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Meet the New Grand Master *Most Worshipful Wendell P. Miller*

Born on August 26, 1943 in Durant, Oklahoma; his education beginning in Kenefic, Oklahoma, and concluding in Caddo, Oklahoma public schools would lead one to believe that Grand Master Miller might yet have a touch of "Okie" in his system even after migrating to Texas.

Following completion of his high school education, Wendell made several efforts to find his niche from which he might plan his lifetime career. It was in 1963 while working with geophysical service group in New Mexico that he heard of a possible job opportunity with the Chicago Bridge and Iron firm located at Port Isabel in a place called Texas. It was while in the process of making new friends at his new job that someone suggested that

Wendell might consider looking into the possibility of building a career in law enforcement which had its beginning in November, 1964 with his employment by the Dallas Police Department where he remained until 1967. It was while with the Dallas Police Department that Wendell decided to enlist in the United States Army Reserve where he served for twenty nine years, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before his retirement in 1993.

While in the midst of planning his career Wendell decided it was time to give serious thought about who might share the future with him. His thoughts continued to take him back to his school years in Oklahoma where a very attractive girl by the name of Billie Wells was one of his class-

mates. Wendell had never dated her, but the more he thought about it, the more he wondered why he had waited so long. We have no record indicating whether it was Wendell's persuasive nature or Billie's willingness to give it a try, but their lives and ambitions were united by their marriage on August 5, 1967 and they are still committed to each other – sharing life together and supportive of each other in both joint and individual ventures.

It would naturally follow that although he and Billie had recently married to start their lives together, he was experiencing the challenges of his position with the Dallas Police Department being fulfillment of his expectations for a lifetime career in the field of law enforcement. That ques-

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 and

there are no signs of letting up.

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 or become a part of the officer line.

Gun Show this month on Saturday and Sunday, January 9-10. We need to work our raffle.

Fantastic Teeth—THIS MONTH—Tuesday January 26 at the Scottish Rite.

This month's stated meeting will be presenting the Community Builder Award and have a program about the Texas Rangers and Freemasonry. THERE IS A LOT GOING ON THIS MONTH—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 Kevin Rush

I hope you and your family had a wonderful year in 2015 along with a joyous holiday season and Happy New Year.

I cannot believe that this masonic year is half over and we still have so much to do. Masonry is about participation. That participation is to make all Masons better men. You can't do that from afar. Therefore brethren, resolve to attend our Lodge meetings. Take the time to rededicate yourself to your obligations. Show up and make a differ-

ence - in your life or someone else's. My vision for this year is to continue our excellence in our ritual and degree work, as well as our charity work; making new masons, and enjoying the fun that fellowship brings.

This year, I want to encourage each of you to take the "7-11" challenge found on page 5. You may say, "Well, I have already done that stuff." Do it again! And take a new member or somebody else who hasn't done those things with

you. The strength of our lodge comes from what we can do together and for each other.

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. May we have an outstanding and blessed New Year! So mote it be!



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

Washington



A Message From the West
Senior Warden John Rosser

We all should make some New Year's Leadership Resolutions and continue to improve ourselves and Masonry. So as we look forward to a New Year let me remind you of some things we were first taught in Masonry because they should be constant resolutions for all of us as Masonic leaders:

In 2016 I resolve to ever keep in mind the three great duties I assumed when I became a

Mason; to my God, to my neighbor and myself.

- I will refer to my God with reverence and ask for his aid in all my undertakings.
- I will act upon the square and do unto my neighbor as I would have him do unto me.
- I will remember the lesson of the compass and avoid every irregularity

and intemperance which may impair my faculties or debase the dignity of my profession.

By reminding myself of these things daily I will become a better man, a better Mason and a better Leader.

Here's hoping you had a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a Blessed New Year!



From the South
Junior Warden Charles Straub

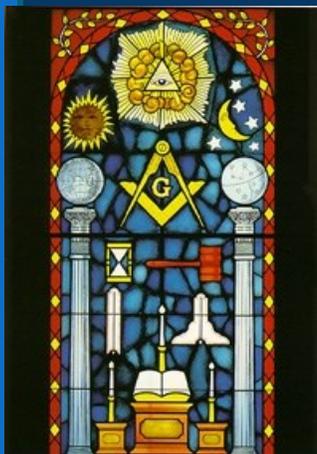
I have always heard that aging is not for sissies and the following article brings to mind, that exact phrase.

According to Article 322 of The Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas regarding Mental Incompetence, it states: When a member becomes mentally incompetent, and upon proper documentation of his incompetence being submitted by a

qualified physician, he is not liable to either Masonic discipline or suspension for nonpayment of Lodge dues while in such state of mental incompetency. The Lodge must report him as a member but shall pay no dues for him to this Grand Lodge. The Lodge shall deduct Grand Lodge dues from the Annual Returns, using certificate furnished by the Grand

Secretary, to show current status of each such member. With that said and with the beginning of yet another year, we mentally competent members can look forward to the privilege of paying our lodge dues.

I wish a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all!



"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

As we go forth into the new year, we are reminded of our obligations to one another and the Lodge, Please remit your due as soon as possible, because this is the only way we can keep our doors open to fulfill our obligations which is " To Make Good Men Better". As such, beginning this month, dues are officially PAST DUE.

I know that the holidays take a hit on the bank ac-

count 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.

Dues for the 2016 Masonic Year is \$65.00. If anyone would like to make a donation to support the General Fund they will be greatly appreciated.

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 \$27.50



Visiting Brothers & Prospects

On Tuesday December 8, we raised Adam Crawford the the sublime degree of Master Mason. Guests in attendance were Randall Choate, PM and Joe Williamson, PM of Slaton Lodge and J.D. Plowman of Daylight Lodge. On the second Friday, December 11th we had a well attend-

ed and lengthy business meeting with Gary Armstrong, PM and Rod Armstrong, PM of Mackenzie #1327 as our guests.

It's a new year so start 2016 off right and come to lodge the second Friday, January 8th. There is much going on! We should be having some candidates

turning in some proficiency work this month too.



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

Happy New Year!

When you read this newsletter it will be the new year, this is the time that we reflect on the past year as to not repeat any of the mistakes we have made and also new year's resolution. May I suggest as to not have a resolution but

to treat others with respect and kindness even though sometimes other don't like it. Just remember that it's not the fact that you are doing it for others but as much for yourself. I hope each and every one of us have a great and prosperous year.



Upcoming Menu for January:

- Beef stroganoff with noodles**
- Black eye peas**
- Dinner rolls**
- Dessert**

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tion was answered by his acceptance by the Texas Department of Public Safety where he began serving in various capacities, first as a Trooper from 1967 until 1986 when he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, serving as such until his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant in 1991, elevated to the rank of Captain in 1993 and promoted to the rank of Major in 1996 where he served with distinction until his retirement in 2003. Throughout those years in which he has served the State of Texas he and Billie have, at one time or another lived in Dallas, Houston, Midland, Austin and Forney where they retired, later settling in McKinney where they now reside.



MW Wendell P. Miller

Preparation for his chosen career included his attendance at Southeastern State University in Durant, Oklahoma and the School of Police Staff and Command, Northwestern University Traffic Institute, Evanston, Illinois. Throughout his thirty nine years of service to the citizens of Texas in his chosen field of law

enforcement, Wendell has often received special recognition for his exemplary service in connection with his duties. Such recognition has included the C.H. Cheshire Award, given in recognition of his significant contribution to safety in commercial transportation; Director of Safety Professionals Certification (an award shared by less than one hundred people in the State of Texas); Certified Fire Arms Instructor; promoted and emphasized the Trooper Challenge Program, a program that has been a model for other states participating in the Challenge competition, and Law Enforcement Instructor.

Continuing a longstanding family tradition Wendell was initiated, passed and raised in James Ladd Burgess Lodge No. 1305 in Dallas in 1970 to continue that tradition of masons within the family. When he and Billie relocated to Forney, he affiliated with Brooklyn Lodge No. 386 of that city where he served as Worshipful Master during the 1999--2000 Masonic Year. His plural endowed lodge memberships include Claud L. Austin Lodge No. 1450 in Dallas where he served as Worshipful Master in 2005--2006 Masonic Year, Charter Member and Past Master of reconstituted Scyene Lodge No. 295 in Quinlan in 2004-2005 Masonic Year, Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419 in Garland and Artesia Lodge No. 406 in Terrell. True to his Oklahoma heritage, Wendell is also a plural member of Caddo Lodge No. 3 in Caddo, Oklahoma.

His many activities, accomplishments and contributions to Masonry within the lodges in which he became active, it would seem logical that such be noted by the leadership of Grand Lodge. Such was the case in mid-2000 when incoming Grand Master David B. Dibrell tapped Wendell to serve

under his appointment as District Deputy Grand Master in Masonic District 13 during the 2000-2001 Grand Lodge Year. Also, beginning in 2000 through 2006 he served as Coordinator of the Together against Drug Abuse program; on the Grand Master's Planning Committee 2000-2002; a term as a member of the Grievance and Appeals Committee beginning in 2003; Area Conference Coordinator for several years and as District Instructor in District 13 for several years.

It was at the Grand Lodge session held in December, 2013 that the Masons of Texas recognized the commitment of Wendell Miller to the interests of the Grand Lodge and elected him to the office of Grand Junior Warden at that time. Since then he has scaled the ladder of leadership of Texas Masonry to assume the purple of the fraternity, being installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master on December 5, 2015.

Typical of most Masons who complete the first three degrees, Wendell went in search of additional Masonic Light to round out his Masonic experience. He entered the York Rite of Freemasonry by receiving the degrees of Royal Arch Chapter in Dallas Chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons, Dallas Council of Royal and Select Masters in Dallas Council No. 18, Royal and Select Masters and the Commandery Orders being received in Dallas Commandery No. 6. He received the 4th through the 32nd Scottish Rite Degrees in the Dallas Valley in 1970, and was installed as Commander of the Council of Kadosh in 2005 was Elevated to the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in

Lubbock 1392 in Action



1999 and in 2005 was elevated by the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry to the rank of 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary. He served as Chairman of the Valley of Dallas under appointment of the Grand Inspector General of Texas from October, 2007 until January, 2010.

His membership in other Masonic related organizations requiring Masonic membership includes: Hella Shrine Temple, Saint Mark's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. Texas College Societas Rosicruciana, Royal Order of Scotland, National Sojourners (President 2006)(Presidential Citation – 2007), Heroes of 76 (Commander 2007), Allied Masonic Degrees, Rose of Sharon Knight Masons, St. Thomas of Acon and Order of the EasternStar Forney -Terrell Chapter No 557, Past Patron.

Committed – Prepared – Qualified
 Most Worshipful Wendell Paul Miller
 Grand Master of Masons in Texas
 2015-2016

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

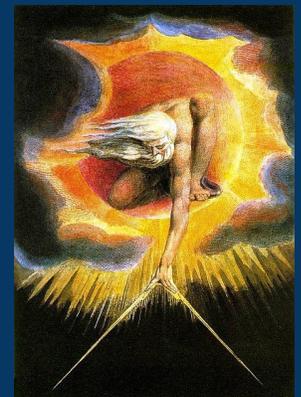


The Grand Master's Logo for 2016

From the Worship Master Kevin Rush:

***I want to encourage each of you to take the "7-11" Challenge for 2016
 Complete and document 7 out of the 11 listed activities
 There might be something in it for you!***

- Attend each of the blue lodge degrees at least once in our lodge or a nearby lodge.**
- Visit two lodges outside of our local area at least once. (15 or more miles away from our home lodge)**
- Serve on an investigation committee.**
- Assist at least once with the preparation of candidates.**
- Assist at least once with setting up of the lodge room.**
- Attend the Communication of Grand Lodge in January 2017.**
- Visit an elderly brother, or visit with a Masonic Widow**
- Attend a Masonic funeral service.**
- Attend the Grand Master's Workshop.**
- Serve as a pro tem officer in a lodge meeting.**
- Attend the Grand Master's conference.**



January 2016 Calendar



Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392

Masonic Calendar

January 2016

Appoint a Committee on Members in Arrears
 Fantastic Teeth Kick Off
 Hilltop Organization meeting
 Ladies Program & Widows night February?

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"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles with it." *Winston Churchill*

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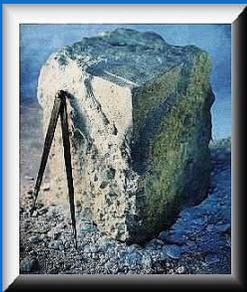
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Meetings:
Second Friday of each
month, 7:30 p.m.
Meal: 6:30pm

Floor School:
Every Tuesday @ 7p.m.

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Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth

This Month's Sickness & Distress



PGM Jimmy Willson



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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN ENTERED APPRENTICE

An Entered Apprentice Mason has very few actual Lodge responsibilities. He must keep secret everything entrusted to him, conduct himself with proper decorum and diligently work to learn his proficiency and as much about the Craft as possible. He should not be content with learning the words letter-perfect, but should study the meanings also. If he cannot interpret these for himself, he should seek help from others. Com-



plete faithfulness to his obligations and implicit obedience to the charge are among his important and lasting responsibilities. Freemasonry preserves a secrecy about all its work in the Lodge: it meets behind closed doors; it throws over its principles and teachings a garment of symbolism and ritual; its Art is a mystery; a great wall separates it from the world. Nor is its work easy

to understand. If this be true, we urgently advise you not to be content with the letter and outward form of this, your beginning period, but to apply yourself with freedom, fervency and zeal to the sincere and thorough mastering of our Royal Art.



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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