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*Denis Rivette*  
*Worthy Patron*

Dear Sisters & Brothers of Houston #385

Happy Birthday!! Houston Chapter turned 96 years old September 7<sup>th</sup>. It is also that time of year again – time to prepare for our Annual Bazaar. You will note that I did not say “Annual Dinner and Bazaar”. That is because Holland Lodge now handles the dinner and we have the bazaar. As usual, we will have craft items from the Happy Pasttimes Sewing Club and the Night Owls. For the dinner, Holland Lodge will be having a brisket dinner with all the fixings. They will also be taking orders for whole briskets (both sliced and unsliced). The proceeds from the dinner will go towards Holland Lodge’s Scholarship program. The date for the Annual Bazaar and Holland Lodge’s Brisket dinner is Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

### **Meeting Notes:**

Our July meeting was extremely busy with annual reports, officer installations, and our Patriotic program. Sister Marjorie Heying brought a lovely program that paid tribute to the flag of our great country. In closing we draped the charter in memory of Mrs. Enid Boal who passed away in October 2001 and draped the altar in memory of Mrs. Lois Bell, Worthy Grand Matron 1982-83.

Our August meeting was busy as well. We finished the presentation of our annual reports and officer installations as well remembering the founder of our order, Rob Morris. Sister Betty Mugg brought an interesting program to pay tribute our founder. In closing, we draped the charter in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Jones, who passed away February 12, 2003 and Mrs. Gladys Taylor who passed away in July 2002. We also draped the altar in memory of Mrs. Eunice Connell, Worthy Grand Matron 1954-55.

Our September meeting was not as busy. We celebrated our 96<sup>th</sup> birthday and paid tribute to our 25 and 50-year members. Sister Margaret Faircloth, Grand Representative of New Brunswick in Texas brought a lovely program. Our new 25-year members include Mrs. Carolyn Dyes, Mrs. Greta Ellis, Mrs. Emma Emmott, Mrs. Charlene Green and Miss Georgia Mae Prescott. Our new 50-year member is Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson. Congratulations to each of them. In addition to our stated meeting, we held a called meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of initiation. Please join me in welcoming Brother R. D. “Red” Garrett to Houston Chapter.

We were back to being busy once again in October. Along with regular business, the Finance Committee brought recommendations on how to invest \$97,000 that was in a CD that expired as well as to transfer our funds currently with MBNA to another CD with Oppenheimer. In addition, the By-Laws committee presented for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading a proposed change regarding meeting dates in conjunction with holidays. More details are located below.

### **Chapter Calendar and Refreshments:**

Just a reminder, the calendar for the remainder of 2003 is as follows. **NOTE the change for the December 2003 meeting:**

**Chapter Calendar and Refreshments: (cont'd)**

- October 18, 2003 : Annual Bazaar in Conjunction with Holland Lodge Brisket Dinner  
Brisket Dinner Benefits Holland Lodge's Scholarship Program
- October 23-25, 2003 : Grand Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas
- November 6, 2003 : Stated Meeting  
Grand Chapter Report & Honor 2003-2004 Grand Chapter Officers  
Program by Ruth Gollrad  
Dress: Street  
Refreshments: Marjorie Heying, Betty Nelson, and Shirley Thomas
- December 4, 2003 : Stated Meeting and **Official Visit of Deputy Grand Matron**  
Dress: **Formal**  
Refreshments: Greta Ellis and Rosa Brunson
- December 7, 2003 : Chapter Christmas Party  
Program by Dois Haines  
Dress: Christmas  
Covered Dish (chapter to furnish meat)  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- December 13, 2003 : Past Matrons & Past Patrons of Houston Chapter  
Christmas Party at the Home of Jim & Barbara Forbus  
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- December 19-20, 2003: District 4, Section 5 School of Instruction  
Scottish Rite Temple

**Rosters:**

New rosters are finished and our Chapter Secretary is in the process of distributing them. If you have not received your copy, please contact our Chapter Secretary, Sister Nadine Kennedy. Remember – should your address, telephone and/or e-mail address need to be changed in the roster, please contact Sister Nadine immediately.

Addition: R. D. Garrett B-day: 4/20  
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**Electronic Version of Newsletters:**

Just a reminder, those of you that have e-mail will now be receiving an e-mail from our Webmaster, Sister Joyce Rivette, with instructions on how to view the newsletters electronically.

**Proposed By-Law Change:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the proposed by-law change was presented at our October stated meeting. The proposed change pertains to Article I, Section 2 which currently reads as follows:

“The stated meeting of the Chapter shall be held on the First Thursdays at Holland Lodge No. 1, AF & AM, 4911 Montrose, Houston, Texas. The hour of the meeting shall be seven-thirty P.M. (7:30 P.M.)”

**TO BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

“The stated meeting of the Chapter shall be held on the First Thursdays at Holland Lodge No. 1, AF & AM, 4911 Montrose, Houston, Texas **unless the meeting should fall on a holiday. In that case, the stated meeting shall be held on the third Thursday of the month at Holland Lodge No. 1.** The hour of the meeting shall be seven-thirty P.M. (7:30 P.M.)”

The reasoning behind this change is to change our meeting date to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday when the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday falls on a holiday. For example, as our by-laws currently read, our January stated meeting will fall on New Years Day. We have also had our stated meeting fall on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The second reading of this proposed change will be at our November 6, 2003 stated meeting. Please try to attend.

Your Worthy Matron will be attending Grand Chapter in Fort Worth October 23-25, 2003 in Fort Worth, Texas. A report on the results and/or changes that effect us will be included in our next newsletter. Our next newsletter will come out in early January and will include a brief report on Grand Chapter. Hope to see everyone at the bazaar!!!

Fraternally,

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