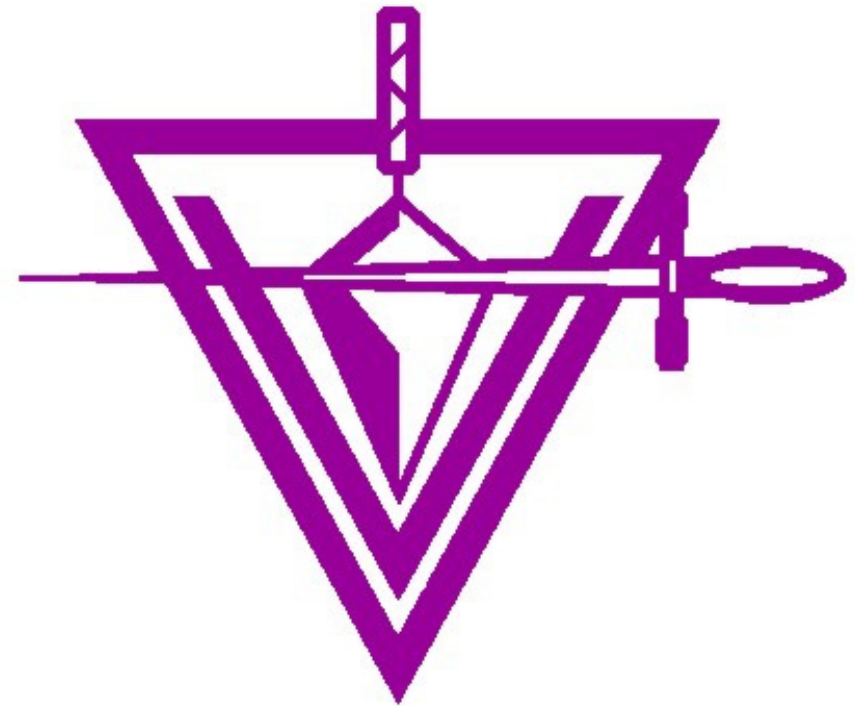




Borger Masonic News

**GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL &
SELECT MASTERS OF TEXAS**



Masonic News from Unity Lodge #1242, Billy Dixon Lodge #1369,
Borger York Rite Bodies, and Scottish Rite.
November 2016

Snack Pack for Kids

Unity Lodge #1242 is assisting the Borger Schools with the Snack Pack for Kids. The program provides snacks for children who do not have enough to eat on weekends.

The program has spread all over the Texas Panhandle. It costs about \$140.00 per year per child to provide nine months of weekend food. The lodge is helping pack the Snack Packs on the second Tuesday of the month at the School Administration Building on Weatherly Street in Borger.



The lodge is also gathering money for a cash donation. In years past we collected peanut butter and Pop-Tarts but due to changes in government regulations we can no longer do this portion of our assistance.

If you would like to make a cash donation send your check to Unity #1242 at P. O. Box 243 Borger, Texas 79008 or bring your jars of peanut butter to the lodge.

Kettle Korn Report

On Saturday September 10, 2016 and Sunday September 11, 2016 the Masons of Hutchinson County once again manned the Kettle Korn Booth at the Aluminum Dome. We had brisk sales of Kettle Korn and Fresh Fried Pork Skins.



The Kettle Korn Sale has raised over \$16,500.00 for our Masonic Charities during the last 13 years.



A special thank you to those brethren who have worked so hard to make the Kettle Korn Sales a success.

The next sale will be November 12 2016. We could use a little new blood to man the booth.

Scottish Rite Report

On Saturday October 8, 2016, the Scottish Rite Fall Reunion for the Lubbock Valley was held in Lubbock, Texas. Brother Eduardo Malpica from Unity Lodge #1242 received the degrees.



On Friday and Saturday October 21st and 22nd the El-Paso Scottish Rite held their fall reunion at the Scottish Rite Temple in El-Paso Texas. Brother Jerrod Johnston of Unity Lodge #1242 received the degrees.



Calendar of Events

1st & 3rd Thursday @ 7:30.....Unity #1242
2nd & 4th Thursday @ 7:30.....Billy Dixon
3rd Monday @ 7:30.....Borger York Rite

11-12 & 13-2016....Kettle Korn Sale
11-12-2016.....Red Cross of Constantine
In Amarillo @ 2:00 pm
11-24-2016.....THANKSGIVING
12-3-2016.....Holiday Dinner @ Unity
Lodge @ 6:30pm
12-19-2016.....Commandery Installation
12-25-2016....MERRY CHRISTMAS
1-1-2016.....HAPPY NEW YEAR

In Memoriam

Howard Yeager.....08-08-2016
Bobby Joe Srader.....08-16-2016
Dewane O. Keener.....09-02-2016
Furman R. Maxwell.....10-04-2016

Dues Notices

Dues notices for Unity Lodge #1242 and Borger Commandery #96 will be mailed in November . Please pay your dues promptly to avoid being suspended.

Grand Chapter and Council 2016

On Monday October 17, 2016 and Tuesday October 18, 2016 the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas held their annual communication in Waco Texas.

Most Excellent W. David Melear, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Masons of Texas and a member of Amarillo Chapter #196 presided.

Most Illustrious Terry Flippo Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas and a member of Borger Council #354 presided over the Grand Session



Companion Kevin W. Smith of Borger Chapter #437 was installed as District Deputy Grand High Priest of Capitular District #33

Companion Milton Skipper of Amarillo Chapter #196 and Companion Bob Clemmons of Lubbock were presented with the Golden Keystone Award by Most Excellent Grand High Priest David Melear. There are only two of these awards presented each year.

The Purple Service Award was presented to Companions Gary Freedman of Amarillo and Leonard Pierce of Houston by Most Illustrious Grand Master Terry Flippo. Like the Golden Keystone, only two Purple Service Awards are presented each year.

During the Grand Banquet this year, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Melear and Most Illustrious Grand Master Terry Flippo presented a check to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center for \$12,101.00. This money was raised by selling the York Rite Jewelry and TMRC 100 Year Anniversary Coins. The final check was presented to Companion Gary Blair, Superintendent of the TMRC, during the Grand Session.



New York Rite Members

On Saturday September 24, 2016 the York Rite Degrees were conferred in the Amarillo York Rite Lodge. Borger had four candidates that received the Chapter and Council Degrees and the Commandery Orders.

There were a total of seven candidates for the degrees. Members of the Borger and Amarillo York Rite Degree Teams conferred the degrees.



Borger Commandery Inspection

On Saturday 10-28-2016 Borger Commandery #96 held their Annual Inspection. We are the only body in Masonry that is graded annually on the conferring of a Masonic Degree. For those of you who are not York Rite Masons, the Order of the Temple Degree is one of the most beautiful degrees in Masonry.

Sir Knight Justin Bauer, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas was the inspecting officer. The Commandery was graded on the opening and closing of a Commandery and on the Order of the Temple Degree.



Only members of Borger Commandery #96 participated in the Inspection. The Commandery is getting stronger and is able to confer the degrees without the assistance of other Commanderies. If you would like to join us, contact a member of the Borger York Rite.

UNITY LODGE #1242 SUPPORTS THE BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

After months of planning and the support of the community, the "Back to School Fair" was held on Saturday August 13, 2016 at the middle school track.

The members of Unity Lodge turned out in force to help in cooking and serving 1000 hot dogs.



Members of the Borger York Rite Bodies also assisted.

The hot dogs were donated by Lowe's Grocery in Borger. The Texas Masonic Charities donated \$1000.00 to Unity Lodge to assist in purchasing 2500 bottles of water, chips and other items.

The lodge grill was moved to the school and several members including our youngest Fellowcraft and Entered Apprentices assisted in the cooking and serving of the food.



During the event the following was provided to the needier children of the community;

- Backpacks full of School Supplies
- Free medical and dental checkups
- Free haircuts

During the event the Borger Police and Fire Departments had exhibits and programs for the children.



After attending the prescribed number of booths the kids and their family were allowed to cash in the ir voucher and receive a free meal.

The brethren worked hard and kept the food line moving so that the people could eat.



Plans are already in the works to hold the Back to School Fair in 2017.

Brethren, this is what Masonry is about. Being out in our communities and providing services to the citizens of our city, state and nation.



Brethren, you get out of Masonry what you put into it. Come and support your lodge and be a part of the fraternity founded on FAITH, HOPE, and CHARITY!!!!