

ALAMO LODGE #44

May 2009 Trestle board



Alamo 44 Officers:

WM: **Michael Goodrich**

SW: Lawrence McNamee

JW: Scott Mikos PM

Tres: James Higdon, PM

Sec: Edward O'Banion, PM

Chap: Ron Havens, PM

SD: Gregory Wright

JD: David Powell

MoC: John Pena

Tiler: George Trumbo

Upcoming Events:

May 20th 2009- Floor Practice

- 6pm, Practice for an EA Degree

May 27th, 2009- Open House

- All interested men can attend for an informative Q & A session.

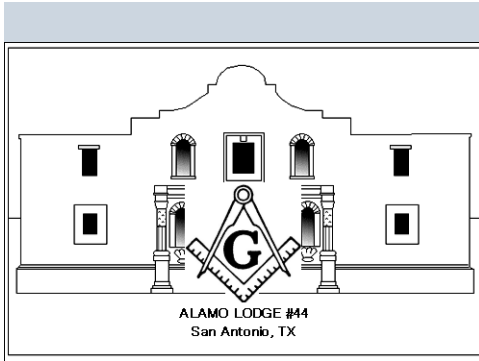
May 30th, 2009- Called Meeting (Saturday)

- Coffee and doughnuts at 8am
- Two EA degrees will start at 8:30am

June 10th, 2009- Stated Meeting

- Dinner at 6:30pm
- Election of Officers for the 2009-2010 Masonic year

Brief History of Alamo Lodge #44



161 year old Lodge

(Charter granted January 15, 1848)

Lodge Address: [308 Avenue E @ 4th St.](#), San Antonio 78205

Mailing Address: PO Box 824,
San Antonio, 78293-0824

Meetings: 2nd Wed @ 7:00 pm

Meal: 6:15 pm

Lodge Phone: 210-225-7072

Alamo Lodge No. 44, honored by a plaque on the south wall of the Long Barrack, was granted a charter from the Grand Lodge of Texas on January 15, 1848. The Master of the Lodge was Captain James H. Ralston, an Assistant Quartermaster of U.S. Volunteers. Born in Kentucky, Captain Ralston resided in Illinois at the time he received his commission, which he held from June 26, 1846 until March 3, 1849. Original members of the Lodge were mainly army officers who were already Masons. The Lodge held its meetings for several months in an upper-story room of the Long Barrack until it moved into its own hall on Alamo Plaza on June 24, 1848. (1)

The Lodge, Labor and Refreshment

Several definitions are applicable when describing a Masonic Lodge, with the most frequent being that a lodge is a place where Freemasons meet to work or the meeting itself when they assemble to labor or conduct business. With the first, the Lodge Room is thought to be the lodge, while with the second; the meeting of Masons constitutes the symbolic lodge. In truth, both are fitting definitions, for the space where Masons meet represents the universe where they hold their meetings, conduct their business and confer initiatory degrees, while the act of meeting to labor and work gives meaning to the Lodge itself.

Masons come together to labor and build better men. The moral and spiritual lessons of the Fraternity must be presented within the Lodge and become a part of each member. To improve in personal development by expanding both mental and moral understanding is a laudable goal for the true Freemason. Each symbol found in the Lodge room is a constant opportunity to recall a lesson, reflect upon an instruction, or find meaning and purpose for life.

But this opportunity requires the Mason to labor and work. Admittedly when a Lodge is at labor, its intent is to work, but what is its true work? Certainly it is not the business of reading minutes, paying bills, or making announcements! Rather it is the conferring of Degrees and presenting those rays of Light which will make its members able to make Masonry a living part of them.

To listen carefully to the words of the opening and closing, to participate in a Degree, or offer words of wisdom to a Brother or the Craft is to labor in the Masonic sense. To recognize that prayer before any laudable undertaking is not a mere formality, but a solemn and sincere expression of communication with the Great Architect, is to understand the meaning of internal qualifications more clearly.

And when the Lodge is at refreshment, it is not a time forget those lessons of conduct and Brotherly love, but rather to take them outside the Lodge and into the world about us. Refreshment is a time to reflect and refresh our minds, so that when faced with choices we will act in accordance with our Masonic sense of morality and good conscience. Each Mason's actions reflect upon the Craft, both individually and collectively, so it is imperative that we practice, as well as we render, our lessons.

Our obligations are between ourselves, our Brothers, our Lodge, and the Great Architect. The world about us and times may change, but our duties are clear and lifelong. Whether at labor or refreshment, the dictates of our words map our course now, and forever, before His Throne.

Email Ed O'Banion for any Business related comments or questions regarding Alamo Lodge #44 @

alamolodgesect@yahoo.com

If you know of a brother that is no longer active in the lodge, please call or visit him and get his contact information. If you can print out this Trestle board and show him our activities, it might start the fire again. There is plenty of Light to go around.

Secretary's Corner:

Brethren, should you move please let the Secretary know so we can update the lodge database.

Fraternally,
Brother Ed. O'banion

Schedule for the Masonic Workshops for Area N. (San Antonio Area)

All meetings are scheduled for 7pm.

*May 20 New Braunfels Lodge #1109
 1157 West San Antonio
 New Braunfels, Texas 78130*

*May 21 Blue Bonnet Lodge #1219
 Texas Lodge #8
 122 Washington Street
 San Antonio, Texas 78204*

*May 27 Kenedy Lodge #774
 602 West Main Street
 Kenedy, Texas 78119*

*May 28 Guadalupe Lodge #109
 1945 W. Kingsbury St.
 Seguin, Texas 78155*

*May 29 Cibolo Lodge #151
 901 N. Loop 1604 W
 San Antonio, Texas 78232*

*ALL MASTER MASONS are welcome. Some of the material is not appropriate for
EAs and FCs. Please invite all Master Masons to attend at least one of the workshops.*

Thanks,

Daniel K. Schauer

*Past Master, Alamo Lodge #44
Area Coordinator for Masonic Workshops*