

## Companions:

Time to get back on track after the wrath of weather problems precluded the normal functioning of our Chapter. The rescheduling of our "Project Lifesaver" presentation is tentatively set up for our April Convocation.

This month we will confer the Council Degrees of Select Master and Royal Master. Maximum participation by all companions is requested. **Rt. Ex. Companion George Bierman** will be putting the cast together.

Striving to recruit more members for our Chapter is the goal each of you should be constantly working towards. I challenge each of you, in your respective Masonic Lodges, to make yourself known; get on your feet and speak for the good of Masonry in general and your Lodge in particular.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Ralph Taylor Woodrow  
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### Trestle board

Supper at 6:30 before every meeting  
March 14th Stated. Council Degrees

**"Rebuilding the Temple"**

### Fifty Year Members

<i>John P. Funkhouser</i>	1949
<i>David H. Graham</i>	1950
<i>Elgin B. Kirby</i>	1950
Henry J. Bausili	1952
Guy D. McCombs	1943
William M. Sisk	1944
Oscar L. Buchanan	1945
Edward E. Buckley	1947
Robert A. Kelly	1949
Elwood S. Nichols	1949
William T. Guise	1950
James W. Brown, Jr.	1951
Robert L. Connor	1951
John E. Wise	1952
John G. Dudley Jr.	1953
George D. Stevens	1953
John F. Kelley	1954
Walter W. Cosby Jr.	1955
Wilbert Kahoun	1954
Cleveland F. Oliver	1955
James W. Smith	1956

### **Laughs of the month:**

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 66. Please be careful!"  
"Heck," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

Did you ever wonder??? Whatever happened to Preparations A through G?

# Capitular Birthdays

### March

<b>Edward E. Buckley</b>	<b>1947</b>
<b>Robert A. Kelley</b>	<b>1949</b>
<b>John W. Spink</b>	<b>1963</b>
<b>Willaim T. Spencer</b>	<b>1974</b>
<b>Larry A. Rich</b>	<b>1977</b>
<b>James R. Sanderson</b>	<b>1977</b>
<b>William G. Sizemore</b>	<b>1979</b>
<b>Jesse Villarreal</b>	<b>1981</b>
<b>Frederick M. Pedrotti</b>	<b>1987</b>
<b>Frederick M. Crabtree Jr</b>	<b>1993</b>
<b>Dean B. Beacham</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>Elmer E. Luther</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>Frank C. Marcey Jr</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>Robert B. Rench Jr.</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>Philip N. Rhodes</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>Edward E. Belet</b>	<b>1997</b>
<b>Larry L. Anderson</b>	<b>1997</b>
<b>David L. Schlechty</b>	<b>1997</b>
<b>Sean Callahan</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Christopher Humphreys</b>	<b>2005</b>

### **Did You Know:**

In the 1500's bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top or the "upper crust". The floor was dirt, and only the wealthy had something other than dirt; hence the saying "dirt poor."

### **Education:**

"Thou shall not steal" is the eighth Commandment given to Moses. Mosaic Law called for a thief to repay 4 to 7 times what he stole. Islamic law instructs that a thief should have his hand cut off.

Stealing comes in a variety of forms. Taking credit for something you did not do is one of those forms. Doing so robs the rightful owner of the honor due him. This sort of stealing happens, regrettably, even within our lodges. It causes tension, hard feelings and cracks the foundation of our great fraternity. The Mark Mason must work to rid himself of this vice. Freemasonry is built upon trust and mutual respect. We must be ever careful that our actions do not cause divisiveness in our lodges, but continue to build more perfect union. The degree also demonstrated forgiveness, allowing a Brother a second chance. We all make mistakes, and it takes a big man to learn to forgive.

(A letter to new Companions in 2006 by John Bullach, PHP, and based on "THE MAKING OF THE MARK" by J. BEADERSTADT)

**Congratulations to Companion Orval Smith who has been a Mason for 70 years!**