



# Harlandale Masonic Lodge

Harlandale Masonic Lodge #1213  
Masonic Year 2015-2016  
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## THE LAMBSKIN NEWSLETTER

Harlandale Lodge #1213  
Elected and Appointed  
Officers  
for 2015-2016

**Gilbert Rangel, P.M.**

Worshipful Master

**Don Crawford, P.M.**

Senior Warden

**Todd Carson**

Junior Warden

**Houston "Dwayne" Smith**

Treasurer

**Danilo Molina, P.M.**

Secretary

**William Menard**

Chaplain

**Clifford Newman**

Senior Deacon

**Tom Veltri, P.M.**

Junior Deacon

**James A. Dowlearn Jr., PM**

Senior Steward

**William L. "Bill" McCalister,  
Jr., PM**

Junior Steward

**Bill Nanes, P.M.**

Marshal

**Diodolo Guerra**

Master of Ceremonies

**Christopher Misner, P.M.**

Tiler



### FROM THE EAST

*Gilbert Rangel, WM*



Dear Brethren,

I was just thinking how time runs so fast. 2016 has been full of great events and great people behind them. Our Lodge has changed dramatically. We have new electrical wiring thanks to a wonderful Brother who donated the funds. We also have a nice restroom that is all fixed up, new carpeting through out the Lodge and our outside neon Masonic sign is being repaired and perhaps working at this newsletter release.

The events we have had since the last Lambskin Newsletter were the Fantastic Teeth program; led by "CJ" Misner PM, DDGM visit, our family luncheon at Don Pedro's Restaurant, Others just an important were the Special Olympics, Boys Scout Troop 10 where Brother Cliff Newman presented a support check from our Lodge. I must also mention Public Schools Week, Take Time to Read, Lamar Medal and Scholarship Awards and other educational programs lead by Brother Bill Nanes.

I hope I did not forget anybody. We still have several important upcoming events during this Masonic year. I want to thank you for your support and ask that you continue to help our Lodge to continue its place in Masonic history.

We have recently lost some good Brethren and we have Brethren who are ill. Let us pray for them and let the Great Geometrician be our everlasting guide.

### FROM THE SECRETARY

*Danilo Molina, PM*



Hello Brethren,

So far we have been able to accomplish many things during this wonderful Masonic year with more to come in the near future. If you have not been attending Lodge for any reason you don't know what you have been missing. If you're not coming because you don't have a valid dues card or have not received one, please feel free to contact me, I'd be more than happy to help you get back into the swing of things by getting that straightened out. Thankfully we have not had any Brethren pass away since our last stated meeting, which just means we are all going strong.

Also Brethren, if you are considering going through the chairs or becoming an officer in our great Lodge and need any materials from Grand Lodge to study with or update your law books, just get me a list of what you are looking for and I'll be more than happy to do my best to get those items for you.

I look forward to seeing all of you real soon at our next meeting.

Keep the light of Masonry Shining

Sincerely and Fraternally

Brethren ... if you haven't been by our Lodge since April 19th, you need to come by and see the new checked carpet that was installed. It looks great. Many thanks goes out to those who helped make this possible! More in the next Lambskin issue!



**HARLANDALE MASONIC LODGE  
#1213**

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## FROM THE LAMBSKIN NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER/EDITOR

Bill Nanes, PM



I am pleased to provide our Harlandale Lodge members and other readers with the April 2016 Lambskin Newsletter. The events covered here are those since the January 2016 release and includes the Fantastic Teeth event, Harlandale Independent School District School Week Bus Tour and Luncheon and the Take Time to Read program launch at Collier and Columbia Heights elementary schools which our Lodge sponsored. I also covered the official visit of RW: Terry Littlepage, District Deputy Grand Master for District 39C and finally the Take Time to Read program completion ceremony for those who participated. Again I must mention that these newsletters take much time to generate and I hope you enjoyed this issue as well as any past issues of the Harlandale Lodge Lambskin Newsletter. Let's begin!



## FANTASTIC TEETH PROGRAM

Article and Photos submitted by C.J. Misner, PM



On Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, six Brethren from Harlandale Masonic Lodge No. 1213 embarked on an expedition to end them all. Actually they just went to IDEA South Flores Academy, a local tuition free public charter school that uses open-enrollment policies and innovative curricula to improve student learning for all types of children, for the purpose of participating in the Fantastic Teeth Fan Club.

The Fantastic Teeth Fan Club, a program created by Masonic Home and School of Texas (MHS) to help children and parents learn to prevent painful dental problems and avoid expensive treatment. Though the program has been around for years this was Harlandale Lodge's first time participating. The six brothers assembled and passed out 150 dental kits which were

graciously received by the first grade scholars and attendance. A good time was had by all, especially knowing that we would be assisting in maintaining the beautiful smiles that surrounded the members present. When our labors were done the brethren proceeded to head to Tink-A-Taco for refreshment and fellowship.

Hopefully this initial visit with the new school down the way is the first of many to come. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Brethren in attendance; Gilbert Rangel, Clifford Newman, James Dowlearn, Christopher Misner, John Corona, and one of our new entered apprentices. Another thank you should go out to Annette Corona who assisted brothers, Gilbert, C.J. and John with preparing the dental kits.



C.J. Misner, PM  
Fantastic Teeth  
program organizer.



Lodge Masons getting the children excited about their oral hygiene and distributing dental kits to each child.



Thanks to our Harlandale  
Masonic Lodge for their  
contribution.

## Luncheon with Our Lodge Family

Our Lodge Worshipful Master, Gilbert Rangel, called for a family luncheon at a restaurant near our Lodge on March 26<sup>th</sup>. A nice group of our Masonic families arrived and we had a fine lunch consisting of assortments of menu options. Our Worshipful Master acknowledged the Brethren who launch programs within our community. These programs are important since WITHOUT THEM,

WE CANNOT CLAIM 'NON-PROFIT' and therefore will be burden with tax monies. So think about that when you are asked to participate in OUR LODGE community events.

A huge thank you goes out to those joining in our family luncheon, It was enjoyable and we hope there will another soon!





## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER VISIT

Harlandale Lodge had the honor of receiving our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Terry Littlepage for District 39C. The Lodge members received him with full honors followed by his delivery of the Texas Grand Master's message.

Before the District Deputy's official visit, the Stewards of our Lodge prepared enchiladas, tamales, homemade beans and rice that was headed or made by our own Past Grand Master, RW: T. E. 'Gene' Carnes and assisted by Lodge Steward James Dowlearn, PM, Tom Veltrie, PM (pictured below), Bill Nanes, PM and others. As usual, the meal and deserts were enjoyed by all.



The Lodge Worshipful Master, Gilbert Rangel, presented our DDGM with a ball cap as a small token of appreciation and in turn we receive some words of wisdom. Thanks to our guests and Lodge members who came by to welcome our DDGM and hope you enjoyed our hospitality!



R.W: District Deputy Grand Master, Terry Littlepage, District 39C

## TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK Harlandale ISD Bus Tour and Luncheon 2016

As in many years past, our Lodge participated in the Texas Public School Week activities on March 2nd. There were TWO members of the Harlandale Order of the Eastern Star and TWO Masons in attendance at this event. Nevertheless our Lodge had representation and the Harlandale ISD gave much recognition for our contribution in education with the ISD. Our Lodge covered the luncheon

expense as we have done for many years past.

Even if this event has been historically very low in attendance by our Lodge members, this event allows our Lodge to continue as a non-profit organization and needs your supports and interest to continue this status.



Linda Holt and Bill Nanes board the bus for the grand tour of selected Harlandale ISD schools.



OES Member, Linda Holt, waits with others to begin the tour of Columbia Height Elementary School. The principal of the school covers the school programs where Brother Clifford Newman and his wife Peggy are Harlandale ISD graduates. Also, key past administrator of Harlandale ISD and the keeper of historical Harlandale ISD's past, Linda Holt, attended and supported the event. Thank you!



Linda Holt, Clifford and Peggy Newman enjoy the Harlandale Lodge sponsored meal. The other food tray belongs to 'me', the photographer.



Harlandale Lodge School Week organizer, Bill Nanes, PM, delivers our Lodge sponsored events in the coming weeks to include the Take Time to Read and our annual scholarships and Lamar Awards. The long-time custom to pick up the bill for the School Week Luncheon will be honored by the Harlandale Lodge.

**Alert!** The Lamar and Scholarship awards' selectees are being determined at this time. Harlandale and McCollum HS are nearing the selection of our honorees. Keep Saturday, May 28th at noon open for our Lodge awards presentation.



### 2016 Youth Luncheon and GM Conference

Our Lodge gathered several of our members and rallied them to the 2016 Youth Luncheon and the Grand Master's Conference held at the Alzafar Shrine auditorium. We were honored to have Bexar County Judge, The Honorable Nelson Wolff as the keynote speaker. The event initiated at the Alamo and proceeded to the Alzafar Shrine for the luncheon, Below are those from Harlandale Lodge who gathered at our table with their families. It was great



to be among our Masonic family. Hope we have a larger group next year!

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### 2016 SPECIAL OLYMPICS COOK-OUT

Another Special Olympics cook-out has been written into history. Brother James Dowlearn once again gathered a team of Brethren and family members and established a site to prepare lunch for the Special Olympic participants and their families. This was just one of many Olympic annual events that Brother Dowlearn has put together. And even though it was threat of rain, the games and to cook-out goals were accomplished and every one had a swell time.

The Harlandale Lodge team prepared corn 'on the grill'; which is everyone's favorite, along with hot dogs and all of the trimmings, Frito pie, bottled water and soft drinks.

Many thanks goes out to Brother Dowlearn and the volunteers who took time off their weekend to make this event a success.



### TAKE TIME TO READ AWARDS CEREMONY



Submitted by Bill Nanes, PM, Harlandale Lodge Education Programs Chairman



THE GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS  
ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS



This year's Take Time to Read program completion results were surprising. In the last four years, two elementary schools were assigned this reading program each year. The registered 2nd thru 4th grade student total has historically averaged about 150 kiddos per school. At the end of the program, an average of 85% completed the assignment. This year's program had about the same number registered but due to an undefined reason ONLY a total of EIGHT (8) completed the reading program from one of the two schools assigned. The other school did not launch the reading program. This signaled an alarm and a study was launched to find the cause. The results will be applied next semester and the same elementary schools may have an opportunity to repeat the program.

Regardless of the results, the eight students who did complete the Take Time to Read program were acknowledged and they received their prizes from the program sponsors; Scottish Rite Children Hospital and the Texas Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas, along with a certificate of completion signed by our Lodge Worshipful Master and Secretary. In addition, I put together a special prize for each child as a special reward for their self motivation to complete the reading program. These prizes and awards were presented during a special event at their school.



Shown here are the gifts, certificates and a pack of bookmakers for the school library. Brother Clifford Newman and his wife, Peggy helped out with the presentation. I was delighted that they took some of their time to support our Lodge and TT2R. The principle, Mr. Santos Flores (blue shirt & tie) and the school's Librarian, Ms. Margarita Kelly, also took part in this celebration. Thanks everyone, especially the students!!



**HARLANDALE LODGE SALUTES BOY SCOUTS TROOP No. 10, ONE HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY**

Harlandale Lodge proudly honored Boy Scout Troop No. 10 by donating \$150.00 for their cause. Brother Clifford Newman, a fifty plus year member of Harlandale Lodge and who during the 50s was a Scout in this very same troop, suggested that our Lodge make a contribution to the Troop No 10, and help celebrate their 100th anniversary charter. Brother Gene Carnes concurred and the motion was brought to a vote by the Harlandale Lodge members and approved.

The Masons of Harlandale are grateful to Brother Clifford for sponsoring our neighboring Boy Scouts who meet at Harlandale United Methodist Church next door to our Lodge. We will keep them in our scope for possible future contribution. Thanks Brother Newman!

**A MASONIC MOMENT**

Signing a Petition for a Man

*Submitted by RW: T.E. Carnes, PGM*

A man comes to you or the Lodge and says, "I want to be a Mason." I encourage you NOT to throw a petition in his face. Take the time necessary to get to know him and what kind of person you are about to stake your reputation on when you vouch for him by signing as a recommender. In fact, two or three brothers should take somewhere between 6 months to 2 years to get to know the potential candidate. Some might say "But Brother Gene, he might leave if we don't push him through." Well then my Brothers, who's to say that he would actually come to Lodge and participate in the fraternity of Freemasonry? Besides, we are Masons, our word is our bond, so don't start the potential Brother off on the wrong foot by vouching for his character, when you don't know anything about him or his reputation, on his petition. That is exactly what you are saying when you sign as a recommender. Please don't get him started off wrong by pushing it through either. I know, I know, Grand Lodge is freaking out about numbers and attendance and this reason alone should be the basis of you vetting potential Brethren more thoroughly. Besides that, how will this potential Brother receive instruction if you don't know where his passions are in order to give him work?

Ok step one, get to know the potential Brother, check. Step two, get to know his family as well. Don't leave that poor man to try and explain Freemasonry to his family all by himself. He has no idea what Freemasonry is....in fact, I've been a Mason for over fifty years and still don't know all of what Freemasonry is, so don't send me in alone either! Invite the family to open functions and events of the Lodge. If you don't know what you can and can't tell him and his family, just remember that our signs, modes of recognition, and the initiation ceremonies are off limits to discuss with anyone who is no

Mason. However, what we stand for as a fraternity, what we do for each other and our communities and the programs the Lodge participates in are fair game and should be discussed with potential petitioners and their families. Remember, we are not a religion or a charitable organization, but each individual does participate in the church of his choice and we assist those who are less fortunate than we as much as we can according to our ability.

Thirdly, once the allotted time has passed and you have gotten a better feel for what kind of person the proposed petitioner is and you are satisfied he is of good moral character and you believe he fits the mold of becoming a good Mason, and he still wants to join, and you feel you can vouch for that fact, then have him fill out the petition and proudly sign it. Once he has filled it out, inform him that a committee will be assigned to investigate him as to his reputation and character and he must pass a vote of the Lodge members before being accepted. That the process will take about a month and that the investigation will be confidential to the committee only. Once the committee files its report, his petition will be voted on by the Lodge and if elected, he will receive his first degree.

Become his mentor and keep him informed of what is going on at the Lodge. These events will be the start of a friendship which will last for a life time for both you and the petitioner. You will enjoy many valuable opportunities to assist him to grow Masonically, even before he is voted on. What's the worst thing that could happen? He doesn't join, but you will have done your duty to the Craft and he will know more about Masonry and will be a better person for the experience?

**HARLANDALE LODGE DEATHS SINCE THE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER**

NONE

**DONATIONS SINCE LAST THE NEWSLETTER**

None sent to the Lambskin editor for this issue

**CALENDAR OF NEAR SCHEDULED EVENTS**

Every third Tuesday - Harlandale Lodge Stated Meeting - Social and dinner 6:00 p.m. Stated Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

May 5th - EA Degree - 6:00 p.m. Harlandale Lodge

May 7th - Community Builder Award - Harlandale Lodge, Time to be announced

May 14th - Grand Communications, Waco Texas

May 28th - Scholarships and Lamar Awards, Harlandale Lodge, 12:00 noon



There's got to be some entertainment in this newsletter! Enjoy

FUNNY SECTION AND OTHER STUFF!

All submitted by Bill Nanes, PM ... for laughter ... *mia culpa, mia culpa!*



Neat'o bumper stickers around town  
**WARNING: Dates on calendar are closer than they appear.**  
**A penny for your thoughts - \$20 dollars to act them out.**  
**99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.**  
**Seen on a cab - Driver carries no cash. He's married!**  
**Seen on the back of a motor cyclist's t-shirt, If you can read this, my passage fell off!**

"May I take your Order?", the waiter asked.  
"How do you prepare your chicken?"  
"Nothing special," he replied. "We just tell them straight out that they're going to die and be eaten." (Humor Folks)



No Secret!

NOT SERIOUS FOLKS!!

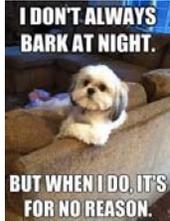
THERE ARE SO MANY SCAMS ON THE INTERNET NOW A DAYS.  
SEND ME \$19.95 AND I WILL TELL YOU HOW TO AVOID THEM.

**Exercises for Over 55's**  
Stand on a comfortable surface.  
With 5lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms horizontally & hold for one minute, then relax.  
Each day you'll find that you can hold this position a little longer.  
After 2 weeks, move up to 10 lb potato sacks.  
After 1 month try 50 lb potato sacks.  
Eventually, you will be able to lift 100 lb sacks in each hand, holding your arms straight for 1 minute.  
After you feel confident at this level... *put a potato in each sack !!!*

REMEMBER THESE SITES?



Brackenridge park sky ride



Of course I do!



The Broadway Theater



Brackenridge park horse trail

Please recommend our Lodge website to others so that they can read our newsletter via our website; [www.harlandale@txmasons.org](http://www.harlandale@txmasons.org). Also, please submit your articles to me that maybe of interest and are in good taste for future newsletters. I and the Lodge will be good readers and perhaps other Brethren within our reach. If you don't see your article in this issue, see the next since I may be saving it for the next issue.

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Thanks!! William "Bill" Nanes, PM