

MASONRY IN THE OIL PATCH

The First 75 Years of
Electra Lodge No.1067 AF & AM

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PAST MASTERS OF ELECTRA LODGE No.1067 AF&AM
1912 - 1988

C.E.McDannald 1912-13
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E.N.Wilson 1916-17
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G.C.Biggs 1918-19
R.S.Vanhoove 1919-20
O.C.Baker 1920-21
A.L.Decker 1921-22
John Houser 1922-23
L.B.Dees 1923-24
R.P.Bessent 1924-25
Joe Bessent 1925-26 34-35
F.E.McMullen 1926-27
H.D.Miller 1927-28
J.C.Yarbrough 1928-29
Hugh Stuart 1929-30
W.C.Trainer 1930-31
J.E.Warden 1931-32
A.G.Stanford 1932-33
S.S.Fillman 1933-34
C.F.Birkhead 1935-36
I.F.Stanford 1936-37
R.D.Scleigh 1937-38
Willard Parsons 1938-39
H.A.Murphy 1939-40
R.R.Finch 1940-41
C.M.Percifield 1941-42
T.L.McClure 1942-43
John Hustead 1943-44
A.G.Farrell 1944-45
A.B.Latimer 1945-46
Sam Z. Vaughn 1947-48
M.A.Buzbee 1948-49
Gus Gragnani 1949-50
John H.Hughes 1950-51

O.W.Ballard 1950-51
James B.Totten 1951-52
Clyde Dunn 1952-53
M.W.Langford 1953-54
E.E.Cargile 1954-55
C.H.Moeller 1955-56
V.L.Cole 1956-57
J.B.Gowen 1957-58
W.M.Edwards 1958-59, 67-68
J.E.Stamsel 1959-60
A.D.Stansel 1960-61
G.L.Riddle 1961-62
E.N.Eakin 1962-63
V.L.Chester 1963-64
G.W.Bettes 1964-65
A.C.Elliot 1965-66
B.J.Cunningham 1966-67
C.S.Alexander, 1968-69
H.L.Goodloe 1969-70
R.W.Delashaw 1970-71
Cecil H.King 1971-72
C.E.Moeller 1972-73
O.I.Cole 1973-74
A.K.Miller 1974-75, 81-82
I.M.Richards 1975-76
G.E.Johnson 1976-77
E.E.Cargile 1977-78
H.L.Gilbert 1978-79
L.R.Cook 1979-80
O.L.Bently 1980-81
L.O.Smith 1982-83
R.J.Isbell 1983-84
O.Z.Waters 1984-85
Ted Dunlap 1985-86
Paul Pruitt 1986-87
Armon Neff 1987-88

MASONRY IN THE OIL PATCH:ELECTRA LODGE NO. 1067

Masonic Lodges generally follow the development of its community, usually getting organized along with the town. Electra Lodge 1067 AF&AM followed on one of the greatest oil booms in the state of Texas.

The town of Electra is located in the western part of Wichita County. The community began as early as 1873 with the E.F. and W.S. Ikard cabin on the Beaver Creek and Wichita River junction. Its early settlers were farmers who came to cultivate the endless North Texas prairie. On November 24, 1879 a Post office for the community of Toxana, Texas had been established north of the homes of Ralph Gilbert and Carl Brockreide on the Red River. In 1882 Wichita County was organized and its county seat established at Wichita Falls in the southeastern part of the county.

The one-half million acre ranch of W.T. Waggoner covered the county of Wilbarger and spilled over into its eastern neighbor Wichita county. In 1887 the Waggoner ranch moved its stock loading pens to a Ft. Worth and Denver Railroad siding located at a switching station known as the Beaver Switch. By 1889 the Waggoner General Merchandise store was built at the stock pens. The area had been called Waggoner, but on August 14, 1889, a Post Office was opened named Beaver, Texas.

More farmers came into the area in 1897 when 56,000 acres of land were opened located from the Beaver Switch depot north to the Red River and west from the Payton farm to the Wichita and Wilbarger county line. This area was known as the Waggoner Colony.

It wasn't until 1902 that all the confusion concerning the town's name was resolved. Area families decided to call their town Electra in honor of W.T. Waggoner's daughter who was named Electra. A Post Office was established on May 1, 1902 with the name Electra, Texas.

One of the keys to a community's survival is the availability of drinking water. In this semi-arid region many settlements have disappeared for the lack of it. Good drinking water has been almost as valuable as the oil that made this region on North Texas wealthy. It was this search for water that led to the discovery of one of the most productive oil fields in Texas.

As early as 1902 water wells had been dug by the Waggoner Ranch only to find them fouled by crude oil. The significance of this find was not realized until April 1, 1911 when an oil well called Clayco #1 blew in. This "gusher" spewed crude oil into the sky as though it were a welcome banner to a new era for the community of Electra. Much like the gold rush in California in 1849, fortune hunters poured into the small farming community turning it into an oil boom city of several thousand almost overnight.

In 1891, Masons living in Electra could attend Lodge at Iowa Park No. 713 located fifteen miles east of town. Some of those Brethren could have traveled seven miles west to attend Harrold Lodge No. 744 from 1892 until that Lodge demised in 1901. In light of the town's new found growth and prosperity, the Electra Brethren decided that it was time for them to have a Masonic Lodge of their own.

Those zealous Brethren purchased a building lot near the corner of North Waggoner and Bryan Streets from F.D.Woodruff for the sum of \$1.00. It was purchased, in trust by the Charter members, on April 3,1912,. It was on this lot, according to local stories, that the first water well was drilled by the Waggoner Ranch in 1902. This location would be the first Masonic Temple in Electra.

Having secured a building site, the Brethren attended a stated meeting of Iowa Park Lodge No.713 on July 11,1912. At this meeting twenty-two Master Masons affixed their signatures to a petition for dispensation to form a new Lodge in their city. The request was granted by Grand Master S.P.Cochran on September 3,1912 and on September 9,1912 Electra Lodge Under Dispensation (UD) was instituted by C.C.Kinzey, District Deputy Grand Master from Bellevue.

Electra Lodge UD had installed C.E.McDannald Worshipful Master, C.A.Martin Senior Warden and C.P.Brokaw Junior Warden. The newly formed Lodge held its meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. One of the first orders of business was to secure a note for the sum of \$4000.00 due and payable to the Wichita Southern Life Insurance Company of Wichita Falls, Texas. This money was to be used to construct a Masonic Temple. The note was payable semi-annually at the rate of 8% for five years. This first Lodge Hall was made of wood, its successor was made of brick.

After being at Labor under a dispensation for several months Electra Lodge UD's records were examined by the Grand Lodge of Texas Committee No.2 Lodges UD. The committee report of December,1912 stated: "We have carefully examined the records of Electra Lodge UD located at Electra, Wichita County, Texas and find the minutes of said Lodge well written in a well bound book and in regular form."

Acting upon this favorable report, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas, J.J.Mansfield, issued a Warrant of Deputation on December 27,1912. This warrant was issued to District Deputy J.A.Bell of Archer City for the purpose of constituting, in form, the Brethren of Electra into a regular Lodge, to be known and distinguished by the name of Electra Lodge No.1067 and to install its officers.

On January 6,1913 District Deputy Bell installed C.E.McDonald - Worshipful Master, C.A.Martin - Senior Warden,E.M.Friend - Junior Warden, G.C.Cobb - Secretary, W.E.McKinney - Senior Deacon, B.V.Magee - Junior Deacon, A.H.Sheldon - Senior Steward, F.C.Dunn - Junior Steward, and C.P.Sheldon - Tiler.

The first year was a good one for Electra Lodge No.1067. Beginning with the twenty-two Master Masons in the original Dispensation, they Initiated 33,Passed 25 and Raised 23,affiliated 9 and lost 3 to demit for a total of 51 members in 1913.

The Order of Eastern Star Chapter No.539 had formed in 1913 and the Chapter and Council of the York Rite in 1914. These bodies, along with a membership of 205 Master Masons in 1920, made the hall somewhat crowded and conditions warranted some more room to grow.

Problems arose with the purchase of an adjoining vacant lot. The Lodge tried to purchase it

from its owner but they were refused. The owner would not sell to any Mason. By acting through a third party, the Lodge purchased the lot by mortgaging their building for the sum of \$2000.00 on February 17,1920 .

Electra Lodge was growing in 1922 and called meetings were held several nights a week with as many as three candidates an evening. The Lodge considered itself quite modern with conveniences such as a telephone and a typewriter.

At a Summomed meeting on Halloween Night,1922 the Brethren discussed whether or not to "treat" themselves to a new building. At that October meeting it was decided to consider a new Lodge Hall that could be located on their adjoining vacant lot. It was decided that the Lodge would not spend more than \$40,000.00 on the project. Plans also called for the joining on the two properties to make one building at the corner of North Waggoner and Bryan Streets.

At the stated meeting of February 12,1924, the 73 members present voted to proceed with the new building. At the next stated meeting of March 11th ,the Lodge voted to increase the size of the new building from the proposed two stories to three. The new building would also be 50 feet wide which was twice the width of the old building.

The new building was completed in August of 1925 at a final cost of \$ 42,052.52 and the last stated meeting in the old building was held August 11 with 85 members present. The Brethren decided that members should refrain from smoking or chewing tobacco in their new Hall while the Lodge was at Labor.

A meeting was called on September 9,1925 for the purpose of dedicating the new Hall. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas Guinn Williams spoke to over 250 members and guests on "A Life of Service". Judges John Kay and Guy Rodgers also made "wonderful talks" It was a gala event however no record exists of a cornerstone leveling ceremony.

The first stated meeting of Electra Lodge No. 1067 held in the new Hall was on October 13,1925. The first Master Mason raised in the new hall was Brother E.H.Jackson on October 21. Later that same evening Brother Ira Kidwell was also Raised.

Times could not have been better for the Lodge. At some of its stated meetings as many as fourteen petitions were read. Requests for conferring degrees were received from all over Texas and other states as more people poured into the town to work in the oil fields. The Lodge hired a full-time a instructor and meetings were called four and five nights a week for degree conferral. In the first sixteen years of its existence, Electra Lodge had, by 1928, reached its peak membership of 435.

During the 1920's, Electra Lodge No.1067 was also busy in community activities. The members laid cornerstones for the First Methodist Church on June 16,1920,the First Baptist Church on November 2,1922 and Electra High School December 21,1923. During those years the Brethren of Electra placed three children of deceased Masons in the Masonic Home and School.

Then the Great Depression of the 1930's hit the area. Even with its vast resources of petroleum the town was as hard pressed as the rest of the world. Like many other Lodges over the state,

Electra Lodge began to have its share of financial problems. In 1929, 60 members were lost due to non-payment of dues. In order to save money the Lodge had to dismiss its paid instructor and the janitor. The telephone was removed in order to save money. As the years went by more members were lost due to non-payment of dues. Yet in spite of all these hardships the Lodge managed to take up collections at Christmastime for those members and their families who were in need. By 1931, the Lodge was only able to pay the interest on the building note. In that year 132 members had not paid their dues by June and 60 of those were suspended.

Various plans were proposed to raise funds. It was suggested that the dues be raised from \$ 5.00 a-year to \$ 10.00. That proposal failed to receive enough favorable votes. A collection box was placed in the Club Room for donations. The secretary took a pay cut. Life Memberships had been sold at \$ 100.00 but this had to be discontinued. In January, 1933, The Lodge finance committee consisting of James B. Totten, Gordon M. Douglas and Grover C. Harrison were authorized to employ a "past dues collector" who was to be paid 10% of his collections. From 1930 to 1934 Lodge membership had dropped from 376 to 250. Dues at that time were \$5.00 per year.

Electra Lodge was first behind in its annual dues to the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1930 when it owed \$269.00. By 1933 it owed \$607.80 in back dues and it appeared as though the Lodge could not come up with the funds to pay it.

The Lodge had been renting out office space on its second floor and retail space on the ground floor of the building. Many of the office spaces were now left vacant and most of the spaces that were occupied were in arrears on their rent. The Lodge members had hoped that with these fees the building could be paid off within ten years. However, the Lodge was past due \$3,094.00 on the building loan in 1931. A called meeting Aug 26, 1931 raised \$1577 in pledges from the members.

By 1933, Electra Lodge No. 1067 was faced with losing both its Charter and its building. Lodges all over the state were in almost the same financial situation. During the Depression over fifty Texas Masonic Lodges closed their doors forever.

A summoned meeting was called for three o'clock in the afternoon of July 29, 1933. At that meeting the Lodge was addressed by Past Grand Master Hiram F. Lively. He was traveling the state warning those Lodges in arrears on their Grand Lodge dues.

The fifty Brethren in attendance were told that those dues must be paid on or before August 15, 1933 or give good reason. If none could be given the Charter of Electra Lodge No. 1067 would be arrested.

At the next stated meeting Brother James B. Totten made a motion that \$50 per month be paid to Grand Lodge dues "as far as possible ...that the building be foreclosed or sold before losing the Charter" and it appeared as though more efforts were being made to keep the building at that time than to pay the past dues. Brother Totten also assisted in guaranteeing to the Grand Lodge of Texas balance of \$607.80 in past dues at reduced payments.

Many other members often dug into their pockets to pay the bills. The past dues to Grand Lodge were paid at \$50 per month and by 1934 the Lodge had reduced its delinquent dues to \$317.

Just when it seemed as though the Lodge was about get back on its feet it received another blow. At the stated meeting of December 10,1935 a letter was read from the building's lien holder, Great Southern Life Insurance Company, demanding that the loan against the building be brought up to date as the delinquent payments for October through December were past due. At a called meeting on May 7,1936 another letter was read from Great Southern Life Insurance. The lien holder declared that if the building note was not paid up at that time, foreclosure proceedings would begin on the first Tuesday in June,1936. The Lodge finance committee (consisting of James B.Totten, Gordon M.Douglas, and Grover C. Harrison) successfully postponed those actions and subscribed pledges from the members to re-finance the building. That subscription netted \$2,030.70 .

Over the next several years Brother Totten was called upon to assist in re-negotiating the note on the Lodge building. On August 8,1951 the loan was paid in full and the lien was released by Great Southern Life Insurance Company .

On October 16,1951 there was a celebration held by Electra Lodge No.1067. On that day Worshipful Master James B. Totten set fire to the paid up notes of indebtedness. It was a fitting tribute to the man that had come to the assistance of the Lodge so many times.

The Lodge building's history was not always gloomy. The building had housed professional offices, grocery stores, an auto parts store, a photography studio, an insurance company, a billiards hall and apartments. Education classes from Hardin Junior College (now Midwestern State University), the Red Cross and a vocational-technical school for veterans were also held there. (In June,1938 the stated meetings were changed to second Monday of each month, this meeting night did not change for over 50 years)

In 1942 World War II had come to Electra Lodge. On November 9,1942 the lodge wrote a letter to the Grand Master of Texas, E.M.Wood "...asking that you grant us permission to move our meeting place to another location for the reason we wish to offer for rent our entire building to house cadets for class rooms, dining room and sleeping quarters while attending a glider school which is wanting to locate here..it is necessary that they be housed in our building as our building is the only desirable one in town that can be used for that purpose. This is to be only a temporary arrangement for the duration or as long as the school is in operation which might be 6 months or a year, again it may not materialize at all, what we are wanting to is be in position to offer them the building in event that they locate here..." The glider school never materialized.

The membership began to increase again as men in Electra were joining the armed services. Meetings were once again called two and three times a week with as many as 7 petitions read. A roll of honor was to be drawn up of all the members that were in the Armed Services.

The members were also kept busy with special entertainment at meetings. On February 23,1942 a meeting was called to entertain the Order of the Eastern Star and the wives and widows of

Master Masons. Over 180 guests were entertained by a magician and juggler from Sheppard Army Air Field. At 10 o'clock that evening the guests heard a radio address by President Roosevelt.

When the War ended, the Lodge celebrated by beginning the tradition of holding an annual Past Masters Night with a Masters Degree. A crowd of 120 Master Masons attended. This tradition was to replace the annual Washington's Birthday banquet. On April 14, 1947 veterans of World War I and II were honored at a stated meeting.

On June 3, 1947 Electra Lodge held its first and only outdoor Master Mason's degree on Krohn's Ranch 6 miles east of town. Brother Eugene E. Frazier was raised to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason that evening before a gathering of 382 Masons.

Times were getting better for the Lodge. The telephone was re-installed January, 1948 although several attempts were made to remove it but the vote was unsuccessful.

One of the more unusual Annual Past Masters' nights was held on the evening of March 24, 1950. Over 180 Master Masons were served barbequed bear and elk meat at the meeting supplied by Brother Bill Richardson, Jr. That evening Brother Leroy Werley received the Sublime Degree.

The mid-1950's were somewhat slow as to degree work. The Lodge was, however, busy making the necessary repairs and renovations to their building. New air conditioning was installed. The Council of Royal and Select Masters No. 295 presented the Lodge with a 12 place setting of silverware and a new water fountain. The Lodge purchased 1000 lapel buttons for public school week. The Craft mourned the loss of the Lodge secretary Brother Gus Gagnani in December of 1955. He had served that office for 25 years.

In July, 1957 the Brethren looked into ways to invest Lodge's money. This was quite a change from the twenty years previous when the finance committee was subscribing donations to re-finance the building.

In 1958 the Lodge purchased a slide projector and slides for the degree lectures. On Past Masters night the members gathered and repeated the Masters obligation. Brother Grover Harrison, member of the finance committee, reported that he would like to purchase the building with the intent of converting it into a home for aged Masons and the wives and widows. The Craft mourned the loss of E.M. Friend in July, who was a charter member of the Lodge. In October the Lodge reported its only fire. The blaze occurred in a vacant room on the second floor and was quickly put out by the Electra Volunteer Fire Department. The grateful brethren donated \$100.00 to the fire department. The Lodge also donated to the Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls and allowed the Red Cross to hold classes on the second floor.

In the late 1950's, the Lodge spent more than \$2700 in repairs to the building. The electrical wiring had been overloading and was replaced. The roof was leaking and the windows and awnings were in very bad shape. Some of the work was done by Lodge members.

More repairs were done in the early 1960's totaling more than \$2000. During winter the water

pipes would burst and cause flooding.

Electra Lodge No.1067 held its 50th anniversary in December,1962. At that time a turkey dinner was shared with the Order of the Eastern Star. The celebration was done without much fanfare, however there were 19 Past Masters present that evening. Brother Abe Latimer presented each Past Master with a gavel which he had made.

During the early 60's the Lodge had spent almost \$5000.00 in repairs to the building and there was a move to sell it. An offer was made of \$15,000 for the structure but the deal fell through and the repairs went on. In 1969, the building committee reported that the second floor of the building was in bad shape and recommended that the two tenants living there should vacate and the floor closed.

At a stated meeting on July 13,1970 a discussion was held in regard to the sale of the Lodge building. It was also discussed that the Foxsworth-Galbraith lumber yard building be purchased and converted into a Lodge hall. A resolution was unanimously adopted that the old building and real estate presently owned by the lodge be sold to Jack Hesse for the sum of \$ 4000.00. This figure represented only 10 percent of the original note.

The transaction was made and the Lodge members began a labor of love. By October,1970 the new hall was completed. The last Stated meeting in the old building was held November 9,1970. Brother Bill Edwards petitioned the lodge requesting that it move to its new location. That move brought to an end 45 years of triumph and tribulation at the corner of North Waggoner and Bryan streets. Johnny Hayney, District Deputy Grand Master of the 88th Masonic District, inspected the new facilities at 217 East Front Street that evening in order to recommend the move to the Grand Master. The District Deputy was reported as being enthusiastic.

The first stated meeting in the new building located at 217 East Front was held on December 14,1970. At this meeting it was announced that the Deputy Grand Master ,Jack Hightower would dedicate the new quarters on January 8,1971. At the dedication Worshipful Master Delashaw expressed his appreciation for all the volunteers who gave their time and skill in this effort of building a lodge hall from a lumber yard. The deputy Grand Master was introduced and he made a talk concerning the efforts of the Brethren on the building.

On January 18,1971 the first Master's Degree in the new hall was conferred upon Brother Herbie Adams.

On January 15,1972 Electra Lodge hosted the Texas Lodge of Research. Masonic scholars from all over the state of Texas met in the new Lodge Hall. E.E."Jack"Cargile presented a research paper entitled "Sketch of Electra Lodge No.1067,AF&AM". The paper was published by the TLR in the book *TRANSACTIONS TEXAS LODGE OF RESEARCH VOLUME VII*.

An open meeting was held at Electra Lodge on March 6,1972 in honor of Texas Public School Week. A group of students from Electra High School were on hand to present a program in song and music. They also presented some acts in dialogue to entertain the members and guests.

In 1972 the Masons recognized the law enforcement officers of the area with a dinner held at

Dinsmore School. More than 250 attended the meeting.

At the June 12 stated meeting a special thank you was given to all the members who worked so hard in the new building. Brother Cecil King was awarded a Life Membership in honor of his extra efforts on the project.

On June 4, 1973 the fruit of the Lodge's labors was recognized. At that meeting 17 members of the 55 members eligible received their 25 year awards.

Worshipful Master Cook reported to the Lodge at a stated meeting on August 12, 1979 that efforts were in progress to remove the cornerstone from the old Masonic Building which was being demolished. As soon as approval from Grand Master Lamb was received, the Lodge would be advised as how they could dispose of it.

The following is the report of the events of September 10, 1979 as recorded by the Lodge Secretary

"AS A MATTER OF RECORD

During the past summer it was known that the former three story building built by this Lodge No. 1067 in 1924-25 at the corner of Waggoner and Bryan street was to be torn down..Some of the Brethren made inquiry and found that the Lodge would have access to obtaining the cornerstone. Brothers Cecil King O.I.Cole, Ralph Delashaw and Worshipful Master Lee Cook were responsible for removing the stone and bringing it to the present lodge site at 217 East Front-The District Deputy Grand Master A.D.Hanna was contacted and it was determined that the cornerstone would be opened at this stated meeting night.

The Lodge would have a covered dish dinner at 6:00 pm and after the opening of Regular Lodge the cornerstone would be opened and the contents noted..the public would share the opening..Worshipful Master Lee Cook, on the morning of the event, decided that we should remove some of the brick and mortar and at least make it easier to recover the box which we were so sure was impounded there ... Brother and Past Master O.I.Cole assisted and the farther they got along with the chipping, the more concerned they became..Brother Delashaw came along in time to witness that there was absolutely nothing concealed within this cornerstone ... Needless to say everyone was sorely disappointed..However while the meeting was going on in the Lodge room Mary Bently played her accordion and led a sing song to keep the Ladies of the Eastern Star and the wives and guests of the Masons entertained in the dinning room..After the Lodge was closed Brother Reverend George Wilson assisted by Ms Nancy Nevill gave a card talk on "Children, Women and Men in Jesus' Life

signed Delashaw, secretary."

The 1980's was a decade of recognition for some of Electra Lodge members. For their service to the Lodge and community Brothers W.M.(Bill) Edwards, O.I.Cole, A.B.Latimer, and R.W.Delashaw were awarded Life Memberships.

Doctor W.H.Odgen was presented his 50 year award by Grand Master John E. (Jack) Kelly on February 14,1987. At age 105,he was the oldest living Mason in Texas. Brothers A.B.Latimer, Armon Neff, Harley Davidson, Glenn Johnson,O.L.Bently,Paul Pruitt and Grand Junior Warden A.D.Hanna were also present.

In 1986 and 1987 Electra Lodge also participated in parades in Electra and won first place with their entries.

In 1987 Electra Lodge awarded scholarships to graduating seniors at the Electra High School. In 1988 these awards were presented as a memorial to B.M.Dinsmore. Brother Dinsmore, a member of the Lodge, served as superintendent of the Electra Public Schools for many years.

For the first 75 years, Electra Lodge has been served by 73 Worshipful Masters. Three of whom have served two terms (Joe Bessent, Bill Edwards and Ted Miller). There has been a father and son who served (Carl and Charles Moeller) as well as three sets of brothers (R.P.and Joe Bessent ; J.E. and Arthur Stansel ; A.G.and I.F.Stanford). There have been four District Deputy Grand Masters of the 88th Masonic District from Electra Lodge No. 1067 (Sam Vaughn 1948, E.E.Cargile 1957, Charlie Percifield 1965, and A.D.Stansel 1975).

This now brings to an end the highlights of three-quarters of a century of Masonry in Electra Lodge No. 1067 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Through good times and hard times it has been handed down to us. It hasn't always been easy but with dedication, hard work and sacrifice it has endured. It is a Lodge that proves that it is quality and not quantity of members that makes success. It is a Lodge that members of Electra Lodge No.1067 can, with a great deal of pride, call Home.