

# From the Trestleboard

## August Stated Meeting

The highlight of the August Stated meeting was our speakers, Dr. Curtis Culwell, GISD Superintendent and Mr. John Washington, Ass't Superintendent for Student Services and Community Relations. They spoke about Garland Independent School District and the positive impact of Duck Creek Masonic Lodge's School supply drive. They also reported the GISD was on-mission to teach the kids, no matter who they are and where they come from.

## Garland Masonic Bodies Blood Drive

The annual **Gift of Life Blood Drive** to benefit the Texas Scottish Rite Children's Hospital was held on Saturday, September 16, 2006 at Garland Masonic Lodge. We collected between 80 and 90 units of blood. Greg Milliorn was our Blood Drive coordinator and thanks everyone that contributed to this highly successful event. We also held a Blood Drive on Friday, September 22<sup>th</sup> at Town East Mall.

## September Stated Meeting

Jr Warden Woody Wetherington began his monthly readings from the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Past Master Nick Oliver presented the Budget for the Approval of the Lodge. The Mirabou B. Lamar Award Committee reported that their selection for this prestigious award will be Brother (Dr.) Mike (M. E.) Moses. Brother Moses is best known locally as the immediate past Superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District. The Long Range Planning Committee reported on Lodge insurance needs.

## Entered Apprentice Degrees

Your Lodge has stayed busy practicing and conferring degrees. We have conferred two EA degrees, one in August and one in September. We are planning a Fellowcraft in October and an EA and FC degree in November.

## Masonic Education Forum

Duck Creek Masonic Lodge hosted a Forum on Saturday, August 5, 2006. We had approx. 35 brethren there and Duck Creek Lodge came out of it with 7 "B" Certificates and Jerry Lawson is congratulated on his "A" Certificate.

## School Supply Drive

The Schools Supply Drive was a joint project between Duck Creek Masonic Lodge #1419 and Garland Masonic Lodge #441. This project was extremely successful, not only in the collection of school supplies for GISD students who could not afford their own, but

also in gaining some excellent publicity and exposure to the community for both Duck Creek Lodge and Garland Lodge. Both W:M: Robert Keltner and W:M: Robert Suits were interviewed and aired on the Garland ISD public access channel. The highlight of the school supply drive was a grant provided by GTown Motors, obtained by Brother Jim Bookout of Garland Lodge, for the purchase of 252 brand new backpacks. Brother Bookout negotiated special, very favorable, pricing with several of the local Wal-Mart stores for these backpacks.

We have made two deliveries to Garland ISD, with a third and final delivery planned for sometime in October. We have met most, but not all, of our collection goals. We welcome any additional donations throughout the year. We would like to thank everyone that contributed both cash and supplies toward this worthy endeavor.

## Secretaries Corner

Herb reminds everyone that if you have an address or phone change, please contact him at 214-675-6407 or by e-mailing him at [secretary@duckcreek1419.org](mailto:secretary@duckcreek1419.org). If you have an e-mail address and would like to be included in our periodic announcement list, please get that to him as well.

## Grand Lodge

Don't forget, Grand Lodge Communication is coming up in December. This year the dates are Thursday, November, 30<sup>th</sup>, Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pre-registration forms are available at the Lodge and are highly recommended.

## Sickness and Distress

Brethren, Brother Larry W. Waller passed on to the Heavenly Lodge Above on August 18, 2006 and Bro. Jack Richardson passed on 9-22-06. Bro. Jack was interred in Gilmer, TX. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Brother Mac Dugger had his shoulder ball socket surgery recently and has one more to go. Ruth Patterson, wife of Bro. Jack Patterson, has been in and out of the hospital recently and remains in ill-health. Tommy Ausbrook's wife, Sue, has fully recovered from surgery. Joe French's wife Colleen had foot surgery and is doing well. Jr. Past Master Woody Wetherington has recovered from cataract surgery and is doing well.

Brethren, if you know of anyone in need of prayers or a call, please contact Past Master Bill Borne at 214-878-4888 or W:M: Bob Keltner at 469-576-1274.

**NEXT STATED MEETING, MONDAY November 13, 2006 at 7:00pm**