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<http://www.melrose1294.org/>

Melrose Lodge #1294 Meeting at
13106 Chrisman Road Houston, TX 77039

Trestleboard Events

Melrose Lodge is open every Monday for Light and Fellowship – Light Dinner 6:00 pm

Projected Melrose Lodge #1294 A.F. & A. M. Masonic Calendar

Weekly Study Night: Meet at Lodge for light dinner at 6:00 PM, after which we will meet in the Lodge room and there will be instruction in the EA and practice work in conferring the EA & FC degrees (we have several coming up, contact the lodge to participate in these conferrals. Study on receiving Grand Lodge Officers.

Degree work is a candidate's first impression of our lodge. Let's make it a good one. Currently we have candidates working as EAs. Help us to grow, support our candidates by participating.

February 11th – STATED MEETING

Dinner 6:30 PM: After which we will have our monthly stated business meeting **7:30 PM**, all Brothers should make every effort to attend.

RW Jerry L. Jones District Deputy Grand Master District 30-C will make his official visit

February 27th – SPECIAL NIGHT FOR MELROSE

Brothers we will honor our Charter Members, Past Masters, and give out 25 and 40 year service awards. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending with your family and friends, dinner will be served at 6:00PM by

Melrose Chapter #920 Eastern Star, to honor master masons.

Brothers who are not feeling well, you are missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers. If you know of any of our brothers that are ill, please let us know.

Bro. William H. Caldwell

Bro. Fred N. Futch

Brothers who have been called From Labor:



Terry Lee Marburger 07/21/2009 R: 01/29/1977

Leland Firman Hensley Sr. 09/09/2009 R: 02/17/1955

Gerald Oswald Johnson 10/14/2009 R: 07/20/1959

Thomas Alvy McQueen 12/22/2009 R: 07/07/1959

Master's Message

Tapping the outside of Freemasonry

We, as Masons, speak proudly, and justifiably so, of the Great Teachings of our Fraternity. We make loudly applauded speeches about the Sublime and Eternal Truths contained within our Symbols. We sometimes speak of Freemasonry as a liberal education, which it is. We sometimes speak of Freemasonry as a religion, WHICH IT ISN'T. But, despite all the splendid things we say about Freemasonry, and justifiably so, isn't it true that very few of us gives any considerable time to the study of the lessons and teachings which we vocally hold in such high esteem? Isn't it true that at every exemplification of a degree we see and hear many things which we but partially understand, yet our curiosity is not aroused to such an extent that we make any serious effort to discover the meanings we do not comprehend.

I am reminded of a faithful R/R employee who spent 50 years tapping the wheels of trains that stopped at his station. The superintendent heard of his faithfulness and one day got off of the train to compliment him, when he got off of the train the employee was already tapping the wheels up one side and down the other. When the job was completed the Superintendent stepped up and introduced him- self. I understand you have been on the job for 50 years and never missed a day it must be very satisfying to know you have played your part in looking to the safety of the passengers. Yes Sir was the reply. Now my good man came the question tell me why you tap the wheels. The answer finally came "I'll be doggoned if I know."

Isn't our Masonry a great deal like the service of the faithful employee? Doesn't the greater number of us merely tap the outside without having much idea of what it is all about? Aren't the greater number of us so lacking in curiosity that we don't try to find out why we do this, or why we do that, or what this means, or what that means? Let's develop a little curiosity. There are many opportunities at which you can satisfy your curiosity and improve your knowledge of Freemasonry you can attend the lodge nights of instruction, the various forums offered by the committee on works and the classes offered by the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries association to name a few. I hope to see you at one of these.

Bruce B. Douglass. WM

From the West

WHY MEN JOIN FREEMASONRY?

By Brother Dan Weatherington

Not one person ever joined Freemasonry because Churchill was a Mason.

- Not one person ever joined Freemasonry because George Washington, Walt Disney or Peter Sellers were Masons.
- Nobody ever joined Freemasonry because of our great Masonic heroes: Joining Freemasonry doesn't make you any of those people.
- Not one person ever joined so that they could give money to charity: You don't have to be a Freemason to give money to worthy causes.
- Not one person ever joined because of our attention to lodge rules, regulations or ritual.
- Outsiders don't know about all of our procedures.

They joined because someone they knew and admired was a Mason. It could have been a father, a friend, a man down the street, or someone a thousand miles away. Who it was didn't matter. They admired him and wanted to do the things he did and they did it by the millions.

If you want to help promote Freemasonry, try to be the kind of man that other people admire. Someone will notice.

Birthdays for the Month of February

W. Tommy McGee II	2 nd	William L. Hayden	16 th
Cleveland D. Farrell	2 nd	George W. Milner	18 th
Dennis L. Woods	3 rd	Jorge Flores	18 th
Thomas F. Keasling	5 th	George W. Lee	20 th
Malcolm A Gilbert	9 th	Roger W. Allen	22 nd
Lloyd D. McDonald Jr.	9 th	Wilson B. Hudson	24 th
Jerry D. Blair	10 th	John L. Reid	26 th
Thomas L. Westbrook	12 th		
Roy D. Riley	13 th		

Secretary's Notes

Brethren, Dues are owed to the Lodge in advance. If you cannot pay Contact the Secretary or the Worshipful Master and we can always work something out. Silence only forces us to change your worthy status. Please communicate.

A Monthly Description of Lodge Officers and their Duties

Senior Deacon: Assistant

Elder members of a craft most usually recognize this officer as the second most important in the Lodge because of the requirements of the office, duties performed and relation to the W.M. His every act on the floor is representative of the desires of the W.M. and must be accepted by all as such. The W.M. seldom appears on the floor. He is the drawing personality during degree work and is directly assisted by the Stewards and M. of C. He must master certain Masonic dialogue, never being satisfied with the knowledge already digested.

Junior Deacon: Attendant

His responsibilities to that officer are to perform the duties of attendant. The Sr. Warden, when permitted by the Master, will appoint this officer. It is generally supposed that if the Sr. Warden eventually assumes the East, he will take this officer with him to serve as Sr. Deacon. The Jr. Deacon, having been appointed to a Line Officer position, would do well to actively improve his ritualistic, talents, and Masonic rhetoric. Where possible, he should assist the Sr. Deacon during the conference of degrees.

While being the immediate proxy of the West, he is also employed in the security of the Lodge, keeping the outer room clear and keep in the Tyler informed as to activities and changes in the Lodge. During periods of balloting he should inform the Tyler that the door of the Lodge should not be alarmed.

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