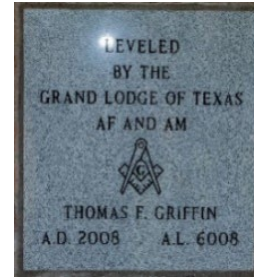


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NEXT STATED MEETING: Tuesday, December 05, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

MEAL AT 6:15 PM

1. **WM Lyons** was absent due to work issues and the SW advanced to the WM duties.
2. **Meals:** Brother Sonny Reinhart will provide the meal for December, 2023.
3. **Blue Slipper:** Brother McGee gave a short presentation on the Blue Slipper and handed out some brochures detailing the Program designed with the Masonic Widow in mind. The brochure contained information about services and how to contact the Masonic Home personnel for assistance.
4. **Marietta Committee:** The Committee is waiting on an offer and planning on a strategy if an offer is not received.
5. **Service Awards:** There were five service awards presented in October to Ray Thigpen & Billy Williams, 60 years; and Fred Holcomb, Danny McCollum & Odis Heard for 50 years. The Naples Monitor printed an excellent article about the program.
6. **Saturday, November 11, 2023 is Veterans Day.** If you are not a veteran take time to thank someone who is while recognizing that through their sacrifices, you now enjoy your current freedoms. Many veterans paid the ultimate price or returned home with lifetime disabilities while most Americans slept peacefully in their beds.
7. **Lodge Dues are payable** by December 31, 2023, for you to continue in "Good Standing".
8. A motion was made for a nominee for the **Community Builder Award** by Brother McGee. It passed unanimously. WM Lyons will check with the recipient to see if the **last Saturday in January, 2024, after the Pancake Fundraiser is acceptable** with the recipient for the presentation. Upon approval with the date the event will be finalized and publicized in the community.
9. WM Lyons, through Brother McGee, also requested the Lodge approve presenting one **Lamar Medal** this year. He stated the Scholarship Committee will present a nominee before the Lodge for approval. The motion for presenting the Lamar Medal was approved. Details will be finalized with the committee closer to event time.
10. The **"Meet & Greet"** concept was brought before the Lodge with a description of what is and the positive aspects of promoting the Lodge in the Community through this process. The follow-up on this discussion is held over until next meeting for further discussion as some members were concerned with the amount of work involved and the lack of success in the past on similar ventures.
11. **Remaining schedule for 2023/2024 Pancake Fundraiser Breakfasts:**
 - **Saturday, January 27, 2024**, from 8:00 am until 11:00 am.
 - **Saturday, April 24, 2024**, from 8:00 am until 11:00 am.

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