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Meet the New Grand Master *Most Worshipful Michael L. Wiggins*

A seventh generation Texan, Grand Master Michael L. Wiggins was born on October 5, 1956, in Liberty, Texas. He is the oldest child of Dempsey and Glenda Reid Wiggins. All four of his grandparents were descendants of settlers coming to Texas prior to statehood. The earliest, William Ponton, arrived with his family in DeWitt Colony on December 17, 1829, from Boonesville, Missouri. William was later killed by Comanches in 1834. Grand Master Wiggins is quick to point out that while one ancestor was killed by Comanches, another ancestor was related to the last Comanche chief, Quanah Parker.

The Grand Master attended public schools in Liberty, graduating Magna Cum Laude from Liberty High School in 1975. While a high school student, he

began working summers and holidays in the oilfield. Many of his early co-workers were Freemasons and he often speaks of the positive influence they had on him. In the Fall of 1975, he enrolled at Texas A&M University in College Station to pursue a degree in Petroleum Engineering. During his first four years at A&M, he was elected to the Petroleum Engineering Honor Society Pi Epsilon Tau and served as an officer in the student chapter of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE). He graduated in 1979 with honors and began his professional career with Sun Oil Company in Lafayette, Louisiana. From 1979 through 1987, Grand Master Wiggins worked for various oil and gas producers along the Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana. In what one of his professors referred

to as the "four, eight, and four plan," the Grand Master returned to Texas A&M in June 1987 to pursue advanced degrees in Petroleum Engineering. He completed Master of Engineering and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in 1988 and 1991, respectively. From 1991 through 2005, the Grand Master taught at the University of Oklahoma, receiving tenure in 1997 and full professor status in 2003. In this role, he taught courses and conducted research related to reservoir engineering, production operations, and petroleum project evaluation. He has authored numerous papers in his areas of expertise and received research funding from various governmental agencies, national oil companies, and international oil companies. In addition, he has conducted short courses in the

Programs & Announcements



We are busy getting back in the groove! We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a safe and Happy New Year!

Last month was quite busy for many members outside of their work in the lodge. As

such we will take another breather this month and resume our dining out and family nights in February.

The Masonic year is half over! Now is the time to be thinking about your commitment to the lodge and whether or not you want to move along in the officer line.

If you have fund raising ideas

for the Scholarship fund or lodge improvements, LET US KNOW!

Fantastic Teeth—THIS MONTH—Details at the stated meeting this month—Check your emails as well.

This month's stated meeting will have a program from Habitat for Humanity—Don't miss it!

And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. Genesis 1:3



A Message From the East *Worshipful Master Glenn Fant*

Numerous masons have recently asked me, what I know about this year's Grand Lodge Logo the symbol of the 47th problem of Euclid. "Not a great deal", but I will before this year is over, and I will attempt to give you the Readers Digest Version, and why it's considered important to masonry thru several lessons. "The 47th problem of Euclid was an invention of our ancient friend and brother, the great Pythagoras, who, in his travels through Asia, Africa

and Europe was initiated into several orders of Priesthood, and was also raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. This wise philosopher enriched his mind abundantly in a general knowledge of things, and more especially in Geometry. On this subject he drew out many problems and theorems, and, among the most distinguished, he erected this, when, in the joy of his heart, he exclaimed Eureka, in the Greek Language signifying "I have found it," and upon

the discovery of which he is said to have sacrificed a hecatomb, which is (in ancient Greece or Rome) a great public sacrifice, originally of a hundred oxen. Currently, it is used to teach Masons to be general lovers of the arts and sciences, is one of the simplest explanations found, and how is part of the mystery that makes it a masonic symbol..... Happy New Year!



"The grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race"

W. Washington



A Message From the West *Senior Warden Kevin Rush*

I hope you and your family had a wonderful year in 2014 along with a joyous holiday season and Happy New Year.

This masonic year is half over and we still have much to do. With the lodge having so many new faces, I would like to encourage brethren that have not attended lodge for a while to come back and

get involved again. Masonry is about participation. That participation is to make all Masons better men. You can't do that from afar. Therefore brethren, for this coming calendar year resolve to attend our Lodge meetings. Take the time to rededicate yourself to your obligations. Show up and make a difference - in your life or someone else's

May the blessings of the Grand Architect strengthen and support us in all that we do. Allow Him to live through us to step right unto him.

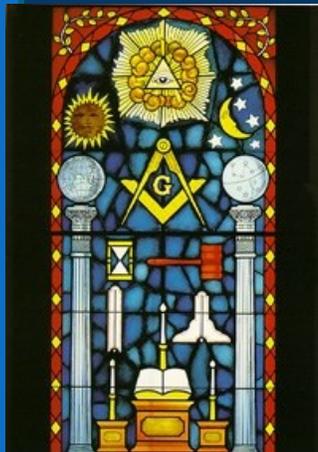


From the South *Junior Warden John Rosser*

Article 1, Section 2 - Purposes (Taken from The Laws of the Grand Laws of Texas)
The purposes of this Grand Lodge are to control and regulate the practice of Freemasonry throughout its jurisdiction, in accordance with the immemorial usages of this ancient and honorable Craft; to advance the moral and social interest

of its membership; to foster good citizenship, honest industry and upright living; to cultivate the exercise of charity in its best and broadest sense; to assist the widows and orphans of its deceased members; to stimulate friendship, harmony and brotherly love, and generally to promote, in its own way, the happiness of mankind - it is a Fraternity of

good men, linked together by honorable and indissoluble bonds, to accomplish these noble purposes, eschewing all interest in factional politics and sectarian religion, and free from the dictation or discussion of both in this Grand Lodge and its Subordinate Lodges.



"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

Benjamin Franklin



From the Secretary Jerry Hendrick
Taking Care of Business

"Explain the Letters G. A. O. T. U." - The letters mean Great Architect of the Universe. Sometimes the abbreviation is considered to mean Grant Architect; also Gran or Great Artificer of the Universe. In any event, these are titles under which Freemasonry refers to Deity. One fundamental of Freemasonry is its nonsectarian character. Any man may offer his devotions to

the Deity he reveres, under the Masonic title, no matter what Name he may use in his religious worship. Thus Great Architect of the Universe (or any of its variations) is a symbol of Deity as named and worshiped in all religions.

Beginning this month, dues are officially PAST DUE. I know that the holidays take a hit on the bank account but, we need to get the dues

paid up as soon as possible. Let me know if you are having problems and we can work something out.

If you have paid your dues and have not received your card, please let me know at the next stated meeting.

To our endowed members, as funds are tight, please consider a donation to the lodge to cover per capita. Currently per capita is set at \$25



From the Senior Deacon Charles Straub
Visiting Brothers & Prospects

On the second Friday, December 12th we had a well attended and lengthy business meeting with Rod Armstrong of Mackenzie #1327 as our only guest. Many matters were opened for discussion during which an Entered Ap-

prentice Lodge was opened for the purpose of doing an E. A. proficiency.

It's a new year so start 2015 off right and come to lodge the second Friday, January 9th.



Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

Mark Twain



From the Senior Steward Luis Ramos
Food, Flowers & Frolic

It seems that this past year has gone by in a hurry, which leads me to say, take time to focus more on the positive things in life than rather the bad. There has been so much turmoil in the news lately that sometimes more focus is on the negative than that of the positive. I for one in this up-

-coming year will try to do my best to spread the goodness that people have inside and if we can do this for one imagine what this would do if each of us does this. We could certainly make a difference in life. I am not making a new year's resolution but rather working on the evolu-

tion of our society. I keep all of my brethrens in my prayers that this year's brings joy and happiness.



Upcoming Menu for January:

- Grilled chicken**
- Red roasted potatoes**
- Corn**
- Fresh fruit tray**
- Asst drinks**

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areas of reservoir management, reservoir engineering, water-flood design and evaluation, well completions, production operations, and petroleum project evaluation.



Most Worshipful
Michael L. Wiggins

In January 2006, the Grand Master joined William M. Cobb & Associates, Inc. as Vice President and in January 2011 he was named President of the company. While at Cobb & Associates his expertise in petroleum reservoir management and improved oil recovery took him to every continent but Antarctica. In March 2013, he joined the Mid-Con Energy Companies where he was named Executive Vice President of Mid-Con Energy Partners, LP. On August 1, 2014, Grand Master Wiggins was named President of all Mid-Con Energy entities.

During his career, Grand Master Wiggins has been active in his professional society. He has served on several program committees for SPE technical meetings and served as the General

Chairman for the 2003 SPE Production and Operations Symposium. He has served as a technical editor for SPE since 1991, receiving the Peer Apart award in 2007 for reviewing over 300 papers. He was the Executive Editor for the journal SPE Production and Facilities from 2001 to 2004. The Grand Master was elected a Distinguished Member of SPE in 2003. With over 80,000 international members at the time, he was elected to the SPE Board of Directors for the years 2004 to 2006.

On January 5, 1980, Grand Master Wiggins and Tanya Nannette Steed, a majority member of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, were married in Liberty. Their daughter Jordan Michael was born in 1983 and son Joel Daniel Ponton was born in 1984. Jordan and Joel were no strangers to Freemasonry as they attended open Masonic events with their parents from birth. Jordan is married to Donelo George Lopez, Jr., a member of Bellaire Lodge No. 1316. Joel is a Past Master of St. Alban's Lodge No. 1455 and is married to Melinda Ann Colin. The Grand Master and Tanya are the proud grandparents of two grandsons and three granddaughters. The legacy of Texas Masonry continues in the Wiggins family. Grand Master Wiggins has applied the lesson of Masonic participation in local activities serving as an Adult Leader of the Boy Scouts of America from 1994 to 2006 and assisting with Thanksgiving Day deliveries for Meals on Wheels from 1995 to 2005. In addition, he served on the Liberty County Historical Commission from 1985 to 1987, being cited for distinguished service in 1988. A member of the Church of Christ, he has served as Bible class leader and deacon in several congregations where he and his family

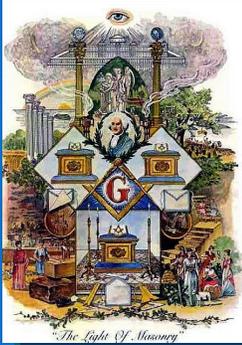
have worshipped.

The Grand Master's Masonic journey began on Texas Independence Day in 1978 when he received the Entered Apprentice degree in Liberty Lodge No. 48. His father, a member of Liberty Lodge No. 48, conferred all of his degrees, a fact of which the Grand Master is most proud. In addition, Tanya's father Warren B Steed, also a member of Liberty Lodge No. 48, gave the charge for all three of his degrees. Grand Master Wiggins was raised to the degree of Master Mason on June 8, 1978.

After working in Lafayette, the Grand Master and Tanya returned to Liberty at the end of 1980 and he quickly became involved with his home lodge. He was elected Treasurer in 1981 and Junior Warden the following year. He progressed through the chairs and served as Master of Liberty Lodge No. 48 during 1984 to 1985, the youngest Master of the Lodge. He became an Endowed Member in 1985. Notwithstanding the heavy demands upon his time and energy, he found opportunities for study in Freemasonry and held a Certificate of Proficiency for several years. In 2007, Liberty Lodge No. 48 awarded the Grand Master the Golden Trowel award for his contributions to Masonic education.

A Charter Member of the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association of Masonic District 107 formed in 1983, the Grand Master served as its second President in 1984 to 1985. He is also a plural member of St. Alban's Lodge No. 1455 in College Station.

While serving as a Lodge officer, Grand Master Wiggins became



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interested in the history of Liberty Lodge No. 48. From his reBroughton appointed the Grand Master to a seven year term on the Committee on Purposes and Policies in 2007, where he served until his election as Grand Junior Warden in December 2011.

The Grand Master was named Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales in 2007. In addition, he served on Grand Master planning teams for the Grand Lodge years of 2002, 2004, and 2007. Grand Master Reese L. Harrison, Jr. presented him with the John Sayles Award in 2004 for his contributions to Masonic education and in 2007 Grand Master Broughton presented him the Grand Master's Cup for outstanding service during the 2007 Grand Lodge year. Grand Master Wiggins strongly believes in the mission of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum of Texas. He is a member of the Sam Houston Hall of Fame (2005) and is a Patron of the Library and Museum (2008).

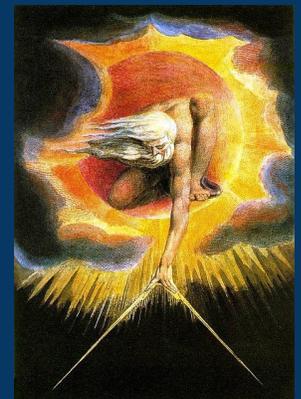
Grand Master Wiggins is an endowed member of the Houston, Guthrie, and Dallas Scottish Rite Valleys. He has served as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in both the Guthrie and Dallas Valleys and is President of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Educational and Charitable Foundation. He was honored with the Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1995 and received the 33o Inspector General Honorary in 2005. He currently serves as the Personal Representative for Education of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Texas and is a charter member of the Scottish Rite Research Society. He is a member of Dallas Chapter No. 47 of Royal Arch Masons, Dallas Council No. 18 of Royal and Select Masters, and Dallas Commandery No. 6 of Knights Templar.

The Grand Master is also a member of Arabia Shrine, Chinar Grotto, and Caddo Mills Chapter No. 82, Order of the Eastern Star. He holds dual memberships in the Oklahoma and Texas Colleges, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. In addition, he is a member of Saint Mark Conclave, Order of the Red Cross of Constantine; Holy Grail Council No. 287, Allied Masonic Degrees; Trinity Chapel No. 12, Order of St. Thomas of Acon; and, Southwest Lodge of St. Andrew, Great Priory of America CBCS. Grand Master Wiggins is a man of close family ties, strong and enduring friendships, and decided beliefs. His careers in engineering and education as well as his Masonic service have been marked by drive, determination, and unalterable integrity. Well-grounded by past experience with attainable plans for the future and a heart for Freemasonry that throbs with sincerity, the Masons of Texas can look to the leadership of Michael L. Wiggins with confidence.

Leonard P. Harvey
 Past Grand Master - 1989
 From the Grand Lodge of Texas website.



The Grand Master's Emblem for 2015



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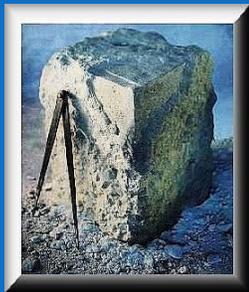
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Meetings:
Second Friday of each
month, 7:30 p.m.
Meal: 6:30pm

Floor School:
Every Tuesday @ 7p.m.

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Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth

This Month's Sickness & Distress



Please take the time to visit our sick and distressed; send them cards or call them on the phone, and be sure to keep them in your prayers.
If you know of sickness or distress with a brother or his family, please let us know.

This Month's Brothers & Birthdays

Bill D. Hart 1/9
Bobby Claud Cook 1/15
John L. Cross 1/18

John J. Osborn 1/25
Ravi Dani 1/29
George R. Flickinger 1/31

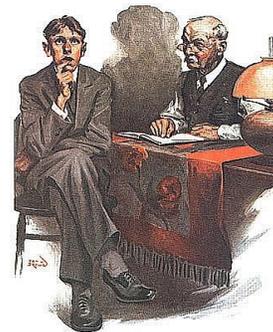
The Quarry: Our Degree Work By Bro. Coke Etgen, PM

THE LANGUAGE OF FREEMASONRY

Why is the language of Freemasonry so different from that which we normally use? This question is often asked by new members of our Fraternity. The Ritual of Freemasonry is a product of the early decades of the 18th century. It contains much of the language of that time period and other words and phrases from the very old work have been incorporated. This is why the language is written and spoken as it is. If the time



and effort is spent to study the words of our Ritual, one will discover that the thoughts and teachings imparted cannot be put in fewer words and still retain their meaning.



The things a man has to have are hope and confidence in himself against odds, and sometimes he needs somebody, his pal or his mother or his wife or God, to give him that confidence. He's got to have some inner standards worth fighting for or there won't be any way to bring him into conflict. And he must be ready to choose death before dishonor without making too much song and dance about it. That's all there is to it."

Blaise Pascal

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