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## The Cornerstone

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### **SERVICE AWARDS & OUTDOOR ROBE DEGREE IN OCTOBER**

#### **DDGM CARTER TO PRESENT 2002 SERVICE AWARDS**

The following Brethren have reached major milestones in their Masonic careers. To mark this occasion, DDGM Woody Carter will be on hand **Tuesday evening, October 15, 2002 at 7:00 PM**, to present these Grand Lodge of Texas Service Awards to:

#### 60 Years Service Awards

J. Spencer Barrett                      Joe A. Newsome, Jr.

#### 50 Years Service Awards

G. Ronald Aldis	Guy R. Blake, Jr.
Ralph S. Burroughs	Willis P. Dasher
William M. Freeman	Thomas C. Hataway
James E. Hodges	Emil H. Koenig
Raleigh M. Mann	Earl Ray Monk
Joseph H. Rousseau	

This program is open to the public and family and friends are invited to join us to make this a special occasion for their loved ones. Those not present will receive their award by mail.

#### **NEXT STATED MEETING - TUESDAY OCTOBER 1ST.**

If you have not been to lodge for some time, this might be a good time to stop by. There are many committees to take part in, leadership training programs for those who hope one day to be a lodge officer and that Reagan Lodge degree team. Boy, are they the Ambassadors of Good Will for our lodge or what? You are just what the lodge needs - Members Involvement. We will also be discussing the recent Special Communication held at Grand Lodge this past week regarding the Masonic Home and School.

#### **REAGAN ROBE DEGREE TEAM HARD AT WORK**

Our robe degree team has been very active so far this year. They have conferred MM degrees for Cypress Lodge #1423 in April, Lorenzo DeZavala #1397 in July, Katy-A.S. Crutcher #1439 in August and are now preparing for our next event at **Humble Lodge #979 on Saturday October 12TH**. A bar-b-cue meal will be served starting at 11:00 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. There has also been an inquiry from Montgomery Lodge #25 regarding a possible degree later this year.

The degree team needs additional members to support our very active degree program. There are plenty of non speaking parts available too, so you don't have to be an expert to contribute. Our next practice will be the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of October, for the up coming Humble Outdoor Degree. Dinner is at 6:00PM and practice at 7:00PM. Special recognition to our Robe Degree Team leaders, **Lernie Ruthven and Ken Matthews**. Without their **considerable efforts**, the team could never work at such a level of excellence or frequency.

**NOV. STATED-LAMBSKIN APRON & US VETS NIGHT**  
 Reagan Lodge will celebrate two themes at the November 5TH stated meeting. First is Lambskin Apron Night and the second is Veteran's Night. If you have not attended a Lambskin Apron Night before, you might find it very interesting. Members are asked to wear their original presentation apron or the apron of a relative. Those who chose to wear a relatives apron often share the history of the apron and short stories of their relatives. So start digging in the closet, find that apron and come to lodge.

**NOVEMBER STATED TO ALSO HONOR VETERANS**  
 November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day and Reagan Lodge will also honor our Veterans at the November Stated. If you are a U.S. Veteran, please try to attend. If you wish to bring military items or decorations to display, please do. And speaking of Veteran's Day, Reagan Lodge is a proud sponsor of the WWII Memorial located at 11<sup>th</sup> and Heights Blvd. If you haven't visited this wonderful tribute to our Heights area WWII veterans, plan to visit soon.

**LODGE "FLAGS ON THE BOULEVARD PROGRAM"**  
 Reagan Lodge continues to line Heights Boulevard with American Flags on selected holidays. Our gesture has not gone un-noticed. Many of our neighbors extended thanks and appreciation. For our **Veteran's Day observance** we will distribute the flags on **November 10<sup>th</sup>, Sunday evening at 6:00 PM.** Volunteers will be need to assist in this community service program. If you wish to assist in this very special activity to honor our country, veterans, flag and freedom please contact Kenneth Sparks at (713) 863-7038. Let's show our neighbors we are involved with and proud of our community.

Also to be discussed at the November meeting will be the motions to be considered at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

**START PLANNING NOW FOR GRAND LODGE IN DEC.**  
 The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas will be conducted between Thursday December 5th thru Saturday December 7th, 2002. Please visit the Grand Lodge website for early registration and availability of rooms in the Waco area. We will discuss all the proposed motions and resolution to be considered at Grand Lodge during our December Stated Meeting. Please be present to let our delegation know your wishes.

**COMING EVENTS**  
 October 1 ..... Stated Meeting  
**October 8 & 10 .. Robe Degree Practice (Very Important)**  
 October 12 ..... Outdoor Robe Degree Humble  
 October 15 ..... Grand Lodge 50 - 60 Year Service Awards  
 October 22 ..... EA Degree  
 November 5 ..... Stated Meeting  
 November 10 - 11 ..... Veteran's Day Flags Heights Blvd.  
 December 3 ..... Stated Meeting  
 December 5 - 7 ..... Grand Lodge Communication  
 December ? ..... Anniversary Dinner  
**LOOKING AHEAD**

The lodge will begin consideration of possible candidates for this years Community Builder Award. If you have a recommendation, please provide the name/s and a brief explanation to the selection committee beginning in October. The lodge will hold a fund raiser in late October or November with proceeds benefitting the Texas Masonic Home and School.

While a date for the anniversary dinner has not yet been selected, the lodge would like to publish the names of those brethren eligible to receive their 25 and 40 Year Reagan Lodge Service Awards on that occasion.

**40 Year Service Awards**

James Caswell	Robert Coston
Bryan Frank	David Gibbs
James Harris	William G. Hilford
William Keeling	James Maddox
Allyn Meischen	Milton Pennington
Raymond Reichert	Jimmy Richardson
William R. Schack	Earl Voigt

**25 Year Service Awards**

Charles E. Faulk	Gary Hester	William Norris, Jr.
Jack Pearson, Jr.	Lernie B. Ruthven	

If you are eligible for a 25 or 40 Year Award and have not yet received it, please notify the Secretary as soon as possible so your Certificate and Pin can be presented along with those brethren listed above.

Final planning for the Anniversary Dinner will be available in our December Newsletter.

**LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2002-2003 MASONIC YEAR**  
 Need information or assistance? Call your Lodge officers.  
 Worshipful Master ..... Derek Shofner - (713) 462-5521  
 Senior Warden ..... Kenneth Sparks - (713) 863-7038  
 Junior Warden ..... John C. McLeod - (713) 460-9251  
 Treasurer ..... Hugh J. Cobb, Jr. - (713) 681-1460  
 Secretary ..... Kenneth Egger - (713) 201-0242  
 Chaplain ..... Tony Salvaggio - (713) 864-7831  
 Senior Deacon ..... John Dodd - (281) 356-2196  
 Junior Deacon ..... Allen Boskey - (281) 592-7199  
 Senior Steward ..... Donald Sly - (281) 346-2246  
 Junior Steward ..... Henry Hernandez - (281) 392-0766  
 Marshal ..... David Danley - (281) 357-0923  
 Master of Ceremonies William Brashear - (713) 681-9499  
 Tiler ..... Douglas Singleton - (281) 353-4569

**CURRENT INFORMATION ON LODGE ACTIVITIES**

Check out our homepage at : <http://www.reagan.tx-mm.org/>

**FROM THE SECRETARY:**  
**FIRST NOTICE FOR DUES FOR 2003**

Brethren, it is that time of the year again. Please accept this portion of the newsletter as **your notice of dues for 2003**. The cost of a first class mailing for dues notice is approximately \$100.00. Please help control our mailing costs by mailing **your check for \$55.00 to Reagan Lodge #1037, 1606 Heights Blvd., Houston, Texas 77008**. Remember, your dues 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 if you like and you will be securing the financial future of the lodge for our future generations. Contact the Secretary for additional information or forms.