

# Tidings From The West

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West Memphis Masonic Lodge No. 737*

WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS

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## Just in time....

When informed that the Most Worshipful Grand Master had ruled that Arkansas F&AM Masons are NOT to purchase the Masonic auto license, several remarked that the notice was "just in time". As a substitute, may I suggest, one of the many stick-on emblems available from your secretary. If the emblem you want is not on hand, the secretary will order it for you. Available are etched brass emblems for most popular Masonic organizations.

## Ladies - Get Ready

Members of West Memphis Lodge No. 737 have decided that the last Saturday in March will be designated for the Wives and Widows Banquet each year. This suggestion was made by Brother Hal Dhority, chairman of the event. Scheduling prevented the banquet in 2009. It is believed that by setting the month and week in advance, plans may be made or changed to accommodate the event.

In the past the event was scheduled in the late fall. Several ladies objected to returning home in the dark and the weather often was not cooperative in November and December.

Festivities are scheduled to begin at 4:00 P.M.. As usual, there will be a program, favors and fun. Start now to plan for March 27th at the Delta Shrine Club on Graham. You are requested to R.S.V.P. It is difficult at best to plan for the number to attend.

## GRAND MASTER NIXES MASONIC AR AUTO TAG



M. W.: Ronald Hedge  
Grand Master  
700 Scott Street  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201  
January 25, 2010

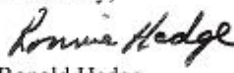
Free and Accepted Masons

I am sending this letter to your lodge in the hope of heading off a possible problem which has been caused by the State Revenue Department. It has been brought to my attention that the state has come out with a Freemason license plate. The best I can find out is that this license plate originates from the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons and part of the money derived from the sale of these license plates goes to a charity sponsored by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

After several phone calls to ascertain what the procedure was for obtaining these plates; I came to the conclusion that the method of screening individuals, to see if they were eligible to purchase the plates was not sufficient to ensure that our members could not purchase them. We have laws which strictly prohibit communication and Masonic intercourse with clandestine lodges and members of clandestine lodges. It is my opinion as your Grand Master that the purchase of these license plates would be in contradiction to our laws. Thus I am directing that no member of a subordinate lodge under the jurisdiction of the M. W.: Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arkansas purchase the license plates.

I appreciate your attention to this serious problem and will thank you in advance for your efforts to help ensure that our members are informed and do not inadvertently violate our Masonic law.

Fraternally,

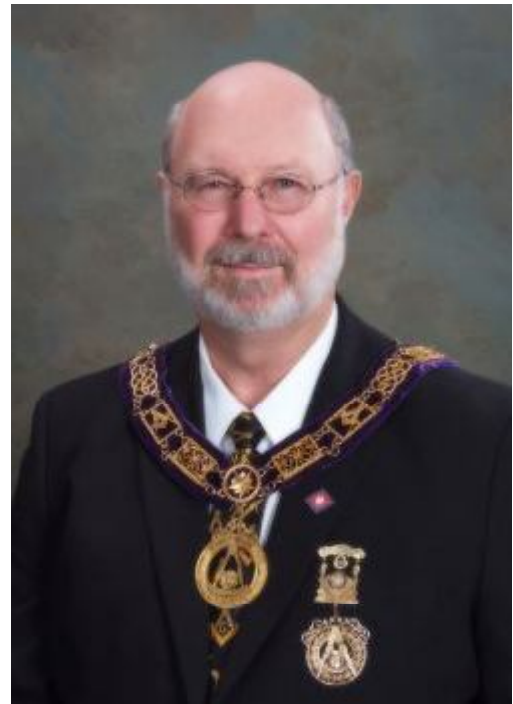
  
Ronald Hedge  
Grand Master

## TWO WEST MEMPHIS LODGE MEMBERS BECOME YORK RITE MASONS

On Saturday, February 20th at 8:00 A.M. the York Rite Bodies met in Pine Bluff to exemplify the York Rite Degrees. The class began with thirty-three members. Many had traveled many hours from all over the state to receive the degrees of the Chapter and Council. Later the orders of the Commandery were presented. By that time the class had swolen to 41 members.

From the West Memphis Lodge Companions Frank Warner and Murray J. Farris were among the class members.

Congratulations and a hardy welcome to our new York Rite members.



M.:W.: Martin Eugene "Gene" Warren

2010 Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas

## Endow The Future

Endow the Future is an ongoing effort to provide funding to the Grand Lodge for the day to day operation of that entity without requiring additional money from the Lodges or a percapita fee for each member.

At this time, funding to Endow the Future is the product of the sales of the Grand Masters' pen, the Arkansas pocket knife, coffee cups and a special pen known as "The Arkansas Diamond" which depicts the state flag. Those wishing to participate in this worthwhile endeavor may purchase any of the items mentioned by contacting the Grand Lodge, 700 Scott Street, Little Rock, AR 72201.

On the first Friday each year the Grand Master and other Grand Officers are duly installed. Our transition of power is much like that of most government offices in that it is filled with much pomp and circumstance. This is only right and just to honor our Grand Officers in such a manner.

If you have never attended an annual Grand Lodge Assembly, you have missed much. It is an opportunity to see and visit with the many friends acquired over the years. Your visit may be highlighted by a tour of the beautiful Scottish Rite Temple at 700 Scott Street in Little Rock, the home of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Arkansas.



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# Something New Is Being Added

Look inside your new 2010 Lodge address book. You will find that many E-Mail addresses have been added, but, that's not all. With a closer look you will find that new Masons, Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts, have been added.

The addition of Masons who have not yet been made a Master Mason is an attempt to include them into our plans and special events.

We also ask that you use your influence to encourage those first and second degree Masons to advance in Masonry.

The listing of Unfinished Work is to the right. The listing is in alphabetical order by last name. This should make it easy for you to find your friends.

As time permits, each listing will have the address and phone number verified before adding them to our data base.

## UNFINISHED WORK

Hubert Allen .....	FC 08/04/1992
Michael W. Allen .....	EA 04/16/2002
Louie Barrera .....	EA 09/16/2003
Steven R. Boswell .....	EA 11/12/1993
Troy Lee Boswell .....	EA 10/31/1989
Christopher T. Brady .....	EA 10/05/2004
Richard L. Carter .....	EA 06/07/1994
Donald B. Craft .....	EA 11/07/2000
Samuel D. Craft III .....	EA 04/07/1998
Jeffery R. Crum II .....	EA 04/18/1994
Keith V. Dalton .....	EA 03/31/1987
Anthony G. DeVasier .....	EA 04/08/2009
Arthur A. Dougherty .....	EA 03/31/1992
Robert E. Downing .....	EA 12/18/1990
Mcvey Foote .....	EA 03/19/2001
Stephen M. Gatten .....	EA 08/02/1994
Marion F. Glasco .....	EA 01/29/1994
Howard W. Gongre .....	FC 11/28/2006
Junior L. Haley .....	EA 04/18/1994
Bobby Joe Hicks, Jr. ....	EA 11/30/1989
Henry A. Jeffords .....	EA 08/04/2009
Frank W. Johnson .....	FC 10/04/2005
David R. Langley .....	EA 11/07/2000
Robert B. Lawson .....	EA 01/04/2009
Christopher Lee .....	EA 07/05/2005
Christopher Long .....	EA 06/06/2006
Douglas R. Manning, Jr. ....	FC 04/26/1996
Jonathan D. May .....	EA 11/30/2001
Kenneth R. McDermott .....	EA 04/07/2009
Keith D. McDonald .....	EA 09/07/1993
James P. McFall .....	EA 06/02/1994
David S. McNeely .....	EA 06/21/1994
Michael S. Miller .....	EA 05/19/2009
Broidy R. Moore .....	EA 08/25/2009
Jason J.L. Orrell .....	EA 07/19/2005
Larry G. Pipkin .....	FC 06/09/1998
Othal Ramsey .....	EA 08/15/1995
Wayne H. Roberson .....	EA 06/18/1991
Nick R. Rogers, Jr. ....	FC 07/05/1994
James W. Snell .....	EA 01/29/2002
Charles E. Standlee .....	EA 06/02/1998
Joe E. Stone, Jr. ....	EA 05/19/1987
Carroll D. Summers .....	EA 01/09/1990
Eric D. Whiteside .....	EA 12/02/2003
James D. Wilson .....	EA 07/14/2005
Harrison R. Young .....	EA 02/09/1999

**March 5 & 6**

**Jonesboro Masonic Lodge**

**Scottish Rite Reunion**

**8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Friday**

**7:00 A.M. - 5:45 P.M. Saturday**

**Eastern Star Members**

**Support**

**Robert E. Spillman Chap 550**

**Attend the Grand Officers**

**Visit March 6th**



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 1023 Lehr Street  
 West Memphis, AR 72301-2541

## Well Done Good and Faithful Servant...



**GORDON CARL McCANN**  
 1925 - 2010

Brother Gordon Carl McCann, long time member and special friend to many, passed away in February. Brother McCann was a dual member and past master of a lodge in Montana as well as a member of Eastern Arkansas Scottish Rite and a Shriner.

Last year Brother McCann received his 25-year service pen. He had moved to Millington, however, he was in a nursing home in Marion, Arkansas in his final days.

### NEW LODGE TELEPHONE/ E-MAIL DIRECTORY AND ADDRESS BOOK IS GOING TO PRESS

If you have any last minute changes in your address, e-mail, phone or cell number please notify the Lodge Secretary so your information will be current.

### **NUMBERS TO REMEMBER**

*Lodge Mail Address* ..... P.O. Box 1001, W.M. 72303  
*Master's Phone* ..... 901-881-1260  
*Senior Warden's Phone* ..... 870-739-5625  
*Junior Warden's Phone* ..... 901-229-2362  
*Secretary's Phone* ..... 901-857-3709

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