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FORT BUFORD BUFFALO SOLDIER'S LODGE REDEDICATED

Information provided by Robert Campbell and Jim Savalaja.

On May 22, 2010 the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri rededicated Eureka Lodge No. 135, a lodge of Buffalo Soldiers that operated at Fort Buford, North Dakota toward the end of the Nineteenth Century. The event was hosted by the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, AF&AM who also rededicated one of their lodges that operated at Fort Buford during the same period, Yellowstone Lodge #88, originally chartered by the GL of Minnesota, AF&AM who also participated in the

ceremonies. The Phylaxis Society was represented at this historic event.

Fort Buford was one of a series of forts and trading posts occupying the region near the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers, about twenty miles southwest of Williston, North Dakota. Fort Buford had at one time a garrison of 3,500 troops.

The fort was opened as a cavalry fort in 1866-67 and was closed in 1875 except for a token garrison that occupied the Fort until 1884. The Fort was reopened with a full garrison (which included one Negro infantry regiment) in 1885 and kept at garrison strength until 1898. A small token garrison occupied the place for several years after that and then the post was abandoned. The site is now marked by the old powder-house, one good frame building (in need of res-

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Cemetery at Fort Buford shows graves of Buffalo Soldiers in the 25th Infantry and the 10th Cavalry.

PRINCE HALL MASONS HELP TO COMMEMORATE 19TH CENTURY BLACK LEGISLATORS OF TEXAS

Story and photos by: Bro. Burrell Parmer San Antonio Lodge No. 1 MWPHGL of Texas

AUSTIN — Men in black suits donning Masonic regalia, white gloves and aprons along with state senators, house representatives, families and friends gathered together on a beautiful sunny morning at the Texas State Cemetery, March 30. Their purpose was not to mourn the departure of a loved one or provide condolences, it was to honor and commemorate 52 African American men who served in the Texas Legislature and as Constitution Convention Delegates during the 19th Century, 1868 - 1900.

The ceremony began with the Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers of San Antonio, marching on and posting the Colors which consisted of the U.S. and Texas State Flags.

The unveiling was an effort that was started 12 years ago by Larry A. Thomas, the monument's project director, whose vision was to have a monument to remember the forgotten, to reconnect a disconnect, and to relight an historical path that once blazed before the men that were honored.

Scott Sayers, Chairman of the Texas State Cemetery Committee spoke regarding the cemetery.



The Honorable Wilbert M. Curtis, Grand Master, announces the unveiling of a monument commemorating Black legislators.

"This cemetery today is so proud to honor the 19th Century Black Legislators who will now be celebrated right alongside Stephen F. Austin, Governor James P. Henderson, Congress-woman Barbara Jordan and others," said Sayers.

Sayers went on to say that 19th Century Texas Black Legislators were the early civil rights pioneers often times overlooked in our history books but they were just as courageous as today's civil rights leaders.

The Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives attended the ceremony.

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Freemasons of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas and Jurisdiction traveled from all parts of Texas to honor and pay tribute to 52 Nineteenth Century Black Legislators and Constitutional Convention Delegates of Texas who served from 1868—1900.

historic event and addressed those in the audience.

“It is fitting that we are gathered on a crucial day on the history of the 15th Amendment which was ratified on Feb. 3, 1870. It was not until March 30th that the secretary of state issued a proclamation certifying ratification by the states. So today, 140 year later, we remember these 52 men for their service to our state as they take their rightful place in history to be honored for generations to come.”

The Honorable Dawnna Dukes of the Texas House of Representatives provided House sponsorship and brought to the forefront the awareness that these men deserved. When the project director asked for support, Dukes led the effort to help secure funding to make the commemoration possible.

“When Larry came to me a few years ago concerning a monument for the cemetery it really seemed like a no brainer, but one had to question why did it take so much effort to have these brave men recognized,” said Dukes.

According to Dukes, one of the men honored today was Edward Patton, who in 1890 was the last African American to be elected to the Texas

State Legislature, who stood up in 1891 and argued against the Poll Tax, in 1893 the Tax was approved and in 1892 the county sheriff fired a shot at Patton in order to deter him from re-election. Patton had to leave the state of Texas in fear of his life.

“Patton left behind a wife and two children and one of his children bared him a granddaughter and some 100 years later in 1965 when civil rights were taken up in America, it was finally made possible that African Americans would be able to vote again without a Poll Tax and that woman knew that by having the ability to organize African Americans in 5th Ward Houston she would have the chance of becoming the first African American to serve in the Senate, and even though the picture of Patton may be in the bottom of the Capitol, the picture of his granddaughter, Barbara Jordan is in the Texas Senate. This is a very special day.”

Announcement of the unveiling was conducted by the Honorable Wilbert M. Curtis, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas and Jurisdiction, who gave orders to the Grand Marshal, to demand order for the unveiling of the

monument. Grand Master Curtis then gave orders to the Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden.

“Having accepted the invitation to assist in unveiling of the monument commemorating the 19th Century Texas Black Legislators, we have assembled the Craft for that purpose and it is my wish and my will that the Brothers give their attention and assistance in the work to be done. Please communicate this order to the Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden and he to the Brethren present that having due and timely notice thereof they may govern themselves

accordingly.”

His orders were relayed and obeyed.

Descendants of the 52 men honored took their places in front of the monument with anticipation of its unveiling. A representative of each family assisted in the august event, one such person was Brother Danny M. Pryor of Sunnyside, TX, who is a descendent of Sen. Walter Moses Burton.

Burton, who was born into slavery circa 1829 in North Carolina, served in the 14th -17th State Legislatures.

“It is a great feeling having a family member recognized in such a fashion,” said Bro. Pryor, 48, who is a member of Lone Star Lodge No. 85. “This was only a small piece of what Blacks have accomplished.”

Thomas said that the project was not without criticism.

“The monument looks good, it turned out great. There was a lot of support from people for this project and there were some who did

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The Honorable Frank D. Jackson, Mayor of the City of Prairie View, who also serves as the Grand Historian for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas, provided remarks towards the conclusion of the ceremony.

not. Some asked why not do it in February during Black History Month, but it had to be today for today has significance. It is the 140th Anniversary of the end of Reconstruction.

The last speaker of the day was the Honorable Frank D. Jackson, Mayor of the City of Prairie View, who also serves as the Worshipful Grand Historian for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas.

Mayor Jackson provided an historical account of when Stephen F. Austin came into Texas to take up a land grant. When doing so Austin lobbied

the Mexican Government to bring in Negro slaves into Texas. Austin said that without the Negro Texas would fail as an enterprise. He was granted that concession.

Jackson said that one of the incentives for the first original 300 settlers were for each Negro slave they brought into Texas they would receive an additional 80 acres of land. One such person accumulated over 44,000 acres of land by bringing in 110 enslaved African men, women, and children and that person's descendants accumulated land as well. Some of these slaved men are honored here today."

"Looking back into Texas history, there was a man name Norris Wright Cuney who after being born on a plantation and going to Freemason school for Negro boys in Pittsburgh, and after the war came back into Texas, started what we now know as a very quiet revolution. It was Cuney that met with a gentleman by the name of William D. Matthews, who made Cuney a Deputy Grand Master of the State of Kansas. There was also Richard Allen, an honoree today, who was Cuney's District Deputy Grand Master and those gentlemen formed and became the first two

Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons of the State of Texas. It was in those lodge halls that many of these men formed policies and found security because it was a very hostile region then, they used those enduring institutions to grow, and it was in those lodge halls, that we find men like William H. Holland, who is known as the father of Prairie View."

"It was men like Holland and another Freemason by the name of Walter Burton who served in the Texas Senate to get legislation carried to create Alta Vista College for Colored Youths."



THE MAURICE LUCAS CHAPTER WELCOMES COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT, HON. ROBERT N. CAMPBELL TO MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI—THE MAGNOLIA OR HOSPITALITY STATE

Mississippi's rich culture and heritage can be found in the state's museums, historical homes, Civil War sites and landmarks. You can see this rich culture reflected in the impact of the Mississippi River, in the unfolding of the Civil Rights Movement and in Mississippi's contributions to literature and fine arts and crafts. Honorable Robert Campbell experienced many

of these things during his visit.

On April 22, 2010, the members of the Jackson Mississippi, Maurice F. Lucas Chapter, welcomed Hon. Robert Campbell, President of the Council of Representatives to our great state. Upon arrival to Mississippi, Brother Campbell was met by Hon. Eddie V. Crews and his wife LaJune Crews.

Brother Campbell was treated to a catfish dinner with

all the trimmings. After experiencing Mississippi's famous catfish, Brother Campbell was escorted to his hotel. The next morning, Hon. Eddie V. Crews and son Eddie Crews, joined Brother Campbell for breakfast.

Bro Campbell had an opportunity to tour Jackson and visit the Medgar Evers Home & Museum, the Smith-Robertson Museum and the Most Worshipful Stringer Grand Lodge where we were joined by Hon. Byron Maxwell, the secretary of our chapter. We then drove by Jackson State University, one of many Historically Black Colleges in the State of Mississippi. We looked at other points of interest for our tour for the upcoming 2012 convention to be held here in Mississippi.

On Saturday, April 24, 2010, Hon. Robert Campbell met with the Maurice F. Lu-

cas Phylaxis Society Chapter Officers for breakfast. Present were:

Chapter President Hon. Ray Coleman, Jr.

Vice President Hon. Julius Nash

Secretary Hon. Byron Maxwell

Hon. Eddie V. Crews

During the meeting, Brother Campbell talked about the goals and concerns of the Phylaxis Society. Brother Campbell shared a wealth of information which was very beneficial to all members of a newly chartered chapter. We are truly thankful for this information and are striving to be a chapter that is pleasing to M.W. Grand Master, Maurice F. Lucas and the Phylaxis society.

Article submitted by Hon. Eddie V. Crews, MPS



Left to right: President Hon. Ray Coleman, Hon Byron Maxwell, Sec, Hon Eddie V. Crews, Hon Robert Campbell, Hon Julius Nash First VP.



PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY

HON. BRO. OLLIE GATES, SR., KANSAS CITY, MO. BLACK VETERAN'S MEMORIAL DEDICATION

This article contributed by Hon. Robert N. Campbell, FPSH and is rewritten from articles in the Kansas City Call, The Southwest's Leading Newspaper

A group of local business men known as the Enshriners contributed funds toward the construction of a memorial to African American military Veterans located in the median of The Paseo Park, from the Terrace at 12th Street to 11th Street in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Black Veterans Memorial was dedicated during a ceremony on September 12, 2010 in a public event.

Hon. Bro. Ollie Gates heads up the group which has sponsored many events and projects in Kansas City. Bro. Gates served several terms as Park Commissioner and as it's President from 1979 - 1997. The City has benefited from the interest of these men. The Enshriners have been contributors and sponsors of events and attractions such as the "Spirit of Freedom Fountain," Satchel Paige Stadium, Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, Arrington "Bubble" Klice Memorial, Heart of America Junior Golf Academy.

At the north end of the Site a polished granite monument commemorates the service of black veterans throughout United States History. At the south end of the site above the retaining wall of the Terrace, a large U. S. Flag flies from a 50-foot pole set in a granite base. A wide sidewalk down the center of the block links the monument to the flagpole, and will be lined with benches and ornamental lights. This Plaza space is flanked with a row of new Oak Trees, the U.S. national tree.

In the middle of the walk a 4 foot wide panel will be filled with dedicatory pavers, etched with the names of veterans and or military units. The pavers are available for purchase. Funds from the purchases will be used to assist with the maintenance of the Plaza as well as to honor veterans, friends or family members who have served our nation. The Black Veterans Memorial is a partnership between the Enshriners and the Kansas City Parks & Recreation Dept.

To purchase a paver contact Karmen Bradley at (816) 513-7503 or e-mail karmen_bradley@kcmo.org.

Brother Ollie Gates was inducted into The African American Museum's Hall of Fame during the 22nd Annual Red, Black and Green Ball in Peoria, Illinois along with eight other honorees. The Ball Theme was, "The Battle Is Not Over."

Hon. Gates is known as "The Bar-B-Que King." He is the President of the Gates Bar-B-Q chain of restaurants of

Kansas City. Gates has been a member of Green Pasture # 128 over forty years and a long time member/supporter of The Phylaxis Society. He is a Kappa and has received numerous awards, including The Phylaxis Society 4-B's Award for Business.



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toration) and the old cemetery which also looks abandoned.

Masonic historians in the Grand Lodge of North Dakota AF&AM recognized the significance of Fort Buford. As early as 1928 they tried to purchase the land where Yellowstone Lodge No. 88 had stood but they did not succeed until nearly thirty years later. The lodge building had long been torn down, but they put a marker at the location where the lodge stood. The present ceremony was in observation of the fiftieth anniversary of the May 1960 dedication of that marker. The present ceremony also marked a commitment by the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri

to return to the site and dedicate suitable monuments to the two historical lodges that operated at the Fort.

There had been talk of a Prince Hall lodge at the fort such as a letter written by Mr. T. R. Forbes of Wolf Point, Montana, Clerk of the District Court of Roosevelt County in Montana, to Dr. O. G. Libby dated September 15, 1928:

“Your letter of September 14th, at hand and contents noted. Regarding the Masonic Order or lodge at Fort Buford in 1874, I beg to advise. I did not get to Buford until 1880 and did not hear or know that any lodge existed there at that time. Not being interested, I did not make inquiries, however, about 1885 or 1886 the Fort was garrisoned mostly by negro troops. At that time

a Captain of the Twentieth Infantry organized a lodge or camp of Sons of Veterans and at his earnest solicitation I joined the same. Shortly after that Dr. Keefer of the U. S. army came into the lodge and after his initiation, when the presiding officer, who was a negro Sergeant, shook hands and congratulated him as is customary, during the hand shaking I noticed that the doctor and the negro held hands for some seconds, and looked earnestly at each other. Finally the negro said ‘go on,’ to which the doctor replied ‘I can’t.’ Afterwards, the doctor told me that they were talking of Masonry and he remarked that the colored man was ‘high up.’ It may be that there was a colored lodge of Masons at Fort Buford during the time from 1885 to the time the

that there might actually have been, and even a number for that lodge was given. Unfortunately they did not have any documentation or any factual information to confirm the same.

Two Prince Hall jurisdictions, Texas and Missouri chartered a number of Black military lodges. In fact in some cases there were two of these lodges in the same location at the same time.

A call was placed to the Grand Secretary MWPHGL of Missouri, RW Theophilis Charles who reported that a disastrous fire many years ago had destroyed many of the historical records of those lodges and that we might never know the factual history of Prince Hall Masonry at Ft. Buford.

Post was abandoned, I think in 1898. I do know that in the early 80’s there was an Odd Fellow Lodge among the soldiers. They met in an underground cellar dug some distance from the Post.

Sorry I cannot give you definite information regarding the Masons.

Sincerely yours,
Thos. R. Forbes,
District Court Clerk.”

Bob Campbell and Jim Savaloja tell us that for years there had been rumors of a Prince Hall Lodge that operated at Ft. Buford. Researching the web sites of the Buffalo Soldiers and Prince Hall Military Lodges indicated

Jim Savaloja contacted Robert N. Campbell, who had recently been appointed as Grand Historian for the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri by M.W. Joe B. Lewis, Grand Master. Brother Campbell was also an active officer with The Phylaxis Society, the Masonic Research Organization of Prince Hall Freemasons.

Brother Campbell searched for information concerning Ft. Buford, and within several weeks returned with news that he had located proceedings of the grand lodge and had found records of Ft. Buford in the minutes from that period; there had indeed been a Prince Hall Lodge located at Ft. Buford.

The M.W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, AF&AM had organized Eureka Lodge # 135, U.D. in 1890 at Ft. Apache, Arizona Territory and ap-

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BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA

Four years ago a group of three young newly made masons decided to come up with a class community service project of it own to bring to the lodge. Being new, the lodge was skeptical of allowing the brothers to put together and carry out a program of its own in the name of Prince Hall Freemasonry. After strong convincing the lodge agreed to assist the brothers in bringing the project into fruition. That same summer the lodge hosted its first Back to School Extravaganza. That year they collected enough

school supplies to donate approx 100 plastic bags full of school supplies to local kids. They served free food and had a host of games for the kids to participate in free of charge. Although the turnout was low the lodge was no discouraged.

The following year the executed the same event, this time with the help of local businesses and organization and reached the goal of 200 students. The word about the event had finally begun to get out.



(left to right) Chauncey Toney, Darryl Walls, Elias Lover, III, and Ray Coleman, Jr.



On August 14, 2010, May-Hinton Lodge #540 was privileged to serve over 600 local students through community service. This year many local businesses and organizations we happy to be a part of this event. This year food and fun jumps were donated and the local media called inquiring about the event local city officials took part in the festivities and donation from government agencies were made. Participation from the attached HOJ courts (Queen Elizabeth 630) and OES chapters (Genesis #19) was great. Over \$7000.00 was spent in putting together May Hinton Lodge #540's Annual Back to School Fun Day. Students

received school s supplies consisting of backpacks, notebooks, paper, folders, pencils, glue, crayons and scissors. As part of the "iGive, uGive, weSERVE" implemented by the lodge 4 years ago the event has grown every year since. This event shows the importance of trusting brothers, whether old or young to carry out the virtues that we teach them. We look forward to serving out local community again in the future and show what Prince Hall Masonry is all about.

Sgt. Ray Coleman, Jr.



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proved its charter 1891. At that time there were four all Black military units sanctioned by the Department of the Army. They were the 9th, and 10th Cavalry and the 24th and 25th Infantry.

It appears that the charter for Eureka #135 was carried to Ft. Buford by soldiers of the 10th Cavalry and 24th Infantry when they left the Geronimo Campaign on the Mexican-Arizona border and were ordered to Ft. Buford in

1892. This move also meant that Ft. Buford holds the distinction of having the first chartered Prince Hall Masonic Lodge in Dakota Territory. Annual returns for Eureka # 135 indicate that the lodge remained at Ft. Buford until

1896 when the fort closed for the last time and the soldiers were transferred to Ft. Assiniboine, Harve, Montana.





FORREST ROBERTS HONORED BY ENNIS PRINCE HALL MASONS

by Dr. Bob Uzzel

On Saturday May 29, 2010, following the Ennis Polka Festival Parade, Worshipful Master McCain Bodie led a delegation of members of Pride of Ennis Lodge #420, Free & Accepted Masons (Prince Hall Affiliation), to the home of 83-year old Ennite Forrest Roberts to present him with a membership card and apron and officially reinstate him in the lodge.

Pride of Ennis Lodge #420 served the community for many years. Thus far, I have not found the date of organi-

zation, but evidence indicates that it was functioning as early as 1930 and as late as 1995. In the latter year, James Hill was serving as Worshipful Master, Willie Scott Lister as Secretary, and Forrest Roberts as Treasurer. Apparently, the lodge demised during the late 1990s. When the lodge demised, plans were made to transfer members to other lodges but, for some unknown reason, such transfers never took place.

Forrest Roberts is the only member active in Pride of Ennis Lodge #420 in 1995 who is still alive. He recalls

that members would turn out for special occasions such as Palm Sunday in the spring and Prince Hall Day in September and were involved in charitable activities. The lodge laid the following cornerstones: Fourth Ward Baptist Church in 1930; Bethlehem Baptist Church in 1958; Independent Baptist Church in 1979; New Hope Baptist Church in 1984; and Bright and Morning Star Baptist Church in 1989. He remembers participating in the latter cornerstone laying.

Prince Hall Freemasonry returned to Ennis with the reactivation of Pride of Ennis Lodge #420 on August 7, 2009. Since then, lodge members have held numerous meetings, initiated a number of new members, participated in Feed the Children, and marched in both the Ennis Christmas Parade and the Ennis Polka Festival Parade. At one meeting, members approved my recommendation that, due to his many years of dedicated service, Bro. Roberts should be reinstated and exempt him from all dues for the rest of his life.

Forrest Roberts was born on September 26, 1926 in Calvert, Texas. He moved to Palmer in 1934, to Dallas in 1939, and to Ennis in 1943. He served in the U. S. Army from January 1945 to September 1946. He was stationed in the Philippines. He returned to Ennis after his discharge and attended vocational school under the GI Bill. He held a number of positions with American Carbin, Southern Pacific Railroad, and Ennis Public Schools prior to his retirement in 1990. He married Mildred Jo Hart in 1961. Twelve children were born to this union. His wife died in 2008. He accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and was baptized at Lucille Missionary Baptist Church in Palmer. He has been a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Ennis since 1950 and a deacon since 1985. He held various offices in Pride of Ennis Lodge #420, including Senior Warden and Treasurer.

Congratulations to Bro. Forrest Roberts on this well-deserved honor! Thanks to Worshipful Master Bodie and the brethren of the lodge for giving honor to whom honor is due!

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REMEMBERING MARVIN SCOTT: FRIEND, FAITHFUL CHURCH MEMBER, AND MASONIC BROTHER

by Dr. Bob Uzzel

June 28, 2010 marked the 10th anniversary of the death of a man whom I had the pleasure of serving as pastor from 1979 to 1987—Marvin Scott of Kaufman. I cherish his memory as a friend, faithful church member, and Masonic brother.

Marvin Lester Scott was

born on May 20, 1931 in Henderson, Texas to Irvin and Mattie Ellen Adell Wright Scott. He attended public schools in Henderson. In 1943, he moved to Kaufman, where he met and married Mary Sedalia Smith. They were parents of ten children. He held a number of jobs before obtaining employment



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with the Public Works Department of the City of Dallas, from which he retired.

I first met Bro. Scott in October 1979, when I was appointed as pastor of Macedonia African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Kaufman. He had joined Macedonia in 1951, under the pastorate of Rev. A. D. Buntton, who was pastor of Mount Zion AME Church in Italy at the time of his death in 1993. At Macedonia, Bro. Scott held many offices, including Pastor's Steward, Trustee, and Sunday School Superintendent. He was delegate from Macedonia to the Northeast Texas Annual Conference for several years. He often sang solos not only at his home church but at other local churches. He accompanied me when I preached at other churches, including Mount

Zion AME Church of Italy and Wayman Chapel AME Church of Ennis. At that time, the pastor of Wayman Chapel was Rev. Dorris Brown (who died in 2000). I often would request for Bro. Scott to sing "Do You Know Where You Stand With the Lord?"

Bro. Scott served as Worshipful Master of Egypt Lodge #454, Free and Accepted Masons (Prince Hall Affiliation) for many years. This lodge later was consolidated with Elem Grove Lodge #428 in Mabank. He was also a member of Pride of Terrell Chapter #22, Holy Royal Arch Masons; and a Joshua of Silver Sheaf Court #44, Heronines of Jericho. In June 1984, he was present when Bro. Joseph A. Walkes, Jr., founder and president of the Phylaxis Society, visited Ennis and spoke at Macedonia.

My wife and I lived in Kaufman for 8 years, not far from the Scotts. Our families became very close as our children and their children grew up together. After our pastorate there ended, we still maintained contact with our friends.

I would see them during occasional visits to Kaufman. They once visited us in Waco.

On June 28, 2000, Bro. Scott went to be with the Lord. Funeral services were held on July 1, 2000 at Cottage Heights Baptist Church in Kaufman. Rev. Howard W. Johnson, pastor of Macedonia from 1967 to 1978, presided. I made remarks on behalf of all former pastors. The eulogy was delivered by Rev. Alton Paris, pastor of Macedonia from 1997 to 2009. Interment was in Ayers Chapel

Cemetery in the Egypt Community of Kaufman County. I assisted Bro. Joe Bradford, Worshipful Master of Elem Grove Lodge #428 until his death in 2005, with Masonic graveside services.

The funeral program contained the following words from Psalm 1:1-3 as a tribute to the life of Marvin Scott: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

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NEW PHYLAXIS CHAPTERS

The long-term health and survival of the Phylaxis Society is assured by the formation and growth of Phylaxis chapters. Phylaxis members are encouraged to form themselves into chapters with the goal of promoting research into Masonic history and in

promoting the general goals of the Phylaxis Society. A new chapter has been formed in Tallahassee, Florida, under the leadership of Brother Roy E. Estril, Jr. The Robert W. Brown Chapter in Los Angeles was authorized recently, and operates under the leader-

ship of Brother Marlon Behn. Another chapter has been approved for operation in Southern California, the Joseph A. Walkes Chapter organized by Brother Ras Cannady, past director for Phylaxis Chapters.

Visit our web site where you will find information

about the process of forming chapters. We ask all of those who are not in a chapter to come together with other Phylaxis members voluntarily to form chapters of The Phylaxis Society.

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