



BRENHAM MASON

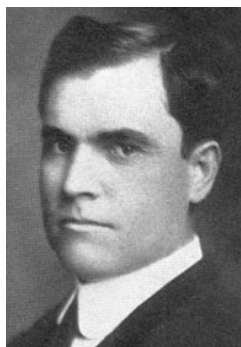
GRAHAM LODGE NO. 20 A.F. & A.M.



DOWNTOWN BRENHAM

Masonry was not made to divide men, but to unite them, leaving each man free to think his own thoughts and fashion his own system of ultimate truth. All its emphasis rests upon two extremely simple and profound principles, love of God and love of man.

J. F. Newton

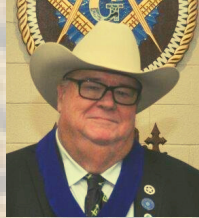


"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

Albert Pike 33°



THE MASTER'S CORNER



MICHAEL THORPE, W.M.

Brethren,

What a Year we had in 2021!

We overcame the obstacles put before us, we worked in harmony, and accomplished many Goals.

We were able to provide \$3500.00 worth of individual Scholarships. We added an additional endowed scholarship at Blinn. We laid a Cornerstone at Blinn.

We came together as Brothers for the GOOD of all, and had a successful Fundraising event, Hot Nights, Cool Tunes in July.

We hosted the Shriners, for the Maifest parade and Official Visit of the Potentate. We celebrated and Hosted Teachers of the year, and Distributed the Fantastic teeth Bags to the elementary Schools. We provided Pens and pencils to every student in our public schools.

We Raised to the sublime degree 5 Master Masons.

I am certain I have left out many other accomplishments. GOD IT IS GREAT TO BE A TEXAS MASON, and a member of GRAHAM LODGE.

Brothers, I couldn't be prouder of our lodge at this time, and I look forward to our continued Sharing of the Masonic light.

LODGE NEWS

Master Mason Degree

Congratulations to Brother Boris Davis, Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on 12/27/2021 at Graham Lodge No. 20 A. F. & A. M., Brenham, Texas.

(L-R) Brothers Allan Wells PM, Mike Thorpe (WM), Charlie Law (PM), Steve McCoy (PM), New MM Boris Davis, Lloyd Lesiker PM, Henry Hirtz, William "Butch" Giles PM, Kenneth Hetzel PM, Clifford Brisbin (PM), and Carlton Newberry PM (DCO 44).

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DISTRICT DEGREE ACTIVITY
12/27/2021 TEXAS MASONIC DISTRICT 44



MASTER MASON
BORIS DAVIS
GRAHAM MASONIC LODGE
N° 20 A. F. & A. M.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/17 Practice Night @6:00

1/24 Practice Night @6:00

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**1/29 Mark S. Herzog Reunion 414 (Day 1)
at Houston Scottish Rite**



1/31 Practice Night @6:00

**2/3 January Stated Meeting
6:00 Dinner
7:00 For Masons**



WHAT ARE YOU HERE TO DO?

Happy New Year Brothers. As we enter upon our 177th year of continuous operation as a Masonic Lodge, we might take time to reflect upon how great it is to be a Mason, especially here at Graham. In reflection, it is also a good time to reconnect on what it is we are here to do.

I sometimes wonder what it was like to meet in that first lodge with brothers like William King, J.D. Giddings, and John Sayles. I imagine it looked a lot like San Felipe, but beyond the physical did they leave their stresses and cares at the door? Was lodge a place of refuge from the still wild west, trauma still fresh from the Texas Revolution, and the terror of the yellow fever epidemic? Walking through the old cemetery provides us a quick education on just how unsure those times were. So many stones mark the graves of the way too young.

Masonry is enjoying a resurgence despite a culture largely moving towards isolation and the profane. We do not recruit or pursue members yet good men are knocking at the door (or finding the website). When people ask what it is we stand for, our response is "Making Good Men Better." As we plan for the future, how are we being intentional in our goal to remain true? Are stated meetings enough to keep the brethren from becoming disenfranchised, or is there more.

I have been fortunate to have conducted numerous interviews, formal and informal that I hope we can use as a guide in the future. It has been great and there is more to come. In doing the research we found that there have been ups and downs in this lodge as with any other institution of historical significance. There have been divides created over the years that resulted in brothers stepping away. There have also been monumental successes. A society of gentlemen can be a complicated business.

We were at a funeral recently and the pastor told a truncated life story of a brother that none of the Graham folks had ever met. Yet we knew him. The story goes that as a young businessman our brother was chided by his co-workers for reading his bible at lunch, yet he did not waver. When told by superiors to force directives that were immoral, he did not comply. In the middle of an extremely busy period of business, took time away to go fishing with family. A man of composure and poise when others failed. A man who would do anything to donate his time helping others. This is what we are about.

If you are searching for a place to reconnect as a brother, we are here. You have a place to reset and renew. If any brothers are in need, let us know and we will be there with fervor.



2021-2022 Officers



Master: Michael Thorpe



Sr. Warden: George Allan Wells



Jr. Warden: Ken Lane



Treasurer: Dan Blalock



Secretary: Kirby Simmons



Chaplain: Aaron Curlee



Sr. Deacon: Jerry Jackson



Jr. Deacon: Eddy Jezisek Jr.

Marshal: Dr. Robert S. Stark



Tyler: Keith Killgore

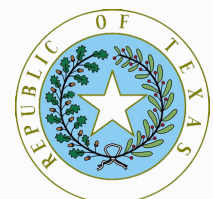
Master of Ceremony: Kenneth Hetzel

Senior Steward: Bill Grubbs

Junior Steward: Brad Tegeler



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