

# Melrose Square and Compass



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***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.

**January 14th – 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.

**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

**Master's Message**

“Free” Masons

There have been many explanations as to how the term “Free” came to be applied to Masons. Operative Masons frequently were free of local laws. In some cases they were free of local taxes. Their actions were not restricted as were the actions of others. They were free to travel from country to country in following their trade. Masons, who labored on King Solomon's Temple, as legend tells us, enjoyed special privileges and were free from laws others were required to obey.

In modern days, however, it seems some feel the term means free from attending Lodge, free from calling on our sick Brothers, free from the obligations we voluntarily assumed, free from giving aid to the officers and brethren, free from taking part in the work, free from any responsibility, free to give criticism.

Let us be the kind who does not wait for free time in which to attend and be active in Lodge. Let us not be among those who think Freemasonry is free. We are and always will be free to do as we wish about these things, but no one can be a Freemason in the true and fullest sense of the word unless he purchases that Freemasonry with his time, with his energy and by the use of talents wherewith God has blessed him.

**Bruce B. Douglass. WM**

## ***Birthday's for the Month of January***

Billy W. Canady	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hallie R. Barber	12 <sup>th</sup>
Don P. Bosworth	7 <sup>th</sup>	Deward W. Whitworth	17 <sup>th</sup>
Perry L. Post	7 <sup>th</sup>	Clarence E. Matthews	19 <sup>th</sup>
Johnny E. Butler	7 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph L. Reichert	19 <sup>th</sup>
Robert L. Hyde	8 <sup>th</sup>	J. T. Millican Jr.	24 <sup>th</sup>
Robert R. Little	10 <sup>th</sup>	James D. Cook	26 <sup>th</sup>
Charles W. Pugh	11 <sup>th</sup>	Troy D. Anderson	27 <sup>th</sup>
Frank R. King	11 <sup>th</sup>	Raymond L. Hundl	30 <sup>th</sup>
James D. Chance	12 <sup>th</sup>		

## ***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.

Brother Jerry L. Jones PM of our Lodge was appointed and Installed as District Deputy Grand Master District 30-C

## **A Monthly Description of Lodge Officers and their Duties**

### **Senior and Junior Steward**

A good Lodge will be recognized when giving value to the work of the Stewards. It shall be the duty of the Senior Steward to assist the Deacons and other officers in the discharge of their duties, and to see that the tables are properly furnished at refreshment, and that every Brother is suitably provided for.

#### **Senior Steward - Lodge Officer Duties:**



**JEWEL:** His Jewel is the Cornucopia, which is an exact duplicate of the Junior Steward's Cornucopia. The **Cornucopia** signifies the "**Horn of Plenty**". It is a goat horn filled with the fresh fruits and vegetables to denote the "**fruits of your labors**" and represents **a job well done**.

**DUTIES:** In their entry Officer positions, both the Stewards typically handle kitchen duties and wait staff for the members. The Senior Steward's position is similar to that of a Supervisor. The duties of the Senior Steward are to see that the tables are properly furnished at refreshment and the brethren and guests suitably provided for.

#### **Junior Steward - Lodge Officer Duties:**

The advancement from Junior to Senior Steward may not seem that significant or important, but any advancement by any officer in the line should be looked upon as an achievement worthy of praise. You have demonstrated to the Brethren and your fellow officers that you are worthy of the trust placed in you. You have performed the duties assigned to you and completed the requirements necessary for your advancement. You have, in short, demonstrated that you are a dedicated officer. Had you not performed as required, you would not

have been advanced to the office of Senior Steward. This same dedication and performance will be needed each year as you advance toward the East.



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**DUTIES:** The Junior Steward of a Masonic Lodge is an appointed officer of the Lodge. The Junior Steward is tasked to understudy the Senior Steward position and fill in for the Senior Steward in his absence. The Junior Steward's principle role is to assist the Senior Steward. Both the senior and junior stewards carry rods, atop which are the jewels of their offices. The rods represent England's Lord High Steward's rod in the House of Lords.

### ***IUNSTALATION OF STEWARDS***

*Brothers O. P. and R. S.: You are appointed Stewards of this Lodge or Masters of the Ceremonies. It is your duty to assist the Deacons and other officers in performing their respective duties, to see that the tables are properly furnished at refreshment, and the brethren suitably provided for. Your regular and early attendance will afford the best proof of your zeal and attachment to the Lodge.*

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