



# Tidings From The West

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## Three Receive Awards

Three members of the West Memphis Lodge received recognition for their contribution to Masonry. Brother Bob Casey (left) received the Pillars of Solomon Award and Brother Buddy Gardner (right) was named Mason of the Year for 2007 by the Worshipful Master, John Robertson (center). Presentation of the awards was made at the annual dinner for the Masonic wives and widows. A second Pillars of Solomon Award was made at a later date to Brother Tom Clark. Our congratulations to these worthy men.

## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PICK UP RESCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 22

Because of extreme heat and conflicts, the trash pick up was rescheduled for Saturday, September 22. Meet at the Lodge for organization at 6:00 a.m.

## Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sales Kick Off September 11

For the third year, the Master of the Lodge has elected to provide assistance to EastArk Enterprises/Sheltered Workshop. Since assistance from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was discontinued, the West Memphis Lodge has adopted the charity as a worthwhile civic project.

In the past, we were fortunate to have the support of several local businesses by providing the bacon, sausage, eggs, mix, milk, syrup, coffee, orange juice and condiments. Because we had no out-of-pocket expenses, we were able to return all ticket sales to the workshop. Unfortunately, our primary sources are no longer available. If you have knowledge or influence that would help procure any or all of the required foods, please contact Wes Newton, chairman of the Pancake Breakfast Committee.

## Congratulations To Our Newest Fellow Craft - Brother Judkins

At a called meeting of the Lodge on August 21st Brother Larry Don Judkins was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft as 25 members and guests watched. As usual Brothers Wes Newton as Senior Deacon and Hershell Wright as Master of the Lodge, did an excellent job of presenting the degree. Brothers Cloyis Craft and Bill Lane demonstrated proficiency.

We are anticipating that Brother Judkins will soon demonstrate his proficiency thereby enabling the Lodge to gain another Master Mason before the end of this year.

*O brother, thou art gone to rest,  
And this shall be our prayer;  
That, when we reach our journey's end,  
Thy glory we shall share.*

Tommy Deris Briggs  
02/06/1931 - 07/22/2007

Cemart Ford  
09/06/1931 - 08/13/2007

Clide Tilden Rogers, Jr.  
07/23/1922 - 03/20/2007

Cecil Williams, Jr.  
10/17/1932 - 04/12/2007

Fairwell my Brother, you have entered that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

## What Lasts Forever?

Jokingly, we reply death and taxes. It is very true, we all must face death and taxes are as much a part of life as the breath we take. If you are truly dedicated to our beloved fraternity I suggest that you can leave a lasting legacy by becoming a perpetual member. The cost is \$640.00 which may be paid over a period of 2 years. Some members reply, "it's cheaper to pay the \$40 per year because I may not live 16 years." True, but a perpetual membership is not just about you. It is about a legacy for those who come after you. Your perpetual membership continues to contribute to the Lodge after you have passed away. With a Perpetual Membership a part of you will continue to help our Lodge year after year.



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# Welcome

## 2007 New Members

Rudy Lee Morgan ..... May 29, 2007  
Edward Homewood, Jr. .... July 10, 2007  
Mike Hampton ..... August 28, 2007

## Works In Progress 2007

Larry Don Judkins ..... EA ..... May 29, 2007  
Randy Lynn Stewart ..... EA ..... July 31, 2007

If there is a man you call your friend  
Perhaps we should call him brother  
The future of our fraternity is in your hands. All we need is more men like you.

## Our Senior Members Are Jewels Let's Treat Them With Respect

Our seniors are valuable assets. They are the members who went the extra mile to provide the beautiful Lodge we now enjoy. Many are perpetual members. All are dedicated to our fraternity.

Marvin Charles Bagley, Sr. ....	85 Years Old
E.E. Boone .....	85 Years Old
L.D. Callan .....	82 Years Old
Tom Clark, Jr. ....	87 Years Old
Harold Eggensberger .....	94 Years Old
John Edward Fuller .....	83 Years Old
Edward Gabriel .....	88 Years Old
Donald Hall .....	81 Years Old
Paul Hinrichs .....	84 Years Old
Walter Ledbetter .....	86 Years Old
William Ledbetter .....	86 Years Old
Bill Mallory .....	83 Years Old
Gordon McCann .....	82 Years Old
Mac McDougald .....	90 Years Old
Ray Pulliam .....	86 Years Old
Dan Scott .....	87 Years Old
Melbourne Shahan .....	90 Years Old
Pete Streiff .....	97 Years Old
Frank Vaught .....	92 Years Old
Lester Yearty .....	86 Years Old

## ARE YOU READY? IT'S PAST MASTERS' NIGHT Coming Tuesday October 9th

Once again we prepare for a wonderful evening of fellowship and fun...and... it's dedicated to our Past Masters.

Festivities begin with a catfish fry complete with hush puppies and french fries. The plan is to start serving at 6:00 p.m. and continue until the meeting begins.

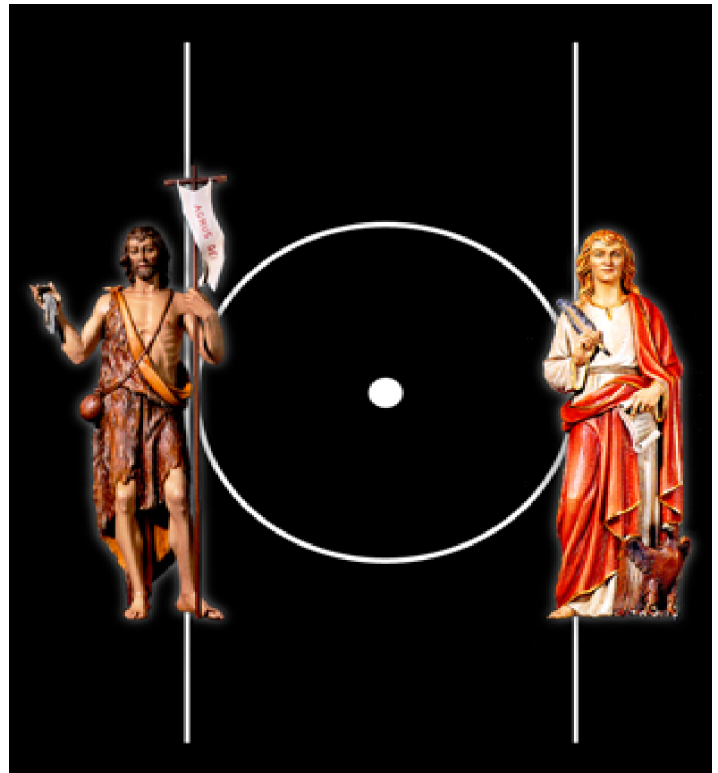
## The Sky Is Falling... The Sky Is Falling...

Do you remember this phrase from your childhood? If you have forgotten, I will refresh your memory. It was the cry of Chicken Little when hit on the head by an acorn. The little bird-brain was convinced that the end was near. It is similar to the boy who cried wolf. Although the circumstances were different both made a loud noise for the wrong reason.

I will not suppose to mislead or over react. I simply want to point out the deterioration of the entry walls. How about the north wall of the dining room? Have you seen the birds nest in the furnace area? Did you know it is almost impossible to reach ALL the circuit breakers? The drain piping from the air conditioner is not glued and is often found apart with water on the floor. The carpet edging to the left of the Chaplains chair is loose. There is a tare in the carpet at the door of the Lodge that had to be secured with duct tape.

This represents only a partial list of repairs. With our membership of dedicated members, it should not be a problem returning our Lodge to it's former grandeur.

In case you have forgotten, the Building & Maintenance Committee consist of Albert Basse and David Bassford. However, they need your help as some of the problems are beyond their expertise.



The above illustration is taken from a Maine Masonic newsletter and is reputed to be a Masonic symbol. It was not explained in the article, but, was used to peak the curiosity of the members. An explanation was forthcoming at the next Lodge meeting. If you are familiar with "the point within a circle" Masonic symbol, I would be interested to learn more.

## Your Answer Is In The Book

Our Lodge library is rather small. It is confined at this time to one book case beside the piano. You might be impressed if you check the few volums we have. We bost the better of the best books on our fraternity. Recently acquired volums still reside in a cardboard box behind the secretaries desk. We understand that there is a rubber stamp somewhere for marking the volums before placing them for issue. Our library is open to all members without charge. Few records of our books are kept and several valuable volumes have disappeared. We hope that someday they will be returned.

## Would you like to be a part of “Tidings From The West?”

We invite all members of West Memphis, Marion and Earle Lodges to submit information, pictures and or advertising. We are not opposed to including news of The Eastern Star, DeMolay and Rainbow., they are welcome as well. We plan to publish by e-mail when possible. Only a small quantity of “hard copies” will be produced. Articles should be submitted by e-mail whenever possible.

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Understand**

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