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Sul Ross Lodge News



Special points of interest:

- Please send your articles, news items and photos
- Dispatches from the Front
- New Master Masons
- Gilchrist Heritage Society

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FROM THE EAST

BY BROTHER CHANCE M. ROBINSON, MASTER

Brethren:

With classes now in session at the big school, Sul Ross Lodge is bustling with activity. In the weeks ahead we have scheduled degree work in all three degrees, a Stated Communication, a Lodge Habitat for Humanity Work Day, Family Fun Night, and the Collegium Latomorum (Masonic Education program). Each of the several listed activities offers many opportunities to experience various aspects of our fraternity. While some brethren may find time to partici-

pate in many of these activities, I hope that should your regular vocations and other obligations permit, that you might find something of interest and enjoy the fellowship of your brethren.

I also ask that you mark your calendar for the Sul Ross Lodge Homecoming Banquet and 65 year anniversary to be held Friday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m. on the top floor of Rudder Tower on the Texas A&M University campus. In December 1947, the lodge received its charter in Sbis-

Dining Hall on the campus of the A&M College of Texas and 65 years later we celebrate this occasion with a homecoming for our many members who remain members of our lodge though they may be far from College Station as well as those locally who wish to enjoy a special evening with their brethren and their ladies.

In the previous newsletter it was announced that a vote of the lodge at the September Stated Communication would

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SUL ROSS LODGE WORKDAY

BY ROY I. SMITH, JR., PM

Brethren-

On July, 7, 2012, we completely reworked and replaced all the plants in the entire front flowerbeds for the BVMLM. Special thanks to our Project Manager for the day, our brother Nathan Teinert, owner of Triple T Landscape Design, who gave us his time as the planner, manager, purchasing agent, delivery man, supervisor, and worker for the work day (see his company's website

at "[Triple T Landscape and Design](#)".)

Other Sul Ross Lodge members who volunteered their time were Clyde Collins, Rusty Farquhar, Omid Rahmani, Ryan Hogan, Gary Beaty and his son Garrett, Mike Hojnacki and his Bobcat bucket (which saved us even more sore muscles), Mike Gerst, and yours truly.

Special thanks to Mike Gerst who prepared coffee and



Brother Collins plants a bush as Brother Farquhar looks on...

brought breakfast tacos for the brethren.

It was a great day for work and fellowship. Thanks to all who participated!!!

STEVE COOKE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB TO MEET

The Steve Cooke Scottish Rite Club will meet for its annual meeting at the Brazos Valley Masonic Library and Museum on January 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

All Scottish Rite Masons are invited to attend. This body meets three times a year, on the 4th Monday in January, the Wednesday before Easter and the 4th Monday in October.

The club is named for William Stephenson Cooke, 33°, Member of the Scottish Rite Valley

of Fort Worth. Steve Cooke served as Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas from 1945-1951. The name was chosen by Brother Gibb Gilchrist who was the Charter Master of Sul Ross Lodge and Grand Master of Masons in Texas in the year 1952.

Several of the current officers and members of the Steve Cooke Scottish Rite Club are members of Sul Ross Lodge including Club President Bobby Roggenbuck.

Many of the Past Presidents from the inception of the club have

been members of Sul Ross Lodge.

The Club holds its charter from the Valley of Houston, AASR, but has several members from the Valleys of Austin and Waco.



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determine the fate of a proposed \$10 dues increase. This motion did pass and dues have increased from \$75 to \$85, this increase will take effect in December.

As I mentioned in my previous message volunteers are requested to take on the rewarding job of calling upon a widow of your lodge throughout the year. This will be your opportunity to offer a helping hand, a simple hello and an invitation to the Homecoming Banquet in December and Sweetheart Dinner in February. Please contact myself or our Chaplain, Brother Caleb Williams calebw.williams@gmail.com to volunteer.

Another opportunity to work in the community is the Sul Ross Lodge Habitat for Humanity work team organized by Brothers Omid Rahmani and Roy Smith. This work team will give lodge members the opportunity to work and sweat together on Saturday mornings as we support a worthwhile local charity. The first work day took place on Saturday

October 13th from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and was a big success. Please contact Brother Omid Rahmani omid9002r@yahoo.com or Roy Smith smithro@myalpha1.net for more details or to volunteer.

Finally one of our most important obligations is to that of our newest brothers as they advance through the

several degrees. If you wish to volunteer to learn a part in a degree and take part in future degree work please send me a message or send a message to our Degree Master, Brother Josh Reinbolt at jreinbolt99@aggienetwork.com. As a lodge, brethren are needed to participate in degree work, but also to be present to congratulate our newest members upon being advanced in our fraternity. What a great statement to our new candidates about how much their brethren care about the future of the fraternity to have a large group of brethren present to congratulate them following their degree. But supporting a new brother is not the only reason for degree conferrals; I contend that degree work is for the brethren to renew our obligations to our brothers, to contemplate the lessons and symbolism of our degrees, and to enjoy a time out of our busy work weeks with men who truly care about our well-being and success.

We are a blessed to be a thriving lodge, with that comes a commitment to our future and the future of Masonry. We have many opportunities available for our benefit; I hope that you will consider taking part in one of these worthwhile activities. Should you have any suggestions or if you need transportation to an upcoming meeting or event, do not hesitate to contact me at 979-676-2487 or email crobinson@aggienetwork.com.

Finally, brethren, be ye all of one mind; live in peace, and may the God of love and peace delight to dwell with and bless you.

Fraternal regards,

Chance Robinson

Master, Sul Ross Lodge #1300



DISPATCHES FROM THE FRONT...

For this edition, I wanted to continue the tradition started by Brother Robinson and highlight Brothers who are serving our country. I probably have failed to include a number of our Sul Ross Brethren who willingly serve our state and nation around the globe and if I did so I apologize. I also realize that each of you offer this service without any thought of recognition or thanks, but we are truly grateful for your service.

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 member currently serving in the military please provide a report for future newsletters. You may send a message to Brother Roy Smith at smithro@alpha1.net or Brother Josh Reinbolt at jreinbolt99@aggienetwork.com.



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

Where are they serving?



Bro. Yuja on the right pictured with a friend in the Ghazni Province in Afghanistan.

- Brother Eddy Yuja is a 1LT in the Army National Guard. He spent about 7 months in Ghazni Province in Afghanistan working with a provincial reconstruction team as the platoon leader of the security forces platoon. He is currently working at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan as a Battle Captain for Task force defender and is part of the 1-143rd Airborne unit based in Camp Mabry located in Austin, TX.,
- By Brother Schrutka—For the past year and a half I have been in the Submarine Officer training pipeline. The first six months consisted of power school in Charleston, SC, where I learned the theory and basic operation behind naval nuclear power plants.



Bro. Schrutka graduating from nuclear Power School...

After power school, I spent two months in Groton, CT. In Groton, I attended the Submarine Officer Basic Course (SOBC), where I learned the foundation of naval submarine operations and missions. Once SOBC was completed, I came back to Charleston to finish up my training at what is called prototype. Prototype is where we apply everything we have learned in a hands on environment. At prototype we operate an active nuclear reactor aboard a Moored Training Ship, specifically the MTS 635, USS Samuel Rayburn. The Sam Rayburn is a ballistic missile submarine from the end of the cold war era. It was an active duty submarine the navy converted into a training ship. It sits in the river and is fully functioning with the exception of going out to sea. The idea behind the program is that we have experience operating a nuclear reactor prior to going to our more advanced systems aboard our first active duty submarine.

While at prototype we actually qualify on that particular reactor plant, being an S5W. While it is an older plant, the fundamentals behind nuclear propulsion never change, only the details. Therefore, when I get to my submarine, I just have to focus on the differences between my submarine's reactor plant and the reactor plant at prototype. Once on my boat I will qualify as Engineering Officer of the Watch (aka Reactor/ Propulsion plant supervisor) and then Officer of the Deck (aka driving and commanding the submarine as a representative of the Captain while he is either sleeping or taking care of his other duties as Captain).

In October I will report to

“... we thank you individually who are listed and all of you collectively for your service.”

SSBN 733, the USS Nevada out of Bangor, WA. The Nevada is a Ohio class ballistic missile submarine. The SSBNs are one of three components making up the United States strategic nuclear triad. The nuclear triad mission is to deter other nations from conducting large scale attacks on the United States. I am very excited about my boat assignment and I hope to make Texas A&M, the Corps of Cadets and Sul Ross Lodge proud.

- Josh Morris LTJG and currently serving onboard the USS HALSEY (DDG 97) as the ship's Navigator. He is stationed out of San Diego, CA.



Bro. Morris and his wife, Courtney, after he returned from a ship tour...

SUL ROSS MEMBER UPDATES...



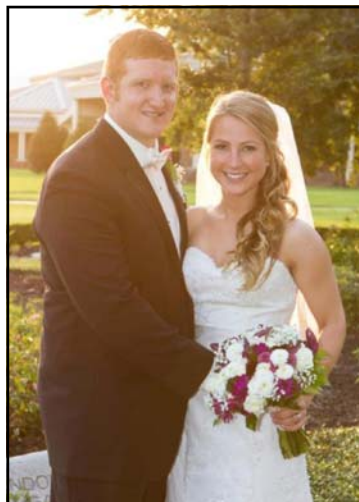
- Earlier this summer, Brother Sam Balch conferred his first degree while wearing his Corps of Cadets Mid-night Uniform and Senior Boots. To our knowledge, this was the first time this had been done.

- During the summer, Brother Brian Wilkey decided to transfer to the University of Texas to follow his professor to continue his Master's studies under his guidance.

- Earlier this summer Brother Jim Rakestraw also received the York Rite degrees of the chapter, council, and commandery in Amarillo Chapter No. 196, Amarillo Council No. 134, and Amarillo Commandery No. 48. Congratulations brother on your preferment to the rank and title of Knight Templar.
- In December, Brother Rahmani will be moving to Norman, Oklahoma, to be closer to his fiancé and finish school at the University of Oklahoma.
- On August 18, 2012, at the York Rite Festival in Houston, Brothers Scott Atkinson and Gary Beaty were exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, greeted Select Masters in

W.T. Austin Chapter No. 87 and Council No. 52, and dubbed and created Knights Templar in Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8. Congratulations brethren on your preferment.

- Brother Michael Yancy took a job as an international sales consultant with Brother Hugh Carnahan's family business, Springfield Marine Company. He will be spending time in Missouri over the next few months training and learning his role before moving to Shanghai, China for the next few years.
- Brother Hamzah Barlas is still pursuing his degree from A&M in Civil Engineering. However, he has accepted a position with Terracon Consulting Engineering here in town and will be performing construction material testing. Congrats on the job offer Brother Barlas!
- Brother Trevor Jones married Whitney Minton on August 12, 2012. Congratulations to the happy couple.



Information Wanted:

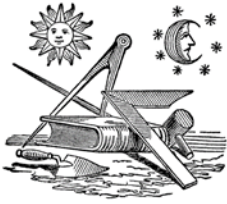
Please send your letters, articles and digital photos to: Josh Reinbolt at jreinbolt99@aggienetwork.com.

- Brother Tom Fritz married Mackenzie Street on October 27, 2012. Brother Fritz also purchased his first house on July 17, 2012. Congrats!



- Over 30 brethren registered to participate in the Collegium Latomorum the first evening. We are excited for this educational opportunity as this looks to be a great year for Masonry and more especially Masonic Education in College Station and the Brazos Valley. Brother, Caleb Williams provided the first lecture in September on the Gothic Constitutions and did an amazing job. If you haven't attended yet, please make plans to attend.

MWSA REFORMATION—GET INVOLVED....



P.O. Box 13699 College Station, TX 77841-3699
Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association, A.F. & A.M.
of the 29-A and 29-B Masonic Districts of Texas



Brethren:

The District 29 MWSA has been inactive for several years and in April of this year we met in Carlos at Orphan's Friends Lodge to gauge and discuss the interest of reforming this association. There was overwhelmingly support to get our local MWSA up and running again. I am happy to report that we have filed the necessary paperwork with Grand Lodge and report the following information.

At the July meeting, a total of six lodges were represented including: Adam Royder No. 778, Brazos Union No. 129, Cedar Creek No. 300, Navasota No. 299, Sul Ross No. 1300, and Richards No. 1116. Among other items of business, the recent amendments to the association bylaws were adopted and the following officers for 2012-2013 were elected: Chance M. Robinson, President (Worshipful Master-Sul Ross Lodge); Royce Yeates, Vice President (Senior Warden-Cedar Creek Lodge); and Joshua W. Reinbolt, Secretary/Treasurer (Senior Warden-Sul Ross Lodge).

In previous years this association hosted district wide activities for the benefit of all lodges in District 29. In the past these events have included an annual outdoor Master Masons Degree among other notable events. This past year we re-constituted the association and with your help will grow for the benefit of all local brethren. I will close with an excerpt from our bylaws detailing the stated purpose for the MWSA.

The purpose of this Association shall be:

(1) To assist the District Deputy Grand Masters and members of any Grand Lodge Committee in the performance of their duties when requested. (2) To promote a cooperative plan of attendance when all the Lodges of the 29-A and 29-B Masonic Districts act as host to the Most Worshipful Grand Master and visiting Masons when in attendance at the annual Regional or District meetings. (3) To foster and encourage ideas and plans determined to promote better spirit of Brotherhood and widen acquaintances among the Brethren of these Districts. (4) To promote and support educational meetings designed to bring more light to all Master Masons.

Please note that in addition to sitting Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries, all Past Masters and Affiliated Past Masters of lodges in District 29 are members of the MWSA. I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting as we share in food, fellowship, and masonic education. Should you have any questions or desire further information please do not hesitate to call 979-676-2487 or email crobinson@aggienetwork.com. Throughout this year I will be writing to keep you abreast of upcoming activities and to invite you to the quarterly meetings of your Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association.

Fraternal regards,

Chance M. Robinson
 President, MWSA of Districts 29-A and 29-B

Brazos Union Lodge No. 129, Bryan, Texas
 Pyramid Lodge No. 593, North Zulch, Texas
 Madisonville Lodge No. 740, Madisonville, Texas

Orphan's Friend Lodge No. 17, Carlos, Texas
 Planters Lodge No. 147, Plantersville, Texas
 Adam Royder Lodge No. 778, Wellborn, Texas
 Sul Ross Lodge No. 1300, College Station, Texas

29-A

Cedar Creek No. 300, Kurten, Texas
 Bedias Lodge No. 651, Bedias, Texas

29-B

Washington Lodge No. 18, Navasota, Texas
 Navasota Lodge No. 299, Navasota, Texas
 Richards Lodge No. 1116, Richards, Texas
 St. Alban's Lodge No. 1455, College Station, Texas



SUL ROSS MASONIC LODGE— HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TEAM...

Members of Sul Ross Lodge and several members from the Corps of Cadets participated in the first work day for our lodges Habitat for Humanity work team. On Saturday, October 13, 2012, beginning at 8:00 a.m. the group gathered for coffee and drinks before departing at 8:30 a.m. to participate and help out the local Habitat for Humanity chapter with their chainsaw workday by clearing the area of future houses for low income families. Brother Smith reports that this was a very successful day!!! He wishes to express thanks to all who participated and particularly to those Corps of Cadets members who brought some of their buddies to help!



Group shot of the Brothers and Corps of Cadet members who participated in the Habitat for Humanity workday.



A group of Brothers look on as Mary Pike operates a chainsaw for the first time. I am sure a lot of friendly advice was given to her before she used the chainsaw.



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

UPCOMING BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

NOVEMBER

3	Charles W. Harrison	12	Erik R. Gebhardt	21	John P. Cordova V
4	David C. Bryan	12	Nils E. Kjell	21	Grant B. Gibson
6	Arnold L. Andrews	13	Herman T. Hunt, Jr.	22	Marion M. Barringer
7	Bobby G. Evans	13	Jimmie McMahan	22	James B. Beal, Jr.
7	Brian M. Wilkey	17	Scott W. Bratsen	22	Cole A. Skinner
9	Bruce G. Chabot	17	Arthur J. Stocker	26	Riley W. Waddell
9	Gary L. Moore	18	Robert C. Pagenkopf	28	C. Thomas Payne II
10	David M. Peter	19	K. Chance Schrutka	28	Chance M. Robinson
11	Wesley C. Hoffman	19	Justin K. Trahan	29	John C. Thomas

DECEMBER

3	Matthew W. Allen	16	Sean D. McCarroll	26	Michael A. Bailey
3	Jeffrey D. Antal	17	Donald Saylak	28	Eugene B. Smith
4	Mark L. Howard	19	Jeffrey R. Harbert	29	M. Scott Lassiter
6	Joseph B. Michels	21	Alfred J. Lehtonen II	29	J. Michael Murphy
7	Morgan S. Salonek	23	Daurent J. Bouchard	29	James D. Robbins
9	Jesse E. Watson	25	R. Conrad Eckard		
12	Christopher D. Ramsey	25	Clark Rich		

JANUARY

2	Harry C. August	12	Jeffery M. Stark	19	Harvey D. Miller
2	Thomas W. Comstock	14	Ashton T. Brown	20	Andrey Malakhovsky
5	Thomas D. Halling	14	Arthur C. Flory	22	Alfred W. Jeanes
7	Homer B. Adams	14	Horace G. Jacks III	23	Barron R. Fredricks
7	Frederick A. McKethan III	15	H. Dwayne Credor	23	Jack D. Sherman
9	P.G. "Pete" Normand, Jr.	15	Ronald G. Quiram	27	Claude D. Davis
9	Jerome W. Swoboda	16	Carl M. Gough, Jr.	29	Joshua W. Reinbolt
12	Michael W. Smith	19	Louis S. Koronka	30	Michael C. Robinson



Grand Lodge of Texas, Waco

SUL ROSS LODGE TO RECEIVE VANGUARD AWARD

Brethren,

We have received word that Sul Ross Lodge will be one of 66 Lodges to receive the Vanguard Lodge designation. The Certificate presentation will occur on Thursday, December 6 at approximately 2:30 PM. This is a special honor and is part of the 2012 Grand Communication at Grand Lodge. Great job everyone!

MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

<p>2 Ryan W. Elliott (2004)</p> <p>3 Jack D. Sherman (1949)</p> <p>3 Joseph B. Michels (1978)</p> <p>4 Erven Rovinsky (1948)</p> <p>5 Donald Saylak (1956)</p> <p>5 Jeffrey R. Harbert (2007)</p> <p>6 Andrew L. Sikes (1948)</p> <p>6 Jeffrey L. Williford (2006)</p> <p>8 James P. Worley (1968)</p> <p>9 John W. Dutch (1972)</p>	<p>15 Carlos M. Chang (2004)</p> <p>16 Seth D. Hudson (2006)</p> <p>16 Arturo D. Martinez (2006)</p> <p>16 Christopher D. Ramsey (2009)</p> <p>17 Carl M. Gough, Jr. (1972)</p> <p>17 Juan M. Hinojosa (2003)</p> <p>17 Joshua W. Reinbolt (2008)</p> <p>19 Horace G. Jacks III (1980)</p> <p>19 W, Jay Matush (2007)</p> <p>20 Richard Tonda (1974)</p>	<p>21 Ronald R. Day (1956)</p> <p>21 Alan T. Cooper (2006)</p> <p>24 Joshua L. Morris (2008)</p> <p>25 Homer B. Adams (1952)</p> <p>25 Roy I. Smith, Jr. (1964)</p> <p>25 Donald S. Davis (1969)</p> <p>25 Thomas W. Pool (1996)</p> <p>28 Arnold R. Langston (1965)</p> <p>28 Joseph E. D'Agostino (2006)</p>
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DECEMBER

<p>1 James B. Beal, Jr. (1960)</p> <p>1 Andrew P. McNeel (2008)</p> <p>4 Erik S. Scott (2006)</p> <p>5 Roger A. Schoppe (2011)</p> <p>6 Curtis E.. Waldrop (1979)</p> <p>6 Sean E. Matula (2004)</p> <p>6 R. Scott Atkinson (2010)</p> <p>8 Harvey D. Miller (1969)</p>	<p>8 Jim G. Williams (1970)</p> <p>15 Robert J. Blum (1951)</p> <p>15 Henry W. Ince (1951)</p> <p>16 Jeffrey M. Stark (1997)</p> <p>16 Mark L. Howard (2002)</p> <p>16 Michael A. Bailey (2008)</p> <p>17 Philip A. Rumford (2007)</p> <p>18 Bobby J. Ragsdale (1958)</p>	<p>18 Garen K. Evans (1995)</p> <p>19 Horace W. VanCleave (1958)</p> <p>19 Ronald G. Quiram (2005)</p> <p>21 Stephen T. Williams (1971)</p> <p>27 Daurent J. Bouchard (2004)</p>
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JANUARY

<p>3 Jimmy D. Boswell (1957)</p> <p>12 Steven C. Loomis (1982)</p> <p>15 Doyle L. Moore (1947)</p> <p>15 Michel A. Mohler (2001)</p> <p>16 Robert L. Edgecomb (1969)</p> <p>19 Aaron D. Palermo (2004)</p>	<p>19 Joshua D. Blankenship (2009)</p> <p>20 Bruce G. Chabot (1994)</p> <p>21 James T. McGinnis (2008)</p> <p>23 Bobby G. Evans (1974)</p> <p>26 Travis G. Normand (2004)</p> <p>27 Lynn P. Pittard (1966)</p>	<p>28 Carroll L. Colson (1964)</p> <p>30 Blaine A. Joseph (1996)</p> <p>30 Andrew J. Cumming (2007)</p>
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Crest of Clan Ross. Sprig of evergreen held aloft. Motto: Success Nourishes Hope



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



"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

FROM THE WEST

BY BROTHER JOSHUA W. REINBOLT



Brother Reinbolt returning to the East to close a called meeting on an evening filling in for the Worshipful Master...

Brethren,

As I write this message autumn appears to have finally arrived, and what a blessing it is to not only receive cooler temperatures, but also some much needed rain.

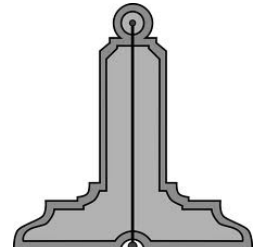
The holiday season will soon arrive, with Thanksgiving next month followed by the annual Sul Ross Lodge Holiday Banquet. As the Worshipful Master mentioned in his note, this year we will be celebrate our 65th Anniver-

sary of our charter and we will celebrate this milestone during the Holiday Banquet on the campus of Texas A&M University. The event will take place in the 11th floor of Rudder Tower in the University Club. Please be on the lookout for the invitation sent out by our Brother Junior Warden.

If you have not attended the Holiday Banquet recently I encourage you to do so, it is a great time to connect with brethren not seen in some time, and to meet the newest members of our lodge: EA, FC, and Master Masons. Since the silent auction as a success last year, we will be offering another one during the Holiday Banquet to help raise funds for our Lamar Scholarship. If you have an item that you would like to donate to the auction please let me know. Don't forget to bring your checkbook and or cash to the event. I

look forward to seeing each of you there on December 14th.

Our Lodge is blessed to have the opportunity to initiate, pass and raise Brothers on a regular basis. However, many times these Brothers are here for a short time as they finish their studies. We can use the assistance of the Brethren remaining in the area. If you are interested in mentoring or teaching new Brothers their work, please let me know. We can also use the assistance for degree work. If you are worried that you do not remember the work, do not worry, we can give you an refresher. Please don't let this be the cause to keep you away from Lodge. Trust me, you can get as little as you want out of Masonry so please don't be a Mason in name only. Get involved in Lodge and you will not regret it.



... and remembering that we are traveling upon the level of time, to that undiscovered country, from whose borne no traveler returns...

Brethren, thank you for allowing me to share this message with you and for the opportunity to serve Sul Ross Lodge. I am proud to have served this lodge the past few years and I look forward to continued service in the coming years in whatever capacity I may offer.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Josh Reinbolt

Senior Warden, Sul Ross Lodge No. 1300

FROM THE SOUTH

BY BROTHER JUSTIN M. MEYER

About the Junior Warden:

Brother Justin Meyer received all of his degrees in 2010 from Sul Ross Lodge.

Married for 5 years this December to his beautiful bride, Chrystal, and they have one son named, Leif.

He received a bachelor degree from Colorado Tech University and works as the assistant general manager of Post Oak Mall in College Station.

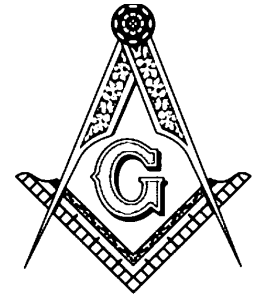
Brethren,

I would like to thank you again for the opportunity to represent Sul Ross Lodge in its leadership during this Masonic year. I have learned a great deal about masonry, my brothers, and myself during this time, and I deeply appreciate this honor.

We have been blessed to have the opportunity to gather as friends and brothers in this fraternity and it is my distinct pleasure to watch over the lodge while at refreshment. We had a tremendous amount of fun at this past Family Fun Night back in July and I look forward to continuing to have these nights.

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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

NOVEMBER 2012

5	Mon.	EA Degree, EA Exam & FC Degree	BVMLM	6:00 p.m.	College Station
12	Mon.	Stated Communication	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
19	Mon.	EA Exam & FC Degree	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
26	Mon.	Open	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
27	Tue.	Collegium Latomorum	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station

DECEMBER 2012

3	Mon.	Open	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
6-8	Thur. - Sat.	Grand Communication	Grand Lodge		Waco
10	Mon.	Stated Communication	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
14	Fri.	Homecoming Banquet	Rudder Tower	6:00 p.m.	College Station
17	Mon.	Open	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
24	Mon.	Dark	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
31	Mon.	Dark	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station

JANUARY 2013

7	Mon.	Open	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
14	Mon.	Stated Communication	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
17	Wed.	District 29 MWSA	Orphan's Friend	6:30 p.m.	Carlos
22	Tue.	Collegium Latomorum	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
28	Mon.	Steve Cooke Scottish Rite Club	BVMLM	7:00 p.m.	College Station
29	Tue.	Family Fun Night	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station

FEBRUARY 2013

4	Mon.	Open	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
11	Mon.	Stated Communication (Sweetheart Dinner)	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
18	Mon.	Open	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
25	Mon.	Open	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
22	Tue.	Collegium Latomorum	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station

MARCH 2013

4	Mon.	Open	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
11	Mon.	Stated Communication	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
18	Mon.	Open	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
25	Mon.	Open	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
26	Tue.	Collegium Latomorum	BVMLM	6:30 p.m.	College Station
27	Wed.	Steve Cook Scottish Rite Club	BVMLM	7:00 p.m.	College Station

NOTICE
 Holiday
 "homecoming"
 Banquet will
 take place on
 December 14
 (Friday) on the
 TAMU campus

OUR NEWEST MASTER MASONS

Congratulations are due to several of our brethren who recently have been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason and we also thank their instructors and mentors who have led them thus far.

Brother Christopher Phillips was raised on August 20, 2012. Brother Phillips was taught by Brother Roy Smith. Pictured below is Brother Phillips after he was raised with instructor, Roy Smith, and his grandfather, Brother L.O. Cox, Jr.



Brother Tyler Hopping was raised on September 24, 2012. Brother Hopping was co-taught by Brother Hugh Carnahan and Brother Omid Rahmani. Pictured below with Brother Hopping are all the brothers present after he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.



Brother Grant Gibson was raised on October 15, 2012 and was taught by Brothers Omid Rahmani and Hamzah Barlas. Pictured above is Brother Gibson with all the brethren in attendance the night he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Brother Michael Yancy was raised on October 1, 2012. Brother Yancy was co-taught by Brothers Hugh Carnahan, Hamzah Barlas and Omid Rahmani. Pictured below is Brother Yancy after he was raised a Master Mason with all the brethren present.



GILCHRIST HERITAGE SOCIETY

“SPECIAL NOTICE - Roy I. Smith, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Brazos Valley Masonic Library & Museum Association (and Past Master of Sul Ross Lodge No. 1300), has requested that we include in our newsletter the following information about the Gilchrist Heritage Society.”

The Gilchrist Heritage Society recognizes individuals who include a gift to the Brazos Valley Masonic Library & Museum Association in their estate plans. Anyone who submits documentation of his estate gift qualifies for membership, **no matter what size the gift.**

The Gilchrist Heritage Society is named for “Gibb” Gilchrist, the first Master of Sul Ross Masonic Lodge No. 1300, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and President of Texas A&M University.

Gilchrist Heritage Society members are recognized by being included in an Honor Roll published each year, and by having their names permanently displayed on the Gilchrist Heritage Society Plaque in the Brazos Valley Masonic Library & Museum.

THREE STEPS TO MEMBERSHIP

Once you decide to make an estate gift to the Brazos Valley Masonic Library & Museum Association, becoming a member of the Gilchrist Heritage Society takes just three simple steps:

- 1) With the help of your professional advisors, include a gift to the Brazos Valley Masonic Library & Museum Association in your estate plan. This might include a bequest, a living trust, beneficiary designation of a retirement account or life insurance policy. A gift of any size qualifies you for membership.
- 2) Send the Brazos Valley Masonic Library & Museum Association a copy of your will, trust agreement, retirement account statement, or insurance policy. If you prefer, you may copy just the relevant part of your will or trust agreement or the cover and beneficiary pages of your retirement account or insurance policy. If you and your spouse both seek membership and have a separate will, please submit copies of both documents. This applies also to trust agreements and other documents.
- 3) Request a membership form, complete the form, and return it to the Association. We will keep the details of your gift confidential, and you are welcome to decline public recognition.

*For more information call (979) 694-3579 or write:
Roy I. Smith, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Brazos Valley Masonic Library & Museum Association
P.O. Box 10110
College Station, TX 77842*



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



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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.



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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 Fraternally,

Bob Cohen, Secretary

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Remaining family fun nights
for this Masonic year are
January 29, 2013 and April
30, 2013.

The lodge will prepare an
entrée and provide drinks,
just bring your favorite side
dish or desert and your
favorite board game or
dominoes and we will have
a fantastic time.

I would like to take this
opportunity to thank our
stewards for all the work
they do to ensure the lodge
is taken care of. All too of-
ten they labor well into our
regular meeting times and

the good works they do are
unable to be formally recog-
nized. Remember to give
your stewards and hug and
a hearty handshake for all
the work they do for our
lodge.

This past weekend I had the
great privilege and honor to
meet two outstanding Texas
Masons. Brother Richard
Gillet from Boggy Lodge
#739 in Teague and Brother
Edward Marcotte from
Springfield Lodge #74 in
Mexia. These two brothers
are absolutely outstanding
men and shed light on the
true meaning of brother-
hood. When they heard of a
family in dire need of help

they truly rose to the occa-
sion and speak volumes on
the lengths a brother will go
through for a family in need
of assistance.

Brothers, again I thank you
and I will forever be at your
service.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Justin Meyer

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