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# *Borger Masonic News*



Masonic News from Unity Lodge #1242, Billy Dixon Lodge #1369,  
Borger York Rite Bodies, Tri-City Scottish Rite Association, and  
Chapter 811 O.E.S.  
November 2009

## Kettle Korn Sale

On September 12th and 13th a Kettle Korn Sale was held during the Altrusa Arts and Crafts Show at the Aluminum Dome. Several of our Masons worked all day on both days to make the sale a success.



L to R; Jonathan Douglas, D. C. Taylor, Bill Spelce, Ken Lanham, John Ray, Ray Renfroe

The sale raised \$918.88 in sales and donations to be divided between the Scottish Rite Hospital at Dallas, Texas, The West Texas Learning Center at the Scottish Rite Temple in Lubbock, and the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.



Brother Doug Maxie is the Kettlemeister



L to R: Marc Poulain, Jerry McHenry, Jonathan Douglas, Doug Maxie, Bill Spelce, Ray Renfroe, Steve Cross, John Ray

We all have a great time at the Kettle Korn Sales. The next sale will be on Saturday November 14th, and Sunday November 15th, 2009 at the Aluminum Dome. We could use some help to man the booth and get the square and compass in the public view.



All area Masons are urged to participate. Let' get our lodges out in the community and show our good works. This is what Masonry is all about.

## York Rite News

On August 29 2009, Borger Commandery #96, Knighted four new Knights as members. This brings the year to date total to 8 new Knights

During the Grand Chapter and Grand Council Sessions held in Waco on October 18th and 19th, it was announced that Borger Chapter #437 was named the "Most Improved" Chapter in Texas.

On Monday November 16, 2009, Borger Commandery #96 will have their Annual Inspection. This years Inspecting Office will be Sir Knight David Melear, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas. All members of the Commandery are invited to attend.



Brethren, we are still trying to set up an e-mail system so the Secretary can contact the brethren about upcoming events, newsletters, etc.

If you have an e-mail address, or know a brothers e-mail, please send it to:

[borgermasons@sbcglobal.net](mailto:borgermasons@sbcglobal.net)

Calendar of Events

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays @ 7:30.....Eastern Star  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7:30.....Unity #1242  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday @ 7:30.....Billy Dixon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 7:00.....Borger York Rite

11-14 & 11-15-2009...Kettle Korn Sale

11-16-2009.....Commandery Inspection

11-27-2009.....Thanksgiving Day

12-4-2009.....Grand Lodge in Waco

12-5-2009.....Grand Lodge in Waco

12-12-2009.....Holiday Dinner at  
Unity Lodge @ 6:30pm

12-25-2009.....Christmas Day

1-1-2010.....New Years Day

3-6-2010.....Kettle Korn Sale

3-13-2010.....50-Year Awards  
Unity Lodge @ 6:30pm

## IN MEMORIAM

Frank C. Badeen..... 09-1-2009

**Unity #1242 Cooks for  
Homecoming**

On Friday September 18, 2009, the members of Unity Masonic Lodge #1242 manned the lodge cooker for the Borger High School Homecoming.



The Brethren fired off the cooker before daylight. It took a little while to get everything up to temperature.



The cooking was done in back of the lodge. This was to allow the brethren to remain out of the heat.

To help pass the time the time while the meat was cooking the brethren enjoyed a few games of dominoes. Some were better players than others.



All total the brethren smoked 25 large briskets

The Borger High School Band Fund Raiser is an annual event to help pay for the Band Trips.



Thank you to all the brethren who donated their time and effort to make the Band Fund Raiser a success.

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**Masonry is the oldest Fraternity in the world. Are you participating?**

**Scottish Rite News**

On Saturday October 10, 2009, the Lubbock Scottish Rite held their fall reunion.



6th Degree Team

A number of Hutchinson County Masons helped to confer the degrees upon the candidates.



18th Degree Team 2nd Section

The High Plains Degree Teams conferred the 6th, 18th, 26th, and 32nd Degrees during the Reunion. A total of 20 Brethren received the degrees in Lubbock. There were 11 candidates in El Paso during the three day reunion the 3rd weekend of October.



26th Degree Team



32nd Degree Team



7th Degree Team @ El Paso Reunion

If any Scottish Rite Mason would like to help confer the degrees, just contact one of the brethren pictured and we will get you on a degree team. If you are not a Scottish Rite Mason....WHY?

## Annual Hilltop Meeting Held at Unity Lodge



R:W: Orville O'Neill, Deputy Grand Master

On Saturday September 12, 2009, the Panhandle Masonic Hilltop Association held their annual Hilltop Meeting. The meeting was scheduled for the Terry Ranch, 6 miles east of Borger, but due to rainy weather it was held at Unity Lodge #1242 in Borger.

On Friday evening, the Deputy Grand Master and other brethren assembled at the lodge for dinner and a little fellowship. R:W: O'Neill joined in a brisk game of dominoes.



Several good humor awards were also presented. Our Deputy Grand Master received a propeller hat to help his domino game and to propel him into his year as Grand Master of Masons in Texas.



R:W: Orville O'Neill, Deputy Grand Master



Brother Ray Renfroe receives award

Our own Brother Ray Renfroe was also presented a plaque by the Association President. The plaque had a horse's rear end on it. I wonder what this signified? A great time was had by all who were present.

On Saturday morning the Hilltop Association meeting was called to order by Association President Ken Moss. R:W: Orville O'Neill, Deputy Grand Master of Texas, was the featured speaker.

He gave a talk on his hopes for the craft during his year as Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. He then installed the officers of the Association for the upcoming year.

Those installed were Mike Campbell of Dumas #1009 as President, Cecil Biggers of Spearman as Vice-President, Dan Solley of Palo Duro #1239 as Secretary, Richard Izatt of Palo Duro #1239 as Treasurer, and Carl Unlaub of Dumas #1009 as Historian.

Following the Hilltop Meeting, the brethren enjoyed a fine meal provided by the combined lodges and served by the members of Billy Dixon #1369.

## DUES NOTICES

**Brethren, on 10-28-2009 the dues notices for 2010 were mailed for Unity Lodge #1242. Please pay your dues as soon as possible.**

## NEWS FLASH

It was announced that the following brethren have received honors from the Scottish Rite.

33rd Degree

Raymond R. Renfroe of Lubbock Valley  
Cecil R. Biggers of El-Paso Valley

32nd Degree KCCH

Kenneth O. Lanham of Lubbock Valley  
Gordon Fore of Lubbock Valley

These brethren will receive their honors in Dallas on 11-14-2009. Our heartiest congratulations to each of these brethren.

My Brethren,

As the holidays approach it is time we give thanks for all the things we have in our time.

We have a country where we are free and still have a choice and ability to worship as we please. We have our families to share our love.

Even though times are hard due to the economic state, we still share.

Remember our service men and women and pray for their safe return.

Happy Holidays to all