



# The Trestle Board



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## Remarks by Worshipful Brother Randy Hardeman from Texas

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge officers, Worshipful Master, Wardens, Brethren, and distinguished guests, it is with great pleasure that I bring greetings and congratulations to you on this most auspicious occasion from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. I was raised in a small lodge in Justin, Texas in 1972, but our zeal for Masonry is strong and we are growing in numbers.

I was asked to be here purely by accident of birth. A person can't pick his ancestors; therefore it is by no means because of any actions of my own. I am most proud of my heritage and am honored to be a fifth generation Mason in Texas.

We in Texas will be forever grateful to the brave and selfless sacrifice made by the Volunteers from the great state of Tennessee. These honorable men left the safety and comfort of their home to come to the aid of the people of Texas in their hour of need. They shed their blood and many gave their lives in the War which later led to our independence from Mexico. It is a debt that Texas will never be able to adequately repay. So, thank you so much for hospitality and your warm greetings. I will be forever thankful for this opportunity to share in your celebration. It has been an honor that I will never forget.

I can only hope that someday our ancestors will be here celebrating the **400** hundred year anniversary of this great building, this great organization, and the members here assembled.

Worshipful Master, I am sure that my ancestors would want me to give you the 2 dollar fee back.

(Editor's Note: At this point, Worshipful Brother Hardeman presented Worshipful Brother Moran two well worn one dollar bills. If you didn't know Brother Hardeman's ancestor sold the property where our Lodge sits for \$2.00)

Thank you.

### Lodge Dates

**Dec 21** Stated Meeting

**Dec 29** Installation of Officers

The Lodge has decided not to do any degree work until after the first of the year to allow everyone to spend time with friends and family.

### York Rite Dates

**Dec 7**—6:00pm—Stated Meeting

### OES Dates

**Dec 8** —6:30pm— Christmas Potluck

7:30pm—Stated

### Bicentennial Sponsor List

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Jim Beard, Harlie B. Walker,

Russ Wharton, Stacy Widelitz

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### Post Civil War Degree Quiz Answers

1. Where are the remains of Stonewall Jackson's horse, Little Sorrel?

Stuffed and on display at VMI

2. Where are the remains of Robert E. Lee's horse, Traveler?

Buried outside the Lee Chapel at Washington and Lee Univ.

3. Where are the remains of Phil Sheridan's horse, Riezi?

Stuffed in the Smithsonian Institute

4. Where is the head of George Meade's horse, Old Baldy?

On the wall of the Civil War Museum in Philadelphia

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### York Rite News

York Rite had its annual inspection on Wednesday, October 28 at Hiram Lodge. The reception of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, opening and conferring of the degree for the candidate went very well. Depayens Commanderie at this time holds the 5th place overall in the State for its inspection.

York Rite Stated Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14 starting at 6pm. Elections for 2010 Officers will take place at the Chapter, Council and Commanderie meetings.



### Eastern Star News

We will be assisting the other Masonic bodies by providing desserts for the annual Widow's Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 5th. Please have your desserts to the dining hall by 4:30 pm that day.

We will also be having our annual potluck Christmas dinner before our December stated meeting. Please feel free to join us in the dining hall at 6:30. Bring your favorite holiday meat, side dish, salad or dessert to share and join the festivities. We will also be taking canned goods or cash donations to Graceworks as a community service project.

