



THE MASONIC HOME EX-STUDENTS ASSN.

January 2012

President's Message



Each year I always look forward to the Fall season. Thanksgiving with family is always so special to me as well as cooking until my feet ache, but it's always worth it. Thanksgiving isn't as grand for our family as it once was

since so many have passed on but I still do my best to recreate a little of that past magic.

Lisa Jenkins '82

This year the Holiday's have a new guest with the birth of my grandbaby Parker. He is a little piece of Heaven on Earth for me and I really look forward to his first Christmas and spoiling him rotten.

I hope the Holiday Season brings hope, joy and happiness to all my fellow homekid's.

May God bless each of you and make 2011 a year to remember.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events...

(Summer) May 1st, 2012
McCaulay Applications due

February 15, 2012
Deadline for Next Newsletter

2012 Reunion June 22-24
San Antonio, Texas

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Editor's Note

fied us of this change please be patient as we update our mailing list and database.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

07/06/11 - 11/15/11

CHECKING ACCOUNT

07/06/11 -Balance Brought Forward \$4,969.37

Income

Dues \$0.00

Total Income \$0.00

Balance - 11/15/11 \$4,969.37

Expenses

Printing & Mailing News-
letter \$683.03

Service Charge \$9.00

Total Expenses \$692.03

Ending Balance -
11/15/11 \$4,277.34

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

07/06/11 -Balance Brought Forward \$2,472.55

Interest \$1.18

Monthly Maint. Fee -\$50.00

Balance - 11/15/11 \$2,423.73

MUSEUM ACCOUNT

07/06/11 -Balance Brought Forward \$100.04

Expenses \$0.00

Balance - 11/15/11 \$100.04

Article III Membership -All Ex-Students of the Masonic Home & School shall become members of the Association automatically and membership shall in no way depend upon the payment of dues or contributions of monies for any purposes. Noncompulsory dues shall be TWENTY-FIVE (\$25.00) per member annually, which shall help defray the costs of the newspaper, memorials and such other costs properly incurred by the Association.

Dues &/or donations should be mailed to:

**Masonic Home Ex-Student Association
Sissy Moser, Treasurer
P.O. 213
Scurry, Texas 75158**

Other important information:

**Directory \$15.00 (Includes vinyl cover and insert)
Directory Updates \$10.00 (Insert only)**

Note: You may also contribute by printing the “contribute form” online and mailing your payment.

***The McCaulay Memorial Scholarship fund helps ex-students receive higher education.**

Treasurer's Message**Sissy Moser '84**

I have struggled writing this article. I felt a need to write about Mrs. Cloud but have been unable to put my feelings into words. Seldom do I share my deepest feelings with anyone. So with tears streaming down my face I will do my best to do justice to such a wonderful lady. She was so much more than just a Houseparent and Teacher. She was my Mother and Best Friend. She was Meemaw to my kids. She was a big part of my Family. Not a day goes by that she isn't thought about. She will be forever missed. I looked forward to the reunion each year because it meant we got to spend 2 or 3 days together. I have missed that over the last few years. There are so many things we shared and no matter what it was; I always enjoyed being with Mrs. Cloud.

On a brighter note, I want to congratulate my Stepson and his wife on the birth of their daughter. Sophia Nicole Walker was born October 1st. This makes our 2nd grandchild. They are so precious. The Holiday season is here once again. Each year seems to be faster than the previous. June will be here before you know it. So start making plans for San Antonio! I know Vickie has been hard at work making the arrangements.

From my family to yours, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Vice President's Message**Vickie Cruz '83**

It's hard to believe the holidays are quickly approaching. It's the time when it seems we are rushing to do this and that, getting ready to visit family, racking our brains about what to buy for our kids, grandkids and those who have everything and don't need anything. But even through the craziness of it all I can take a deep breath and be thankful. Thankful for my family, my job and my sweet, sweet grandkids.

I am also thankful I already have the dates set for the reunion in San Antonio. The dates are June 22-June 24, and thanks to my friend Karla Andrews we will be staying at The St. Anthony Riverwalk. Go on-line and

see for yourself this is a very beautiful hotel. All additional information will go out in a later newsletter, but for now you can mark your calendars and plan to join us in San Antonio.

As I look forward to eating turkey and presents under the Christmas tree, I will be thinking of all of you and wishing you a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Secretary's Message**Rebecca Landers Groom '87**

Wow...what a summer we have had here in Texas. Extreme heat and drought conditions makes it very easy for me to welcome the cooler weather this past week. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wish you a Happy Holiday Season and Merry Christmas! I still can not believe that 2011 is almost gone. Looking forward to seeing many of you in just a few months at our next Ex-Student Reunion. Please remember that ex-students does not refer to only those who graduated from the Home, but anyone who went to the home for any length of time, so be sure to pass the information along to others. I person-

ally am looking forward to this next years reunion as our class will be celebrating our 25th Reunion! Hope to see you at the next reunion!

Letters to the Editor-Christmas Memories

Lanelle Young

Christmas was always a magical time and the excitement was all over the faces of kids on the night of the Oak Cliff Tree. I always wondered how Santa could carry all those gifts until I found out that the Oak Cliff lodge had opened their hearts and pocket books and made sure that that each child was not forgotten.

For that to be so today with all of the ugly goings on in the world would be so wonderful to see again. To know that there are people out there somewhere, that love others so much that they would give of themselves and fortunes to make just one someone happy. Merry Christmas and a very successful New Year.

Connie Rouse Webber '87

I remember my first Christmas there at the home. My little brother and I were new to the home and I was very worried because I did not want to see my little brother not get a gift. The kids at the home were talking about it but I just knew ...that we would not be included because we were the new kids. I remember walking in to the auditorium and seeing the biggest Christmas tree I had ever seen and thinking to myself how it was the most beautiful Christmas tree I had ever seen. There were so many presents that I was sure that there was a Santa because no one would ever give us kids that no one wanted so many.

I know that sounds silly but like most kids that came to the home this was something that we would never imagined in a million years to be a part of. My little brother and I never saw anything like this. We would have never gotten to see a Christmas like this or experience such a wonder if not because of all the Masons. I cannot even tell you how many presents I got that year or even what they were but this I remember while sitting there I had this feeling that overwhelmed me and I knew we had a place to call home and that we were loved and for even a short while my brother and I were going to be okay. Thank you.

Cindy Sampson Teague '78

I too was always amazed at Oak Cliff Tree at the home... One year I got a clock radio from an older couple that then visited me a few times a year every year there after... What a nice, peaceful, loving feeling.

Amber Allen Ritz '97

I remember how thankful I was for the Oak Cliff tree. Getting all those gifts from all the caring people was great! I remember also Roy Bean's gift tags were made out to Ray Bear so my family started calling him that. We still laugh about that!

Roy Milton Jacks '59

Best thing about Christmas was no School for two weeks. When we were older we would get ties and billfolds with money in them at the Oakcliff Tree. I would look forward to my brother Morris to come visit and pick up the billfolds and the ties. Of course we only needed one billfold to keep our money in and hated to wear ties in general. Always anticipated the Home Christmas tree for the flashlights and pocket watches. Sounds pretty material as I look back on this, but that's what mostly sticks in my mind. Have a happy Christmas and all the best for the coming year.

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Scott Sartain '69

I remember a little animated robot Santa Clause about three or four foot tall standing in front of the Oak Cliff tree, surrounded by hundreds of colorfully wrapped presents which seemed to be wall to wall on the auditorium stage and stacked ten feet high. The smiles and gleam in the eyes of all of the children waiting in anticipation. A magical time...timeless memories. Never has a Christmas passed since that I don't think back to my years at the Home and reminisce on those wonderful times.

Janet Edrington '61

One of the things that I fondly remember about Christmas time at the Masonic Home in the 1950s, along with the Oak Cliff tree presents and the Home presents (which was almost always pjs and a robe) was going Christmas shopping for gifts we would be giving our family, and shopping with the kids in the dormitory and the matron. Just looking at the Christmas decorations in the store windows was a real treat. Sometimes it would seem that the store where we shopped was closed for

Stephen Hall '93

I remember going to grand lodge my seventh grade year and I was the last chair trombone player in the band. Burl Ives was there and was reading to the younger children. After he was through he came around my side of the band to exit the stage. I got to shake his hand and will never forget that moment.

Tammy Renee Dodson

I remember my 2 brothers and my first Christmas at the home! We missed our mom and wanted to be home with her. We knew that wasn't possible and I remember when the night we were taking to the high school auditorium for the Oak Cliff Christmas tree all three of our eyes found each other in that big place and we cried and we knew then we was loved and would be taking care of. It wasn't the presents we were going to receive it was the thought and caring of everyone who made those Christmas's special to each and everyone of us at the home. We can never give enough thanks to everyone that did that each year.

Letters to the Editor

Melinda Corder '71

McCaulay Memorial Masonic Fund

This fund was established in 1945 in honor of Mr. W.R. McCaulay, an educator at the Home from 1902 to 1935. His legacy enabled many ex-students to take out loans to further their education beyond high school. In the early 1990's, ex-student Bill Pickens and his sister Ruth Pickens Johnson made a generous contribution to the fund. Since that time, over 100 students have received grants totaling \$714,808 with another \$18,000 to be given when the Fall applicants meet requirements. The board over the last ten years or so has been requesting donations for this important tax deductible charity with little success. Since the Home closed in 2005, the board believed that the scholarship needs would be reduced as the years went on. In 1990, there was only one student, but the year the Home closed, there was a record 26 students with ten even attending Summer school. There were sixteen applicants for Fall 2011 so this scholarship fund is experiencing the same situation that is occurring throughout the country. As jobs become more scarce, people are going back to school in order to increase their skills, thus making them more desirable as employees. Colleges, trade schools, and universities are reporting increased attendance. Add to the increased demand, the low interest rate and variability of the stock market, the Fund has gotten smaller each year. Without increased revenue and with the current rate of disbursement, the Fund will be depleted sometime in 2013.

Is this fund still needed? Beyond reasonable predictions to the contrary, it is. This fund is available to any ex-student of the Masonic Home and School of Texas and ex-students are board members. If anyone wishes to contribute, please feel free to do so. Tax deductible checks should be made payable to McCaulay Memorial Masonic Fund and sent in care of Ken Duncan, Treasurer; 4217 Baybrook Place; Midland, TX 79707.

Frances Lane Glazar '40

We wanted to let all of Addie Newell's friends and classmates know of her passing away in August, 2011. She was a wonderful sister and is missed so much by all who knew her. Hazel and I, Frances, are the only Lane sisters left now. Thank goodness for all of our wonderful memories.

Gus Hicks '54

This picture is four generations of my family. The picture from left to right is, Alex Hicks (my granddaughter) Landry Williams (my great granddaughter) Shandi Williams (my granddaughter) Randy Hicks (my son) and myself Gus Hicks, class of 1954.





In Remembrance



Edith Cloud

Edith "Dell" Cloud, 76, passed away Tuesday, September 6, 2011, in Granbury, Texas. Mrs. Cloud was born October 31, 1934, in El Paso, to George William McLure and Martha Jean Lowman McLure. She was a member of the Manhattan Presbyterian Church in El Paso. Mrs. Cloud was a lifelong educator. She taught at the Masonic Home and School in Fort Worth and in the El Paso public schools. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Bill McLure. Mrs. Cloud is survived by her children, Daniel Cloud and wife, Nancy of Weatherford, Frank Cloud and wife, Terry of Cleburne, Charlie Cloud of Granbury; sister, Jean Leeah and husband, Joe, of El Paso; nine grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held Thursday, September 8, 2011 from 10:30 AM until the Funeral Service begins at 12:30 PM at Manhattan Presbyterian Church, 1201 North Piedras Street. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park. Services entrusted to FDA Kaster-Maxon

Addison Newell Land Bell '43

Addison Newell Land Bell, 85, years old, died August 11, 2011 in Corydon, Indiana. She was born on September 12, 1925 in Abilene, Texas and was the fifty daughter of Nicholas Addison and Henry Newell Mobley Lane. She was a graduate of the Masonic Home and School of Texas, in Fort Worth, Texas. Following her graduation in May 1943, she joined her mother and four sisters in moving from Fort Worth to Long Beach, California.

During World War II she volunteered as a nurse's aid in the hospital in Long Beach and was employed as a secretary for Oil Well Tool and Dye Company.

Addison Newell was a former member of First Baptist Church of Long Beach, California, Redeemer Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky and a present member of Calvary Baptist Church, New Salisbury, Indiana. All of her life she honored and loved Christ, and was a loving Mother to her four children.

Her survivors are David H. Bell of Columbus, GA, Peggy Billips of Rosenberg, TX, Mary Hurtgen (Jeff) of Corydon, Ind. Mark A. Bell of Georgetown, KY. 17 grand children, 2 sisters Hazel Land and Frances Land Glazar of Redding, CA. She was proceeded in death by both her parents and 2 sisters Maxine Land Dudley and Sue Lane Stoughton. Among her survivors are a number of nieces and nephews and their children.

Funeral services were held August 13th at Calvary Baptist Church, New Salisbury, with Pastor Michael McHone officiating. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Corydon, Indiana.

Jim Reed '50

James Weldon "Jim" Reed, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 one month short of his seventy-ninth birthday. Mr. Reed was born in Cleburne, TX on November 19, 1932 to Percy and Laline Reed. Coach Reed was a member of the first coaching staff when Northshore High School opened in 1963. During his career he was Head Coach at Channelview High School and had been on the coaching staff of various area schools.

In January 2012 he and his beloved wife JoAnn Watkins Reed would have celebrated 60 years of marriage. In addition to JoAnn, Jim is survived by their children Teresa Holder and her husband Ronnie and Ronny Reed and his wife Ginger; grandsons Joshua Reed and his wife Anna, Aaron Reed and his wife Andrea, and Micah Reed; a sister, Beth Jackson; brother Don Reed and wife Sallie; and numerous other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Gene Reed, Bobby Reed, Tommy Reed, and Johnny Reed; and his sister Claudia Bass.

Sadie E. Kennedy '42

KENNEDY, Sadie E., 88, of Richmond, passed away December 1, 2011. She was born Sadie Eugene Ince in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 17, 1923. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Cecil Kennedy. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and John Ament; sister, Clara Ward; brother, Henry Ince; niece, Linda Byrd; five grandchildren, Todd House, Tracey Truax, John Ament Jr., Joy Bower, Robert Ament; grandniece, Joanna Windsor, nine great- grandchildren and six great- great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind friends and adopted family of Meadow Glen Assisted Living Residences, where she enjoyed the last eight years. She was a proud 50-plus year member of the Order of Eastern Star. An Order of Eastern Star memorial service will take place on Monday, December 5, at 7 p.m. at the West Chapel of Bennett Funeral

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