

## *Forrest Masonic Lodge in Service to the*

### *Huntsville Community*

#### **Local Organizations We Support**

*Walker County Children's Protective Services*

*Walker County Senior Center*

*Safe House*

*Police & Sheriff's Teddy Bear Program*

*The Hospice*

*Good Shepherd Mission*

*Reading in Education*

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## **Community Service Awards**

*Two Annual Scholarships*

*Community Builder Award*

*Golden Trowel Award*

*Lamar Medal - Outstanding Student*

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## **State & National Organizations**

*Texas Masonic Charities Foundation*

*Scottish Rite Children's Hospitals*

*York Rite Eye Foundation*

*Shriners Crippled Children's Hospitals*

*Texas Masonic Retirement Center*

*Shriners Burn Institutes*



Forrest  
Lodge  
Members  
Carry Flags  
in  
4th of July  
Parade

## *Forrest Masonic Lodge*

### *Meeting Dates and Times*

**Each Monday Evening - 7:00 P. M.**

**Stated Meeting - First Monday**

**Dinner - 6:15 P. M.**

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### **Annual Fund Raising Events**

*February & October*

**Chili Lunch Fundraisers**

*September*

**Golf Tournament**

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**Forrest Lodge No. 19 Donates**

**\$281,584.00**

**to Children's Hospitals**



This donation was made equally to the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Dallas and the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Houston. These funds were from the estate of Mr. Ben Wellborn Small which were bequeathed to Forrest Lodge for programs benefiting crippled children.

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## **Organizations Meeting in**

### **Masonic Temple**

**San Jacinto Chapter No. 7**

*Royal Arch Masons*

**Huntsville Council No. 12**

*Royal & Select Masters*

*Third Tuesday - 7:00 P. M.*

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## **Forrest Masonic Lodge**

**No. 19**

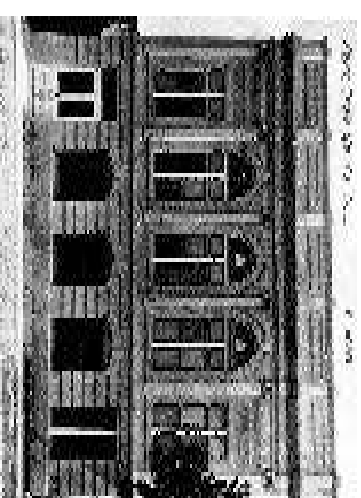
**A. F. & A. M.**

**Huntsville, Texas**

*Chartered by*

*Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas*

*January 1844*



**Forrest Masonic Lodge No. 19**

**1030 12th Street**

**P. O. Box 1004**

**Huntsville, Texas 77342-1004**

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## What is Freemasonry?

It's the oldest, largest and most prestigious fraternity in the world. We're kind of like a civic club, a charitable institution and a fraternity - all rolled into one. We're like a civic club in that we do a lot of community and statewide projects. We're like a major charity in that we give almost \$1.5 million away every day. But, most importantly, we are a fraternity for doing good things for each other, and trying to bring men of good morals and ethics together in our Community.

## What is the Mission of Freemasonry?

To promote a way of life that binds like-minded men in a world-wide brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences; by teaching the great principles of brotherly love, relief and truth; and by the outward expression of these through its fellowship, its compassion and its concern, to find ways in which to serve God, family, country, neighbors and self.

## What Do Masons Do?

The most important thing we do is take care of each other and our families. We are a fraternity. That means we help other Masons, treat them in special ways, support them no matter where they live. And we build friendships all over the world. Not very many organizations do that today. And we help others. That's why we give almost \$1.5 million a day to charity. And most of our money goes to help children. We rank among the top 10 best liked charitable groups in America. But we also teach leadership skills, and help men lead an ethics-based life. We promote good relationships and strong family values. We try to do something to strengthen the family unit every day.

## What Do You Get Out of It?

A lot of pride, and a sense of belonging to an organization that exists all over the world. Being part of a great heritage. Sharing an identity with the greatest men of the past and of today. Sharing a special bond with men from all walks of life, creating life-long friendships with them. Just being a member of an organization that believes in toleration that lets each man think for himself and express his own opinions, without worrying about being wrong.

## How Do I Become a Mason?

### “To Be One - Ask One”

## Forrest Masonic Lodge No. 19

is the oldest organization in Huntsville. One of 25 Masonic Lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas. Forrest Lodge has served the Huntsville and Walker County communities for over 166 years. Of the 25 Lodges chartered before Texas was a State, Forrest Lodge is the ninth oldest Texas Masonic Lodge in length of continuous service. The first meeting place of Forrest Lodge was the first brick store building constructed in Huntsville, which was built by Alexander MacDonald, the first Worshipful Master of Forrest Lodge. The first Lodge building was located on the north side of the downtown square and was built in 1849. That building was destroyed by fire in 1881. Following that fire, a second Lodge building was constructed on the north side of the square, where the Lodge met until the present Masonic Temple was built in 1908. The present Masonic Temple has been designated by state historical architects as one of three historic buildings on the downtown Huntsville square. The present two story structure centers around five stained glass windows installed at the time of construction. Several Texas Heroes have been members of Forrest Lodge No. 19, including the illustrious General Sam Houston; Henderson Yoakum, who wrote the first definitive history of the State of Texas; Governor George Tyler Wood, second governor of the State of Texas; and, William Martin Taylor, known as the “Father of the Texas Masonic Ritual.” At various times, the first floor of the Lodge Hall of Forrest Lodge has been used by the Huntsville Public Schools, the First Baptist Church, the Red Cross, and as a County Library.



First Lodge Hall - 1849



Present Lodgeroom

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On the Internet

[www.Forrest19.com](http://www.Forrest19.com)

## Forrest Masonic Lodge No. 19

### Lodge Officers

2010 - 2011

Jack A. “Scotty” Kyle, Jr. ....	Worshipful Master
Larry L. Fuchs .....	Senior Warden
Michael A. Dowden .....	Junior Warden
Sidney Metcalf .....	Treasurer
J. D. Dickenson - Past Master .....	Secretary
John D. Ober .....	Tiler
George H. Steed, Jr. - Past Master .....	Chaplain
Wayne A. Pollis .....	Senior Deacon
Bobby L. Wells .....	Junior Deacon
Harry L. Sturgeon - Past Master .....	Senior Steward
Lawrence N. Hodges .....	Junior Steward
Keith A. Armstrong .....	Marshal
James W. Willett, Jr. ....	Master of Ceremonies



2010  
Scholarship Awards  
L. W. Countz Scholarship  
William Tyler Tutor  
Past Master George Steed  
Academic Scholarship  
Megan Biscamp



2010  
Golden Trowel Award  
Presented to (left)  
Past Master David Hosea  
by  
Past Master George Steed



2005  
Community Builder Award  
Dr. Mary Frances Park  
Past Master J. D. Dickenson  
Past Master David Hosea