

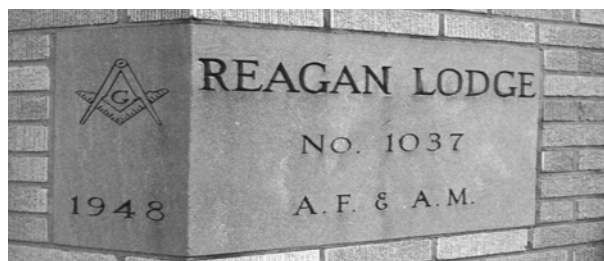
# Reagan Lodge No. 1037 A.F. & A.M.

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## In the Heart of Historic Houston Heights



## The Cornerstone

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### REAGAN TO CELEBRATE 91<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER DEC. 31<sup>ST</sup>.

**THE ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY DINNER SET FOR 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
Reagan Lodge will host the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Anniversary Dinner on December 31, 2001. Reagan Lodge has a long standing custom to raise a new Master Mason each year on the anniversary of the lodge and this year will not be an exception. The lodge will open at 3:00 PM to confer a MM degree followed by the **Anniversary Dinner at 5:00 PM**. Following the completion of the dinner, the lodge will reconvene with an Open Meeting for our 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Anniversary Observance and Awards Presentation. The lodge takes this opportunity each year to **honor our Past Masters** for their service and continued guidance and support for the lodge and the current lodge officers. While the members are the solid foundation of the lodge, the Past Masters are the strong supports providing wisdom, experience and encouragement. A new addition to the annual anniversary observance is the recognition of all endowed members, both living and deceased. While you may not immediately realize it, it is through the endowment fund that the long term financial future of Reagan Lodge is granted. Since the last newsletter, six member have elected to become Endowed Members of Reagan Lodge. Their Certificates and permanent Membership Cards will be presented during the Open Meeting. Those receiving Certificates are:

John C. Baxter	Fred Nash, Jr.
Thomas R. Northrup	Douglas L. Singleton
Donald W. Sly	James W. Todd

We will also recognize members of our fraternity who are eligible for Reagan Lodge Awards and Pins. This years awards are:

#### 40 Year Service Award

Robert B. King	William D. Roark
Howard E. Sanner	William T. Varnell, Jr.
Robert L. Walton	Earl Warner, Jr.
Lawrence P. Young	

#### 25 Year Service Award

Owen H. Clem	Richard M. Marshall
Kim I. Meyer	William Strickland
George Warner	

Remember, if you are eligible for either of these awards for past years and have not yet received it, we would be honored to present you with it on December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you wish, you may have the certificate and pin mailed to you instead. Please make your request in writing to the Secretary at the lodge address above.

**I know you ladies are saying, "What will I do for over an hour while the men are up stairs doing degree work?"** Come early with your husband or sweetheart and we will have a program for you in the library!

**Oh yes,** we know this is **New Year's Eve** but don't worry, all activities will conclude early so that those who have plans to ring in the New Year will not be affected.

**JANUARY STATED MEETING -NEW YEARS DAY**  
Yes, it just so happens that the January stated meeting is on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Enjoy the football games but don't forget lodge. Besides, we have all those leftovers from the dinner to eat.

**REAGAN LODGE TO HOST CERTIFICATE EXAMS**  
The third Friday evening in January is a longstanding date for Masons from all across Houston to journey to Reagan Lodge to test their skills and memory in the "**Masonic Work**". If you think you have become proficient enough to "stand the test" or if you just want to "listen and learn" from the pros, mark you calendar for Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2002 at 6:00PM. Refreshments will be served along with a large portion of Masonic Fellowship.

**HOUSTON HEIGHTS # 258 O.E.S. TO HONOR MASONS**

Mrs. Charlotte Cram, Worthy Matron and the Members of Heights Chapter #258 have extended an invitation to all Masons of Reagan Lodge to join them for dinner on Tuesday evening, January 22, 2002. Our "Stars" will host this dinner to honor the Masons of Reagan Lodge and express their appreciation for our support. Dinner begins at 6:15PM and will be followed by an Open Program by Sister Bertie Ebert in the Lodge room. Did you know that Masons can be members of the Eastern Star, too. This may be a perfect opportunity to learn more about it. Bring you wife, enjoy a wonderful meal and a very interesting program.

**HAPPENINGS AT GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION**

On Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Michael D. Nanny was installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. MW Nanny was raised in Gray Lodge #329 in Houston on May 30, 1979. He is a Past Master of Gray and Past President of the 30<sup>th</sup> District MW&S association. He is a member of the Eastern Star, Scottish Rite and York Rite. Some of his honors in Masonry are 33<sup>rd</sup> in Scottish Rite; DeMolay Legion of Honor and Rainbow Grand Cross of Color. He has also been awarded the Red Branch of Eri and the Golden Trowel. Michael has held a certificate of Masonic Proficiency since 1981 and is known for his superb presentations of degrees and knowledge of Masonic history.

Sheri Lynn, his wife, introduced WM Nanny to the Masonic Fraternity through her father and mother who were serving as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Kiest Chapter # 959 OES. Sheri's father, Al Marble, inspired Michael to seek membership in Masonry and Sheri has encouraged and supported all along the way. Congratulations to our New Grand Master, Michael Nanny and to Sheri and Al. . . **THANK YOU!**

**ELMER MURPHEY, III INSTALLED AS GRAND J.W.**

Also installed Saturday, as the new Grand Junior Warden, was Elmer Murphey, III. RW Murphey, was raised in Holland Lodge No. 1 on August 17, 1966. He is not stranger to Masonry or Grand Lodge activities having served as DDGM 14C in 1987, Committee on Titles, Deeds and Civil Law-Chairman 1988; Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence 1989-95, 96 to present and Chairman 1999-2001; Special Committee on Proposed Revisions of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas 1998-99; Grand Orator 1999 and Grand Junior Steward 2001. Congratulations and Good Luck on you Grand Masonic Journey.

**RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MERIT**

Eleven resolutions and three recommendations were adopted at Grand Lodge. The only one of major consequence was the holdover recommendation from last year regarding the opening of lodge in a degree other than the Master Mason degree. The passage of this recommendation now allows, at the option of the Worshipful Master, a Lodge may first be opened at a Called Meeting of the Lodge on an Entered Apprentice or a Fellowcraft Lodge and closed on such degree without first opening on the Master's Degree. However, no business, balloting or other proceedings shall be transacted in that lodge except that which appertains to the work, lectures and examination of the candidate in such degrees.

Other interesting statistics from Grand Lodge were: Number of Masons in Texas - 126,870 in 888 active lodges with 649 lodges represented by 4,557 members at GL. The bad news is: 3,750 members passed away while we gained only 1,670 new members. There are currently 29,000 Endowed Members.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

While Masonry in general holds no particular religion over another, this is the time of year that all Masons and most Americans reverently call upon the Most High, to bless our families, our leaders and our country. Please remember the young men and women of our military forces in your prayers during this holiday season and May God Bless America!

**COMING EVENTS**

December 31 - MM Degree & 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Observance  
 January 1 - Stated Meeting  
 January 8, 10, 15 17 - Study for Certificate Exams  
 January 18 - Certificate Examination 6PM  
 January 22 - OES Dinner to Honor Masons  
 January 29 - Practice  
 February 2 - Grand Masters Conference - Houston Center  
 February 5 - Stated Meeting - DDGM Official Visit  
 February 16 - Valentines Celebration - 2PM, Honoring Our Widows, Wives and Sweethearts  
 March 5 - Stated Meeting

**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  
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 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  
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 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:**

Don't forget. December 31<sup>st</sup> is the day your dues card expires. Please mail you check for **\$55.00** today to: **Reagan Lodge #1037, 1606 Heights Blvd., Houston, TX 77008**