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Dues for 2007-2008 are due and payable. They are still \$100.00 and should be mailed to the Secretary: **Post Office Box 16925, Houston, Texas, 77222-6925** Brethren please do not let yourself go suspended. We can't afford to lose you. **WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!** If you cannot pay your dues to reasons of health or financial problems, please let the Lodge know. We can and will remit your dues for just reasons. Also for those who do not know. We do not send out dues notices as such. The postage is an added expense that your lodge can not afford. We will however print a notice in the news letter, such as that above, as we can mail newsletters at bulk rate.

PLANNED EVENTS

Brethren before announcing other planned events, let me say, that our Christmas party at the Lodge was well attended and everyone had a very good time. Santa Claus once again delighted the kiddos and each one received a gift.

There will be a work day on February 9th starting at 8:00 AM Your help is greatly needed and would be appreciated. We cannot afford to hire outside help to make repairs and clean the building and grounds. It takes a lot of work to accomplish this. Please come and lend a hand.

There will be a fish fry fund raiser on April 26th 2008 from 11 AM to 4 PM the menu will consist of fish, hushpuppies, French fries, and Cole slaw. This too will take a lot of work, let us know if you can help or even sell plates to be delivered.

WORK ON THE TRESTLE BOARD

On February 11th there will be a Masters Degree. Supper will be at 6:30 PM and the degree will start at 7:30 PM. The Grand Master of Texas will be conferring the degree. Please come out and show your support for the Lodge and help make a good impression on the Grand Master.

DEATHS DURING 2007-2008

Brother Frank Woods passed away on December 4th 2007 shortly after the death of his wife.

MASONIC LAST RITES REQUEST FORM

Brethren the Lodge is now in possession of a request form which will be sent to you at your request. This form will allow you to make your desires known to the Lodge and family following your death. Many times we put off the difficult decisions in our life feeling the time has not yet come. This form will be a great help to your family as they will know your desires. It can be filed here at the Lodge or with your family or both

LODGE MAINTENANCE

Brethren the maintenance of our Lodge Building is a continuing challenge. However maintenance of the Lodge means more than just cleaning and repairing the building. We need members who are willing to come and take part as an officer in the line. Don't hold back because you don't know the work. We will teach that to you. We still meet to study and teach on Monday night. Light Supper at 6:30 PM. We also need members who are willing to help out as Stewards in the kitchen in preparing and serving meals.

NEW WEB SITE

We now have our own new Web Site. Thanks to Brother Jerry Jones, our Web Master and his skilled work. It is really a great piece of workmanship. It can be accessed at <http://www.melrose1294.org> We have received the Stephen F. Austin Award of Excellence from the Grand Lodge of Texas for this.