethany Monsees, a very deserving young lady. Future programs will include the presentation of the Community Builder Award in September, and in October, I have asked Rev. and Bro. Will Plotts to present a program celebrating the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible.

I look forward to these and other presentations that are sure to strengthen our knowledge and appreciation of Masonry. I am humbled and honored at the opportunity to serve Sul Ross. I find myself surrounded by noble and worthy brethren who share my

vision and desire for growth and service. I thank you for entrusting me to with this honorable position and I look forward to a stimulating year.

Your feedback on the direction of our Lodge is always welcome and appreciated. I encourage you to participate or comment on any of the upcoming opportunities. The participation of our members will enhance the upcoming learning opportunities, and allow us to grow as brothers, to strengthen our Lodge, and preserve our fraternity.

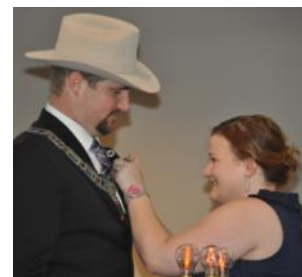
Please feel free to contact me by email:

broggenbuck@gmail.com; or
by telephone: 936.346.6332.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Bobby Roggenbuck

Master, Sul Ross Lodge #1300



Catherine, wife of WM Roggenbuck fixing a lapel pin upon his coat.

“The participation of our members will enhance the upcoming learning opportunities, and allow us to grow as brothers, to strengthen our Lodge, and preserve our fraternity.”

BROTHER BOBBY ROGGENBUCK MASTER OF SUL ROSS LODGE 2011-2012

BY BROTHER CHANCE M. ROBINSON

The office of Worshipful Master of Sul Ross Lodge No. 1300 during the 2011-2012 Masonic Year will be ably filled by Robert Richard “Bobby” Roggenbuck, Jr. Bobby was born at San Antonio, Texas on October 15, 1981, to Robert R. Roggenbuck, Sr. and Susan Roggenbuck Nickel. As a young man he attained the rank and decoration of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. After completing high school at the International School of the Americas in San Antonio, he entered Texas A&M University during the fall of 2000 as a ‘fish’ in Company F-2 of the Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets.

In his senior year, Bobby commanded the Corps Center Guard—which serves to support the Sam Houston Sanders

Corps Center, and to facilitate research and awareness of the history of the Texas Aggie Corps. He also served as President of the 12th Man Executive Board which is a student group that actively supports Aggie Athletics. In 2007, he graduated TAMU having completed a course of study in Health.

Upon graduation from the university, Bobby Roggenbuck began a career with the Brazos County Health Department as an Environmental Health Specialist. In 2005, Brother Roggenbuck married Catherine Hainley of Anahuac, Texas. They reside in College Station and are currently expecting a child to be born in the fall. A proud Texan and Texas Aggie, both Bobby and Catherine

proudly bear Aggie Rings of the class of 2004.

Bobby is a true and trusty friend to all who might make his acquaintance. It is not uncommon to find him with a smile on his face or offering up a hearty laugh in the company of his friends and brothers. In his actions toward the community at large, he lives a life worthy of one who would call himself a Brother Mason.

The Worshipful Master is of German descent. The name “Roggenbuck” is a variant of the Low German “Roggenbauch.” Deep in his religious convictions, he has been a member of the Methodist Church for a number of years, and makes time for his faith outside of

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The Worshipful Master's gavel of Sul Ross Lodge was presented to the lodge by Brothers Joe Barnes and David McGill in 1991.



R.W. Tom Freeman served as Installing Officer at the Installation of Officers on July 9, 2011.

“Brother Reinheimer did an outstanding job. Best we’ve heard in a long time.”



Brother Eric Reinheimer and his instructor Brother Jim Perkins

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Sunday worship, as he and Catherine frequently attend Bible Studies despite their busy schedules.

Brother Bobby Roggenbuck was initiated, passed, and raised in Sul Ross Lodge No. 1300, College Station, Texas, having been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on April 30, 2007. After receiving the capable instruction of Brother Mike Gerst in the esoteric work of the first three degrees of Craft Masonry, he was made a member of the

Houston Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry at a reunion in 2008 held at the Brazos Valley Masonic Library and Museum in the lodge room of Sul Ross Lodge. Currently he serves as 1st Vice President of Steve Cooke Scottish Rite Club in College Station.

In 2009, Brother Roggenbuck received his York Rite Degrees in Houston, Texas as a courtesy to the bodies of Bryan, Texas. He is a member of W. T. Austin Chapter No. 87, R. A. M.; W. T. Austin Council No. 52, R. & S. M.; and Ivanhoe

Commandery No. 8, K. T. Sir Knight and Companion Roggenbuck currently serves as an officer of all three bodies of the York Rite of Freemasonry.

I expect great things for Masonry in the Brazos Valley and at Sul Ross Lodge during Worshipful Master Roggenbuck’s term. I hope you will join me in honoring this capable leader as he strives for the betterment of our lodge and the fraternity as a whole as a lodge we are truly blessed to have Brother Roggenbuck serve in this capacity.

OUR NEWEST MASTER MASONS

The following letter was sent in regard to Brother Eric Reinheimer who was taught, conferred, and examined in the several degrees by the brethren of Upland-Mt. Baldy Lodge #419 in Upland, CA as a courtesy to Sul Ross Lodge

Brother Secretary,

Just wanted to send you a quick note to let you know that Brother Reinheimer was examined in the Candidates Lecture of the 3rd Degree on Thursday, June 2nd.

This was our normal Stated Meeting where we do all 3rd Degree proficiencies. Brother Reinheimer did an outstanding job. Best we’ve heard in a long time.

I have attached a picture from that evening of Brother Reinheimer and Brother Jim Perkins. Brother Jim was Eric coach through his degrees. Brother Jim is a 60 year member of CA Masonry.

I hope by now that all of the necessary paperwork has flowed from CA Grand Lodge, to TX Grand Lodge, to you.

It has been our pleasure working with Brother Eric and your assistance has been greatly

appreciated.

Fraternally,

Tony Beyenhof, PM

Secretary

Upland-Mt. Baldy Lodge, #419

In addition to Brother Reinheimer we also congratulate our newest Master Masons.

Brother Brian Wilkey was raised to the sublime degree on May 16, 2011. He was instructed in the esoteric work by Brother Rusty Farquhar, PM. That evening the lodge was pleased to welcome brethren from the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland. These distinguished brothers are from Elgin, Scotland and periodically visit Elgin, Texas where Brother David Reinbolt, father of our JW Josh Reinbolt is a Past Master. Brother Reinbolt accompanied these brethren from Elgin to Sul Ross Lodge.

Brother Charles C.E. Garrett was raised to the sublime degree in Sul Ross Lodge on May 21, 2011. He was instructed in the esoteric work by

Brother Evans of Mount Hiram Lodge No. 595 in Copperas Cove as a courtesy to Sul Ross Lodge. Following the Masters degree, Brother Garrett was presented a Masonic ring that once belonged to his grandfather as his first piece of masonic jewelry.

Brother Caleb W. Williams was raised to the sublime degree on May 23, 2011. He was instructed in the esoteric work by Brother Chance Robinson. In attendance for the Masters degree was Brother Matthew McDonough, currently a member of the Grand Lodge of Vermont. Brother McDonough works with Brother Williams, and introduced Brother Williams to Sul Ross Lodge during the petitioning process.

Congratulations to these four brothers who are now entitled to all of the honors, privileges, and duties of a Master Mason.

Special congratulations also to Brothers Wilkey and Williams, who now serve respectively as Marshal and Master of Ceremonies of Sul Ross Lodge.

WEDDING BELLS RING THIS SUMMER



R.:W. Brother Tom Freeman and his beautiful bride, Gloria

Wedding Bells were in the air this summer for the brethren of Sul Ross Lodge. Our Right Worshipful Brother

and District Deputy Grand Master, **Tom Freeman** was married to Gloria Almeida on Sunday, May 15, 2011. The scarf worn by Tom in the picture was given by his grandmother to his father before his wedding.

Brother Aaron Gibbs was married to Eliza Pontevedra on June 18th in Quezon City, Philippines. Aaron's mother, father, step-mother and two brothers traveled from Texas to the Philippines to attend. Honeymoon was at the Blue Coral Beach Resort in Batangas. As of July 1st Brother Gibbs had returned back to work in Afghanistan.

Brother Mario Gonzales was married to Laura Gonzales on July 16th in College Station. Congratulations to these new

couples. We wish you all the best in your new lives together. May God bless you and keep you always and forever.



Brother Mario Gonzales and his beautiful bride, Laura



Brother Aaron Gibbs and his beautiful bride, Eliza

FROM THE SOUTH

BY BROTHER JOSHUA W. REINBOLT

Brethren,

First and foremost, thank you for entrusting me to represent Sul Ross Lodge as Junior Warden for this Masonic Year. It is truly an honor to serve the Lodge in this capacity. We have a glorious past with great leaders who have set our way, and I hope to continue the successful path laid down by those before me. Masons are shining examples for our communities around the state, our country and our world; for that we should all be proud.

I anticipate a great year of fellowship as I have the opportunity to preside over the lodge at refreshment throughout this Masonic year. We hope to continue the success of the Fifth Tuesday Family Fun Night and Potluck Supper reinstated last spring. Therefore, on August 30th, we will have the next family fun night and the Lodge will provide Lasagna. Please make plans to join us

that evening for excellent food, fellowship, and fun games. You will be receiving more details about this and other events as the time approaches.

I wish to commend our Senior Steward, Brother Jim Robbins, for his labors in the kitchen this past year. He did a tremendous job improving the quality of food served at our stated and called meetings. I would also like to thank Brothers Tim Pickerell and Ismael Villalobos, for stepping in last year to help Brother Robbins when our Junior Steward, Brother Chance Schrutka, left for submarine school in March. I look forward to working with the stewards to ensure everyone is well fed at our meetings.

In closing, my brothers you help make Sul Ross Lodge what it is. As we all know, many of our members tend to come and go because they are here for an education and leave once their education is completed

and head in various directions. But we can be proud that as our members move on, they will represent Sul Ross Lodge wherever they go. With this in mind, I encourage our Brothers who are inactive that remain in the area to become active again to continue such a great tradition. Become an active Mason and not just a Mason in name. We need you and I promise that you won't regret becoming more involved with the Craft.

As we travel on life's journey each day may we always strive to make Masonry an active part of our lives, and live our lives in a manner fitting of the title, Master Mason. I look forward to seeing everyone in the coming weeks and throughout this year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Joshua W. Reinbolt

Junior Warden, Sul Ross Lodge

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Gayla Brown, fiancé of Brother Josh Reinbolt, pinning a lapel pin on his coat at the installation of officers

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Josh Reinbolt, Junior Warden
Mike Gerst, Treasurer
Bob Cohen, Secretary
B.J. Leggett, Chaplain
Justin Meyer, Senior Deacon
Scott Atkinson, Junior Deacon
Jim Robbins, Senior Steward
Tim Pickerill, Junior Steward
Brian Wilkey, Marshal
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Stated Communication
Second Monday of every month
Meal at 5:30 p.m.
Masonic Program at 6:30 p.m.
Master Masons Lodge at 7:00 p.m.

Called meetings or Floor School
every Monday except stated
meeting at 6:30 p.m.



...that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree.

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REMINDER

Brethren,

If you have an email address that is not on file, or if you need to update your email or mailing address with Sul Ross Lodge please send a message to secretary@sulross.org.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bob Cohen, Secretary



2011-2012 Officers (L-R) Front row: Mike Gerst, B.J. Leggett, Chance Robinson, Bobby Roggenbuck, Josh Reinbolt, Caleb Williams, Tom Freeman, Second row: Jim Robbins, Tim Pickerill, David Martin, Ben Baskin, Back row: Justin Meyer, Adam Helms, and Scott Atkinson

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT AND POTLUCK SUPPER WILL
BE HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 30TH AT 6:30 P.M.**

5th Tuesday Family Fun Night will be August 30th and our Lodge will provide an entrée of lasagna.

We hope that you attend and bring the following as you are able:

- Favorite side dish or dessert

- Favorite set of dominoes or board game

- Family (including your children or grandchildren)

This will be a great opportunity for brethren, our families, and our honored ladies to come together for food, fun, and

fellowship.

If you desire further information please contact Josh Reinbolt, Junior Warden by e-mail or phone at the following:

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or call 979-255-1253.