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2009 Reunion Fort Worth May 25th Deadline for \$79 Room Rates

June 26th—28th, 2009, Hotel Trinity

2000 Beach Street Fort Worth, Texas 817-534-3761 ext. 1305 Lois Harris

Make the Fort Worth, Texas Masonic Home Ex-Students Association Reunion your family vacation for 2009. There are literally hundreds of things to do, places to shop and eat, and sites to see (including our visit to the Masonic Home). Coming home to Fort Worth, to our Masonic Home, is always a Homecoming to remember and cherish. I hope everyone can attend to make this 2009 Homecoming Reunion one we will never forget!

The cut-off date for special rates is May 25th, 2009. We suggest if you plan to attend but don't know for sure, reserve your room and then cancel later if you cannot attend. To receive the special rate call the number above and ask for Lois Harris (Sales Manager) and reference the Masonic Home Ex-Students Association Group Rate.

The Hotel Trinity is located close to the Fort Worth Sundance Square and the downtown cultural and business districts. With the Hotel Trinity nestled between Arlington and Fort Worth, you are only minutes away from the Fort Worth Zoo, Fort Worth Stockyards, Texas Rangers Stadium, Six Flags, Hurricane Harbor, and the new Dallas Cowboy Stadium. Every room at the Hotel Trinity is a full suite and will easily house 2 to 4 people. The rooms amenities include cloud 9 beds, refrigerator, coffee maker, microwave, 37" flat screen plasma Television, I-Pod base, free internet, pay per view movies, free complimentary "Hot Texas" breakfast daily, and much, much more! If you would like to view photos of the hotel and see all the amenities and local area attractions, please go to www.hoteltrinityfortworth.com.



Please Note: All letters are the opinion of the sender and do not necessarily represent the views of the Ex-Student Association.

BANK OF AMERICA
 FINANCIAL REPORT
 10/12/08-12/31/08 ACTIVITY

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
10/13/08-Balance Brought Forward	7,334.23
Income	
Dues	168.00
Museum donation	25.00
Directory	15.00
Total Income	208.00
Balance-12/31/08	7,542.23
Expenses	
Printing and Mailing Newsletter	(816.63)
Museum Donation	(25.00)
Postage and PO Box Rental	(123.21)
Total Expenses	(964.84)
Balance-12/31/08	6,577.39
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	
10/13/08-Balance Brought Forward	2,632.15
Interest	1.97
Balance-12/31/08	2,634.12
MUSEUM ACCOUNT	
10/13/08-Balance Brought Forward	535.66
Income	1,025.00
Balance-12/31/08	1,560.66
Expenses	(239.48)
Balance-12/31/08	1,321.18

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
 % Bert Van Natter III, Treasurer
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Other important information:
 Directory \$15.00 (Includes vinyl cover and insert)
 Directory Updates \$8.00 (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 ... Bert Van Natter '67

Dear Home Guys,

The theme "Home Coming" is well on its way. Vice-President Jeff Calk has been putting together a time to remember. Drawing for a flat screen TV, lunch at the Home, dinner and live music tops the list. It looks like we will have a great homecoming. Please try and get your reunion registrations in early.

As you well know the All Church Home, with Dr. Wayne Carson CEO, has taken over our Home. Dr. Carson is kind enough to allow us to return to some of the buildings and grounds where we once lived and played. I am looking forward to the tour.

This will be my last letter as Treasurer, time to move on and retire. I have many people to thank, mainly my wife Renee'. Through the years when I have needed help, she has always been there to assist me and the association. It has been my pleasure to serve as an officer for this organization. Working Homecoming has always been special for me because I get to visit with everyone. Please let me remind everyone, election of new officers will be held this year and we now need volunteers to step forward to continue the efforts made by the current group.

President's Message ... Paul Underwood '70



Dear Exes:

Our Vice-President has done extensive work to plan our next reunion in June. I am sure there will be sufficient details elsewhere in the newsletter to make your plans to join us. Many of you know we will be holding our business meeting at the dining hall at our former Home. Wayne Carson, CEO of All Church Home has graciously allowed us to “go home” for a visit in June. Even though the property has changed ownership, Dr. Carson has been very inclusive of our organization, and it was actually his idea to have us return for our reunion there in June.

There will be several hours available on Saturday for us to visit all the “core buildings” that were acquired by All Church Home. Those “core buildings” include the Chapel, Administration Building, Superintendent’s Residence, Senior Girls Building, Junior Girls Building, Dining Hall, Elementary School, and Print Shop. Those are the only ones we will have the right to visit as the others are owned by other parties. Dr. Carson is being very generous in allowing us to visit all these buildings. The only exception will be any buildings that are under renovations which might make them unsafe to enter in June.

There will be displays and information sheets on each of the buildings at the dining hall during our reunion. It is my understanding that the All Church Home plans to keep the building names given to the buildings when they were last used by Masonic Home (i.e., Bean, Dillard, etc.).

One of the trade-offs in having the business meeting and lunch at the dining hall is there will most likely not be any operable air conditioning. Dr. Carson said he would have the windows opened and try to have some fans there. Seems I remember most of us spent all our time at the Home with no such thing as air conditioning but that was a different time and we were younger then. I just wanted you to know in advance so you could be prepared.

This most likely will be my last letter as President and I want to let each of you know how very honored I have been to be trusted to serve you the past few years.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Fort Worth.

Editor's Note: See page 6 for Paul's next adventure!



Vice President's Message ... Jeff Calk '87

Happy New Year to all!

I hope everyone has set their new resolutions for the New Year and I wish you the very best in achieving your desired goals and objectives. One goal I hope everyone has on their agenda for the New Year is plans to attend the Masonic Home Ex-Students Reunion that will be held at the Hotel Trinity in Fort Worth, Texas on June 26th, 27th, and 28th. This Reunion will be a Homecoming to remember since we will be having a luncheon, business meeting and tour of our beloved Masonic Home & School, now known as the All Church Home. Also, that same evening, Saturday June 27th, 2009 we have scheduled a wonderful dinner at the hotel along with a Live DJ after party!! And to add more excitement, we are currently selling a sleeve (arm length) of tickets for \$5/sleeve for a chance to win a 19-inch Magnavox HD LCD Flat Screen TV. The 19" Magnavox HD Flat Screen TV will be awarded sometime during the Live DJ Party. So, start purchasing your tickets today by contacting Bert Van Natter @ (512) 355-2257 to put your ticket number in the hat for a chance to win.

I hope to see you all there making the 2009 Reunion a Homecoming we will all cherish and remember!



Secretary's Message ... Terri (Brown) Cawley '75

"When I die, I want to be living", by TeeGee

Dear Friends,

My how time flies and seasons change. Here it is, time for a new board and I, for one, love change! It has been a wonderful experience to have served on the Board this term and getting to know a lot of you again. It's funny how life takes you where you sometimes have no idea you're going. So that is why I like change, it brings new challenges for sure---but always there also are blessings to discover. That being said, I need to brag....change has taken me from a little girl at an orphanage to a very, very proud mother, wife and grandmother, whose oldest son just graduated from Southwestern Physician's Assistant School with a 4.0. He is beginning a bright career today as a Hospitalist at Scott & White in Temple. And my only daughter just graduated as a L.V.N. and is planning to continue with her R.N. Actually she is a Peace Officer, but chose to put that on the backburner so that she could have a safer job while taking care of my two wonderful granddaughters. She does a fine job of all. My youngest son, is out of school and just trying to figure out what he wants to do with his life, but I can see change and it is exciting! Larry, my fabulous husband, and I are well and enjoying life. So, although there have been some really bad changes and challenges in my life, good always prevails! Think about the wonderful changes you've had in your life when you feel overwhelmed and unsure. I want to encourage each of us to embrace "Change" and the exciting things the new board members will bring to us!

2009 MASONIC HOME EX-STUDENTS FORT WORTH, TEXAS REUNION AGENDA

Friday, June 26th, 2009

- Check-in Time is 3:00 PM
- 2:00 PM to Midnight – Registration & Hospitality Room Open. As always great food and drink in the Hospitality Room

Saturday, June 27th, 2009

- Complimentary “Hot Texas” breakfast for hotel guests
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch at Masonic Home & School Cafeteria, Cost is \$10 per person
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM MHESA Business Meeting (held in School Cafeteria)
- 6:00 PM Buffet Style Dinner...at the Hotel, Cost is \$20 per person plus silent auction and raffle
- 8:00 PM-12 Midnight “Mighty Mite Homecoming Party”. Live DJ, Music, and Dancing!

Sunday, June 28th, 2009

- Complimentary “Hot Texas” breakfast for hotel guests
- Check-out Time is 12:00 Noon

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Please fill out your registration form. This form is also on our website (<http://www.masonichome-exstudents.org>) in downloadable, printable version. You can also register online. We need a head count for dinner by Monday, **May 25th, 2009** so it is important that you return the registration form as soon as possible!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We have several committees that need help:

The Registration Committee gives out the name badges, tickets to dinner, and directories. They also register those who did not pre-register. Great way to meet your fellow Exes! Call Bert Van Natter at (512) 355-2257 or email bvannatter@pgrb.com to help.

The Hospitality Committee runs the Hospitality Room, bringing food, beverages, and supplies. They also make sure the serving dishes are supplied and help with the clean up. You'll be there anyway so just let us know if you are willing to lend a hand when there or, even better, offer to bring food and/or beverages. Call Jeff Calk at (817) 239-4207 or email at shanna-clay2@sbcglobal.net.

The Silent Auction and Raffle Committee is in charge of getting donations and providing sign sheets for the auction. Call Jeff Calk at (817) 239-4207 or email shanna-clay2@sbcglobal.net to help.

From David Underwood '65

It is with great pride that I announce to the Ex-students the Grand Lodge appointment of my brother, Paul Underwood, as the 2009 District Deputy Grand Master for the 52nd Masonic District of Texas. The DDGM serves as the Grand Master's personal representative in the district. The 52nd district covers Blanco and Hayes Counties and includes lodges in Johnson City, Blanco, Dripping Springs, Wimberley, San Marcos, Kyle, and Buda. Paul has been a Mason for 36 years and is as good and upright man as I've ever known.

I know other ex-students have had this same honor but this is the first one I can call my brother twice. I hope you will join with me in extending congratulations to Paul on his achievement.

In the attached photo are left to right; Paul Underwood, his wife of 38 years Becky and David Counts, the 2009 Grand Master of Texas Masons.



Our congratulations and best wishes to Paul. We are very proud of you!



Another important announcement:

In accordance with our bylaws, at our next Association business meeting in June you will be electing officers to serve for the next two years. As in previous years, a nominating committee has been appointed to identify a slate of officers to be nominated for each office. This committee will serve as the search committee for viable candidates to serve our association in the coming years.

As we all know, any ex-student can be nominated for any office by any other ex-student irregardless of the names compiled by this committee. The purpose of this committee is just to insure we have at least one viable candidate for each of the five offices to be elected this June.

If you or any other ex-student is interested, or knows of someone interested in serving as an officer, I encourage them to contact the following committee members:

- Bert Van Natter 512-773-1455
- David Underwood 972-226-3765
- Melinda Corder 972-496-8494

From Joe Kemp '48

Just a note to tell you all how much I enjoy receiving The News----even though it has been a long time since I was at the Home.

Please send a current directory so I can try to renew some old friendships.

For those of you interested in the duties of the Officers, below is a description of each taken from the By-Laws

Section 1. President - The President shall be the chief executive of the Association with all the powers ordinarily pertaining to that office that are not specifically governed by other provisions of these by-laws. He/She shall appoint all committees unless otherwise provided and shall be an ex-officio member of all such committees. He/She shall preside at all meetings and shall cast a vote upon any issue or election at any meeting, which shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order. The President shall serve on the McCaulay Memorial Masonic Scholarship Board.

Section 2. Vice-President - The Vice President shall assist the President in the performance of his/her duties and shall preside at meetings in the event of the inability of the President to act, or in the event of the death of the President. If the President leaves or becomes unable to perform his/her duties before the expiration of the current term of office, the Vice President shall assume the President's duties and powers until the next election meeting of the ex-students. The Vice President shall chair the Reunion Committee and shall serve on the McCaulay Memorial Masonic Scholarship Board.

Section 3. Secretary - The Secretary shall keep correct minutes of any meetings, be the custodian of the minutes and past minutes of the Association. The Secretary shall keep the historical records not given to the Masonic Home Memorial Museum. Such minutes and historical records may be examined upon written notice to the Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the roster of this Association and shall provide mailing labels to the Editor upon request. The Secretary shall publish the membership directory.

Section 4. Treasurer -The Treasurer shall maintain all financial records and accounts of the Association, which may be examined at any time upon written notice to the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all collections and payment of bills properly incurred by the Association or the Masonic Home Memorial Museum. These include, but are not limited to, costs associated with THE NEWS, the membership directory, the Museum and annual reunions. The Treasurer shall submit written accounting of income, expenses and current account balances in each edition of THE NEWS.

Section 5. Editor -The Editor of THE NEWS and the website shall be responsible for collecting data, information and news for inclusion in the ex-students' newspaper and shall be responsible for causing the publication and distribution of THE NEWS and maintenance of the website. The Editor shall have authority, in performing the foregoing duties, to incur such reasonable costs as determined necessary in obtaining copying, cuts, photographs, newspaper articles, stationery, postage and costs of printing. The Editor shall be in charge of publicity for the Association and may, from time to time, designate persons to aid and assist such Editor in the performance of the functions of such office.

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*Mark your calendars
for these upcoming
events...*

June 26—June 28, 2009

Reunion in Fort Worth

July 10, 2009

Deadline for Next Newsletter

**May 1 (Summer) & July 1 (Fall)
2009**

McCaulay Applications due

MAY Special Reunion Mailing

**Watch website for additional
dates and information.**

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