

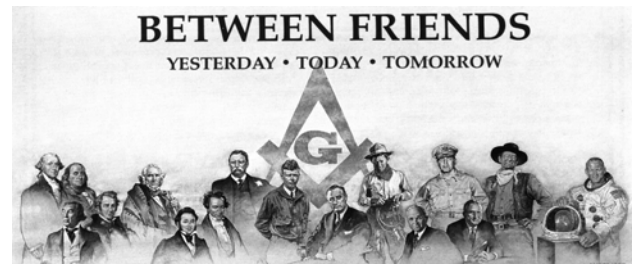
# Reagan Lodge No. 1037 A.F. & A.M.

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## In the Heart of Historic Houston Heights



## The Cornerstone

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### OUTDOOR ROBE DEGREE & GRAND LODGE SERVICE AWARDS

**ROBE DEGREE TEAM HARD AT WORK FOR HUMBLE**  
Humble Lodge #979 will hold its Annual Outdoor Master Mason Degree on **Saturday October 6th**. A bar-b-que meal will be served starting at 11:30 AM for a \$5.00 donation and the degree will start around 12:30 PM. Our Degree Team will confer the Master Mason Degree in full regalia. If you haven't seen the Reagan Degree Team in action, this will be an event you won't want to miss. The degree site will be 2207 Atascocita Road in Humble, Texas, just follow the signs. Bring your lawn chairs and insect repellent join us for lots of fun and fellowship. This is a Tiled meeting so be sure to have your dues card. In the event of bad weather the degree will be held at the Humble Lodge building, 210 Main Street in Humble.

If you would like to take part in the degree program, there are plenty of non-speaking parts available to be filled. Our degree team is highly regarded in the Houston area. Wouldn't you like to contribute to our Lodge recognition and good reputation.

#### IS THINKING ABOUT GOING TO LODGE SCARY?

Want to come to lodge, but afraid you can't pass an examination? No problem! A change in the Grand Lodge Laws in 1999, Article 380 provides that a...a member of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge may visit any Texas Masonic Lodge working under this jurisdiction without the avouchment and or examination process providing that he is in good standing and presents a receipt from his Lodge showing that his dues are current at the time of the visitation along with a photo identification... See! Now that removes that large concern about coming to your lodge or visit other lodges for that matter. **Get out and get active!**

**DDGM SALDUA TO PRESENT SERVICE AWARDS**  
Mark your calendars for **October 13<sup>th</sup> 2001 at 2:00 PM**. This very important date has been selected to honor those members of Reagan Lodge who are to receive their Grand Lodge 50 or 60 Year Masonic Service Awards. Those to be honored are:

#### Sixty (60) Years Service

Thomas J. Andrews  
Nash O. Gerald  
Forest E. Lee

#### Fifty (50) Years Service

Dean J. Blackwell	Harold A. Clark
Willard F. Evans, Jr.	James M. Johnson
Charles R. Lawry	James E. Mahaffey
Kenneth M. Paccetti	Homer A. Pendley
Milton R. Swayne	Glenn P. Trupper
Pete G. Verges	Eugene H. Williams

This is a Major Masonic Milestone in the travels of a mason. One that only a small number ever achieve, so please plan to attend this very special event. These, our loyal brethren, have labored long in the quarries of Freemasonry and deserve our respect and support. The Program will begin at **2:00 PM** and light refreshments will be served following the presentations. **REMEMBER - this is an open meeting and attendance by friends, relatives and neighbors is welcome and encouraged.** Those unable to attend will receive their awards by mail.

**NEW LIBRARY AND HISTORY COMMITTEE FORMED**

Reagan Lodge has taken another step in the development of our library, which the lodge named in honor of our deceased brother, Bob Vaughn. That step is the establishment of a new standing committee called the Library and History Committee. The committee is composed of three members, one the Worshipful Master, the other two are appointed annually by the WM.

The committee will work to improve and maintain the lodge library, along with the historical aspects of Reagan Lodge. Embracing the lodge history will gain in importance as we get closer to our 100 Anniversary year in 2011. While 2011 seems to be a long way down the road, stop to consider the number of knowledgeable Masons we have lost and will continue to lose long before the date arrives. Is it ever too early to document the people and events that have made Reagan Lodge what it is today?

We believe not! Too much information about our history is already laying beneath the silent clods of the valley.

One of the first things this committee would like for you to consider is the donation of relevant Masonic books to the library. If you have something that you would like to donate, please let us know or drop it by the lodge. We would prefer it to be related to the Blue Lodge but we will consider material relating to other appendant bodies. Of specific interest would be local/regional lodge histories (we have Gray and Holland), publications from the 1800s-1950s, bound Texas Mason volumes, copies of Grand Lodge Proceeding and books on the founders of our fraternity in Texas or the U.S. Old photographs of any of our former lodge locations, interior or exterior or our members would be great. If you have something other than a text and you believe that it is relevant to the history of Reagan Lodge or Masonry in general, let us know about that as well. After all, would there be a Texas if it weren't for Masons.

**NOVEMBER STATED TO HONOR VETERANS**

Aside from the usual order of business, the November Stated meeting will be dedicated to honoring our US Military Veterans. If you are a U.S. Veteran, please try to attend. If you wish to bring military items or decorations to display, please do. There will be a short program regarding Veterans Day and those of Reagan Lodge who have serviced our nation. And speaking of Veterans Day, Reagan Lodge is a proud sponsor of the WWII Memorial located at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Heights Blvd. If you haven't visited this wonderful tribute to our Heights area WWII veterans, please plan to do so. Recently, a number of new protective bollards with historical plaques were added to the site and more local area names will appear soon, some you will know. Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day and the lodge flag committee will again line Heights Boulevard with American flags. We will meet at the lodge at 6:30 AM. If you wish to assist in this very special activity to honor our veterans, flag, freedom and our country, please contact Kenneth Sparks at (713) 863-7038. Especially with the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, let's show our neighbors Reagan Lodge is involved with and proud of our community and country. Also to be discussed at the November meeting will be the motions to be considered at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication and the selection of our proxy.

**START PLANNING NOW TO ATTEND GRAND LODGE**

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas will be conducted between Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday December 8, 2001. If you have not attended Grand Lodge, you should make every effort to do so. The best-kept secrets of Grand Lodge are the wonderful fellowship and the visit to the beautiful Grand Lodge Building. The architecture of the building is magnificent and the history contained inside covers not only the foundation and development of Masonry in Texas, but history and artifacts from the Revolution to the Holocaust and from Texas to the Moon.

The Staff of Grand Lodge are always very cordial and helpful. Our fraternity could not function without their day-to-day efforts. Remember, a little thanks goes a long way.

**COMING EVENTS**

October 6 - Outdoor Robe Degree for Humble Lodge  
 October 13 - Grand Lodge Service Awards 50 - 60 Years  
 November 6 - Stated Meeting Veterans Night  
 November 11- Veterans Day Observance at Heights Mem.  
 December 4 - Stated Meeting  
 December 7 - Grand Lodge Annual Communication Starts  
 December ? - Anniversary Dinner, PM Night and 25 & 40  
 (Date to be determined) Year Awards Presentations

**LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2000-2001 MASONIC YEAR**

Need information or assistance? Call your Lodge officers.  
 Worshipful Master.....Cecil A. Graham - (281) 447-5668  
 Senior Warden ..... Paul A. Urteaga - (281) 897-9454  
 Junior Warden..... Derek Shofner - (713) 460-0418  
 Treasurer..... Hugh J. Cobb, Jr. - (713) 681-1460  
 Secretary ..... Kenneth Sparks - (713) 863-7038  
 Pager - (713) 855-1347  
 Chaplain.....Ed Holland - (713) 864-1363  
 Senior Deacon..... John C. McLeod - (713) 460-9251  
 Junior Deacon ..... John D. Dodd - (281) 356-2196  
 Senior Steward..... Carl R. Holman - (281) 360-8830  
 Junior Steward ..... Allen Boskey - (832) 594-4404  
 Marshal..... Leo Ehrhard, Jr. - (713) 863-0015  
 Master of Ceremonies. William Brashear. - (713) 681-9499  
 Tiler ..... Raymond Gum - (713) 862-3575

**CURRENT INFORMATION ON LODGE ACTIVITIES**

We are building a new homepage at : <http://www.reagan.tx-mm.org>

**FROM THE SECRETARY:****FIRST NOTICE FOR DUES PAYMENT - \$55.00**

Brethren, dues cards for Masonic Year 2002 should be available in just a few weeks. As last year, IRS rules now require a disclaimer regarding dues to Masonic Lodges. ***Your dues payments to Reagan Lodge are not tax deductible.*** Don't forget, you may purchase an endowed membership for just \$500 and never have to pay dues again. A payment plan is available. Contact the Secretary for additional information or forms. **Please help control the cost of collecting dues by mailing your check for \$55.00 today to: Reagan Lodge #1037, 1606 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX 77008**