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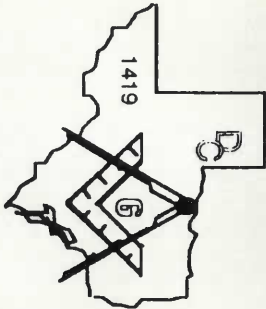
**By Laws**

**The First Twenty Five Years**

**Past Masters 1967 - 1993**



**Duck Creek Masonic Lodge No. 1419**  
**R. F. & R. M.**



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BY-LAWS

DUCK CREEK LODGE NO. 1419

Article I

NAME OF THE LODGE

This Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas on the 7th day of December, 1967, and shall be known by the name and style of Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

This Lodge subscribes to and shall be governed by the Constitution, Laws, Resolutions, and Edicts of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Article II

MEETINGS OF THE LODGE

Section 1. The stated meetings shall be held on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 P. M. at 610½ State Street, Garland, Texas. [reference Resolution 1976-1]

Section 2. Called meetings may be made by the Worshipful Master (or in his absence or inability to serve, by the Senior Warden, or in the absence of both the Master and Senior Warden, then by the Junior Warden), at such times as they, or either of them, having the right to act, may think important, or to the interest of the Craft.

Section 3. As many members as possible should be notified of such called meetings, and no business shall be transacted at same, except such as was specified in the call.

Article III

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE

The officers of this Lodge shall be a Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior and Junior Deacons, Senior and Junior Stewards, Marshal, Master of Ceremonies and Tiler (Article 264.)

Article IV

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF LODGE

Section 1. The Worshipful Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected, all other officers shall be appointed.

Section 2. In the election of officers, should only one name be placed in nomination, the vote may be taken without ballot; but should more than one Brother be placed in nomination, the members shall prepare their ballots, which shall be taken up and counted at the Secretary's desk, and the number of votes received by each Brother reported to the presiding officer, and he shall declare the Brother receiving a majority of all the votes cast duly elected.

Section 3. In the event no Brother has such majority, the ballot shall be repeated until such result is attained.

Article V

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. Worshipful Master - It shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master to see that the By-Laws of this Lodge, as well as the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge are duly observed, and that the officers attend strictly to their duties.

Section 2. Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to hold all deeds, certificates of stock, notes, bonds, obligations, or other property of a financial character, belonging to the Lodge, and to collect and receive the same when directed by the Lodge; to receive all moneys from the hands of the Secretary, passing his receipt for the same, and pay them out only upon the order of the Worshipful Master and consent of the Lodge. He shall keep a correct account of same, and report minutely the financial condition of the Lodge, at the stated meeting next preceding the festival of St. John the Baptist, and such other times as the Lodge may direct. The Treasurer shall have his dues remitted by the Lodge for his services.



- (d) To notify the Grand Secretary, as prescribed by law, of the suspension or expulsion of members, and of the rejection of applicants; to issue all summons, demits, and notices, as he may be directed; to make out and transmit to the Grand Secretary the annual returns of this Lodge; remit also to him the Grand Lodge dues; report to the Grand Secretary the names of all Brethren elected to parent or plural membership; and perform all other duties appertaining to his office.
- (e) To arrange for a picture of the Worshipful Master to be hung in the Lodge room at the expense of the Lodge.

**Section 4.** Tiler - It shall be the duty of the Tiler to see that the various articles of furniture are in their appropriate places, to strictly guard the door during the sitting of the Lodge; to summon the members of the Lodge to all called meetings where a summons is necessary, and be punctual in his attendance.

#### Article VI

#### LODGE COMMITTEES

**Section 1.** The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens shall constitute a Standing Committee on Fraternal Assistance, Sickness and Arbitration, a majority of who may at all times act; and are responsible to the Lodge. Their duties are as follows:

- (a) Fraternal Assistance - It is their duty to examine all claims for assistance, and, if necessary, they may draw upon the Treasurer, in each instance, for an amount not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00); reporting the facts in each case to the Lodge at its next stated meeting thereafter.
- (b) Sickness - It shall be their duty to visit all sick Brethren (unless it would be dangerous or imprudent to do so), and ascertain their condition and necessities; and to take such actions as they may deem proper and necessary, both in regard to the Brother and his family.
- (c) Arbitration - It shall also be the duty of this committee to settle all differences between Brethren, unless the parties prefer to bring the matter before the Lodge.

**Section 2.** Audit Committee - It shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master at the first stated meeting after the 24th of June, of each year, to appoint a Standing Committee for Audit, to be composed of three discreet Master Masons, members of this Lodge, and if possible, men practically acquainted with bookkeeping. The duties of this committee are as follows:

- (a) It shall be the duty of this committee, at the close of each Masonic Year, as soon as appointed to carefully examine and check the reports, books and vouchers of the Secretary and Treasurer, and any other financial matters referred to them; and make a full and accurate report at the next stated meeting of the Lodge, showing the condition of the books and accounts. And should any inaccuracies be found, recommend the necessary steps for their correction.
- (b) The reports of said Audit Committee thus made, shall be read in open Lodge and spread upon the minutes, noting the action taken by the Lodge; and all accounts and claims against the Lodge, when demanded by any Brother, shall be referred to this committee, before being allowed.

**Section 3.** Budget Committee - The Worshipful Master shall appoint a Budget Committee at the stated meeting in July of each year. This committee shall be composed of three or more members who are familiar with the obligations, operating expense, and income of the Lodge. They shall be familiar with the preparation and operation running a business on a budget basis. An odd number of members shall be appointed to this committee to assure a decision should voting occur.

- (a) It shall be duty of this committee to prepare and submit a budget no later than the stated communication in August.
- (b) When the budget is submitted to the Lodge it shall be read, discussed and if necessary altered and shall be accepted by the Lodge, no later than the August stated meeting each year.

**Section 4.** Long Range Planning Committee - The Worshipful Master shall appoint a Long Range Planning Committee at the stated meeting in August of each year. This committee shall be composed of three or more members who are familiar with the obligations, operating expense, income and long range development of the Lodge. An odd number of members shall be appointed to this committee to assure a decision should voting occur. [Reference Resolution 1972-2]

- (a) This committee is designed to advise the Worshipful Master and the Lodge in the accomplishment of immediate and long-range projects.
- (b) The Worshipful Master may assign this committee to study and plan for future activities of the Lodge and to assist him during his year.

#### Article VII

[Reference Resolution 1970-1]

**Section 1.** Restricted Building Fund - A building escrow fund has been established to accumulate moneys for the purpose of obtaining land, building and facilities in Garland, Texas, to be owned by Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419, for the purpose of conducting Masonic meetings, work, and social events.

**Section 2.** This Restricted Building Fund shall be maintained as a separate account in a legally chartered bank or savings and loan association in Texas; that is federally insured for the total amount of the deposits. Should

the total amount of deposits exceed the usually available federal deposit insurance in one depository, then an additional account shall be opened in another bank or savings and loan association to fully insure the deposits. These moneys shall be deposited in such accounts as to receive the highest interest consistent with safety and availability of funds.

**Section 3.** Interest accruing from this Restricted Building Fund shall be designated and redeposited into this account.

**Section 4.** A separate record and statement of accounts shall be maintained by the Treasurer for the Restricted Building Fund. These shall be submitted for annual audit or as often as called for by the Lodge.

**Section 5.** The amount of five dollars (\$5.00) for each degree conferred on new members of Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419 shall be deposited to this account.

**Section 6.** Withdrawals of moneys from said building escrow fund may be made by resolution approved by majority vote of the members present and voting, following recommendation by the Long Range Planning Committee.

**Section 7.** Such building escrow fund shall remain active and in effect until such land, building, and facilities are obtained, and are paid in full.

**Section 8.** All withdrawal documents from Restricted Building Fund accounts shall require two of the three signatures of the Worshipful Master, Treasurer or Secretary of Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419.

**Section 9.** The Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Secretary shall be bonded. It will be the responsibility of the Secretary to furnish the bonding company with the names of these officers immediately after the election of officers each year.

**Section 10.** The pro-rata tax portion paid by Southwestern Bell Mobile Telephone Communications on its portion of leased land owned by Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419, located on Fifth Street, City of Garland, shall be deposited in the General Account and used for the general operation of the Lodge.

#### Article VIII

#### FEES FOR THE DEGREES

The fees for the degrees of this Lodge shall be governed by Articles 307 and 308 of Grand Lodge Laws.

- (a) In addition to the regular fees collected by the Lodge a \$10.00 contribution to the Masonic Home and School shall be collected from each applicant for the Master Mason's Degree and
- (b) In addition to the regular fee for Initiation a \$5.00 donation to the George Washington National Memorial shall be collected from each applicant for the Entered Apprentice Degree.

#### Article IX

#### DEMIT

A member is chargeable with the (monthly) pro rata portion of his dues as provided in Article 317.

#### Article X

#### LODGE DUES

**Section 1.** Each member of this Lodge (unless herein exempted) shall pay dues from the time of his raising or affiliation, at the rate of forty dollars (\$40.00) per year, which must be paid to the Secretary on or before the first of January of each year.

**Section 2.** A new member if raised, reinstated or affiliated between December 31st and June 24th, shall be required to pay full annual dues. If his raising, reinstatement, or affiliation occurs following June 24th but before December 31st, he shall be required to pay one-half annual dues.

#### Article XI

#### VISITING BRETHREN

**Section 1.** A visitor shall not be admitted except upon due examination or lawful avouchment.

**Section 2.** In the event that the visiting Brother is a stranger and hails from some Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify the visitor's Lodge that we have had the pleasure of a visit by one of its members, giving the name and date.

#### Article XII

#### MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS

**Section 1.** Weapons - Weapons, either offensive or defensive, shall not be carried into the Lodge rooms.

**Section 2.** Smoking - No smoking shall be allowed in the Lodge room or any anteroom thereof except that the Worshipful Master may designate and set aside a smoking area that meets Grand Lodge guidelines. [Reference Resolution 1977-1]



Section 3. Each newly initiated member shall be presented a Monitor of the Lodge. Upon being raised, he shall be presented a Masonic Edition of the Holy Bible and a Masonic apron.

Section 4. A copy of the By-Laws and current Roster shall be made available at the Lodge and copies may be obtained by request to the Secretary.

Section 5. An annual presentation of a customary inscribed watch as a gift from the Lodge shall be made to the Junior Past Master at the end of his Masonic year. [Reference Resolution 1972-1]

**Article XIII**

**BUSINESS**

At stated meetings after opening the Lodge in due and ancient form, a quorum being present, the Order of Business, unless otherwise ordered by the Lodge, or the Worshipful Master, shall be as follows:

1. Reading, correcting and approval of Minutes of previous meetings.
2. Receiving and referring to Committees of Petitions and Applications.
3. Reports of Special Committees.
4. Balloting on Petitions and Applications.
5. Reports of Standing Committees.
6. Communications from the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Texas.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. Motions, Resolutions and New Business.
9. Examinations for Proficiency in the proper degree.
10. Voting on Proficiency.
11. Claims and Accounts.

**Article XIV**

**RULES OF BUSINESS**

The rules of conducting the business of this Lodge shall be as nearly as possible the same as those prescribed for the Grand Lodge, and in addition, as follows:

Section 1. When a question is decided, the same matter shall not again be acted on during that meeting, unless on motion to reconsider, which can only be made by a member voting in the majority, and at that or the next stated meeting, when there must be an equal or greater number of members present than when the action was had.

Section 2. All questions of order shall be decided by the Worshipful Master without appeal or debate; but the Master may ask the advice of any member before deciding; and he has the authority, at any time, to declare the Lodge closed or called off, for the purpose of stopping angry debate or confusion.

**Article XV**

**AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS**

Section 1. No amendments of these By-Laws, either by alteration or addition, shall be made unless in the following manner:

Section 2. The proposed amendment must be in writing signed by a proposer, and presented and read at a stated meeting of this Lodge, at which time it may be discussed and amended, if necessary.

Section 3. At the next stated meeting of this Lodge, it shall again be considered and voted upon without further amendment; and if approved by a majority of the votes of the members present, shall become a part of these By-Laws, upon compliance with the other provisions of this article.

Section 4. All amendments of these By-Laws must be submitted to the Grand Lodge for its approval before they take effect, except the following:

- (a) Amendments relating to the time of holding stated meetings.
- (b) Amendments relating to dues, and also as to fees, provided they are not made less than the minimum prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

**Article XVI**

**APPROVALS**

Section 1. The above By-Laws having been approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, on the 7th day of December A. D. 1967, for adoption: this is to certify that Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419.

A. F. & A. M., located at Garland, Texas, has on this 18th day of December, A. D. 1967, adopted the same.

These By-Laws were amended by Lodge vote on:

December 22, 1969  
March 22, 1971  
May 24, 1971  
May 22, 1972  
August 14, 1978  
September 11, 1978  
June 10, 1985  
September 8, 1986

By order of the Lodge

// Lodge Seal //  
/ s / Herbert D. Cook, Secretary

The above By-Laws of Duck Creek Masonic Lodge #1419 A. F. & A. M. were completely revised, all outstanding Resolutions of continuing effect were incorporated into the body of these By-Laws, and the resulting changes were read during the Stated Meeting on October 8, 1990. They were laid on the table until the Stated Meeting on November 12, 1990 when they were voted on and approved by the Brethren in attendance. Upon approval by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas sitting at Waco, Texas, they shall supersede all previous editions of the By-Laws of Duck Creek Masonic Lodge #1419 A. F. & A. M.

// Lodge Seal //  
/ s / Herbert D. Cook, Secretary

**RESOLUTION 1970-1**

[Reference Article VII]

**IN AS MUCH AS:**

Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419 of Garland, Texas; having been established and chartered to work as a Masonic Lodge; has been renting space and facilities since it was established under Dispensation on October 2, 1967 and chartered December 18, 1967; and since said Lodge desires to own its own land, building and facilities at some appropriate time in the future; for the purpose of Masonic meetings, work, and social events:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That a building escrow fund be established to accumulate moneys for the purpose of obtaining such land, building and facilities in Garland, Texas, to be owned by Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419, for the purpose of conducting Masonic meetings, work, and social events.

Such building escrow fund shall be maintained as a separate account in a legally chartered bank or savings and loan association in Texas; which is federally insured for the total amount of the deposits. Should the total amount of deposits exceed the usually available federal deposit insurance in one depository, then an additional account shall be opened in another bank or savings and loan association to fully insure the deposits. These moneys shall be deposited in such passbook accounts as to receive the highest interest consistent with safety and availability of funds.

Also a separate record and statement of accounts shall be maintained by the Treasurer for the building escrow fund and shall be submitted for annual audit or as often as called for by the Lodge.

These building fund escrow deposits shall consist of an initial deposit of \$4,000.00 (four-thousand) and donations upon passage of this Resolution, plus \$3.00 (three dollars) per year from each annual dues collected for 1969-1970 and subsequent years, plus \$5.00 (five dollars) for each degree conferred on new members of Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419.

Withdrawals of moneys from said building escrow fund may be made only by a motion approved by majority vote of the members present and voting, following an approved recommendation of the Long Range Planning Committee, and the Building Committee. Such withdrawal instrument shall require two of the three signatures of the Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Secretary of Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419.

Such building escrow fund shall remain active and in effect until such land, building, and facilities are obtained, and are paid in full.

This Resolution was read and discussed on April 27, 1970, then laying until the next stated meeting, and balloted upon on May 25, 1970 with a majority vote of those present approving this Resolution.

William W. Fumell, Worshipful Master  
Rainey Lovell, Senior Warden  
Carl Cooper, Junior Warden

Merrill R. Judd, Treasurer  
Herbert D. Cook, Secretary



**RESOLUTION 1972-1**

[Reference Section 5, Article XII]

The following Resolution is submitted for consideration by the membership of Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419.

WHEREAS: It has been the custom of Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419 to present the W. M. a token of appreciation at the end of his year as Worshipful Master, and

WHEREAS: This gift is usually an inscribed watch and other gifts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That it be an annual presentation that the Worshipful Masters at the end of their Masonic year be presented the customary inscribed watch as a gift from the Lodge.

J. W. Nelson, Chaplain  
Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419  
Adopted May 22, 1972

**RESOLUTION 1972-2**

IN AS MUCH AS:

Duck Creek Masonic Lodge 1419 has need of a standing committee to study and recommend to the Lodge any item that may be carried out in years following the current Masonic year, it is desired to establish the Long Range Planning Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That such a committee be established, consisting of three most recent Past Masters, the current Worshipful Master and one member appointed by the Chairman of such committee, for his special skills and knowledge. The Chairman will be the oldest Past Master.

Each Masonic year, the Junior Past Master will automatically become a member of the committee, and the oldest Past Master will retire.

The Long Range Planning Committee will meet at least once every three months and report in writing to the Lodge at the following Stated Meeting.

This Resolution is respectfully submitted to the Lodge for its consideration

William W. Furnell, Jr., Past Master  
Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419  
Adopted December 11, 1972

Action taken by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas voided the existence of Standing Committees with pre-determined membership. Since this Resolution is contrary to Grand Lodge action, it is included for reference only.

[Reference Section 6, Article VI]

**RESOLUTION 1976-1**

[Reference Section 1, Article III]

PETITION TO REMOVE MASONIC LODGE NO. 1419 (Duck Creek), GARLAND, TEXAS; TO THE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS: NOW COMES:

Three or more brothers from Lodge No. 1419 (Duck Creek), Garland, Texas, for the purpose of presenting this Petition for Removal of said Lodge to a more suitable location, and would show the Grand Lodge of Texas the following:

- I. Masonic Lodge No. 1419 presently meets at 125 E State Street, Garland, Dallas County, Texas, and uses the Lodge facilities at said location belonging to Garland Lodge No. 441. There are numerous of said Lodge No. 1419, some of whom have subscribed their signatures to this said Petition, who feel that it would be in the best interest of said Lodge to remove its location to another place just as suitable as the present facilities to establish the independence of Lodge No. 1419 from said Lodge 441, and to promote an increase in membership as a direct and immediate result of said removal to that other location.
- II. The undersigned members of Lodge No. 1419 petition and request the removal of Lodge No. 1419 from its present location to 610 State Street, upstairs, (old Garland Masonic Lodge Hall), Garland, Dallas County, Texas. Said Petitioners allege that the facilities at the proposed new site are adequate and substantial to properly house this Lodge, and that the benefits that would result from the removal to said location are much greater than can be enumerated herein.

- III. That the undersigned members of Lodge No. 1419 have reviewed the economic status of the Lodge and are satisfied that Lodge is economically capable of making such a move at this time. Moreover, the undersigned members have attached a fixed and annexed statement, and have incorporated herein for all intents and purposes Exhibit "A" which sets forth proposed initial expenses of establishing said Lodge at said location and monthly expenses to operate said Lodge at said location. And that said subscribers hereto are satisfied that the economics of this Lodge will now warrant expenditures in these various amounts and same are warranted.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED:

The Petitioners herein pray that upon a final hearing of this Petition before all members of Lodge No. 1419 and upon review from the Grand Lodge of Texas, the removal of said Lodge as proposed herein will be permitted, sanctioned, and approved by all interested persons.

Guy W. Hull II  
Jim Myers  
John Adams

Carl T. Turner  
Donald R. Hill  
Milton A. Bass, Jr.

Herschel D. Costlow  
James A. Delmar  
Ray McElroy

Submitted May 11, 1976 to Grand Lodge of Texas.

Dispensation Granted May 18, 1976.

District Deputy Concurrence with move on November 30, 1976.

Concurrence by Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas on December 7, 1976.

**RESOLUTION 1977-1**

[Reference Section 2, Article XII]

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419:

BRETHREN:

Masonry in general and Duck Creek Lodge in particular needs all the members it can get to be active in Lodge work and help Masonry grow in the Garland area; and

WHEREAS:

Duck Creek Lodge has been fortunate from the beginning to have many Brethren who have been very faithful in their attendance and work in the Lodge; and

WHEREAS:

Some of these Brethren have allergies, emphysema, asthma, and heart trouble which are aggravated by cigarette, cigar and pipe smoke; and

WHEREAS:

No Masonic Brother would want to deprive another Brother from coming to Lodge and enjoying true Masonic fellowship and

WHERE AS:

In keeping with the Masonic Motto "I am my Brother's keeper;"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That no smoking be allowed in the Lodge Room when we move to our new location at 610(1,2) State Street.

Fraternally Submitted,

Carl T. Turner  
E. J. Boren  
Herbert D. Cook  
Rainey Lovell

L. C. Mathis  
Earl A. Stevens  
Donald Hill  
Ray McElroy

Adopted April 11, 1977 — Incorporated into Section 2, Article XI

**RESOLUTION 1977-2**

[Expired, included for reference only]

IN AS MUCH AS:

As Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419 of Garland, Texas, finds itself presently in an economically depressed state of being and in need of immediate relief in order to meet current commitments of the budget, and inasmuch as there are funds available to meet current commitments that by Resolution adopted May 25, 1970, are allocated to a building fund escrow account consisting of Three Dollars (\$3.00) per year from each annual dues collected;

IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED:

That the Three Dollars (\$3.00) per year from each annual dues collected that is allocated to the building fund escrow account be deposited in the general account for general uses and needs of the Lodge for the fiscal year 1977-1978, from dues for that fiscal year only, and thereafter said Three Dollars (\$3.00) be redesignated to the said building fund escrow account as set out in Resolution previously adopted May 25, 1970.

Tom Wallace; Chairman, Long Range Planning Committee  
Gene Tauzin; Chairman, Building Committee  
Adopted April 11, 1977 — Period of effectivity has expired, included for reference only

**RESOLUTION 1978-1**

[As of September 1, 1990, financial and economic conditions of Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419 have not allowed redesignation of the three dollars (\$3.00) per year for each annual dues collected to be deposited to the Restricted Building Fund. Accordingly, this resolution is included for reference purposes only.]

In As Much As:

Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419 of Garland, Texas, finds itself presently in an economically depressed state and in need of immediate relief in order to meet current commitments that by Resolution adopted May 25, 1970, are allocated to a building fund escrow account consisting of Three Dollars (\$3.00) per year from each annual dues collected;

IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED:

That the Three Dollars (\$3.00) per year from each annual dues collected that is allocated to the building fund escrow account be deposited in the general account for general uses and needs of the Lodge until future financial and economic conditions of Duck Creek Lodge No. 1419 exist, at which time the Three Dollars be redesignated to the said building escrow account as set out in Resolution previously adopted May 25, 1970.

J. W. Nelson, CHM Long Range Planning Committee  
E. Rainey Lovell, CHM Building Committee  
Adopted September 11, 1978

THE FIRST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS  
DUCK CREEK MASONIC LODGE #1419 A. F. & A. M.

Set to Work — October 2, 1967  
Chartered — December 7, 1967  
Constituted — December 18, 1967

The information contained herein has been taken from the official records and archived documents of Duck Creek Masonic Lodge No. 1419 by Member and First Past Master Jack D. Patterson for presentation at the 25th Anniversary Banquet on October 1, 1992.

**In the Beginning**

The dream for the creation of Duck Creek Masonic Lodge #1419 originated at the monthly Long Range Planning Committee meeting of Garland Masonic Lodge #441 on December 10, 1966.

Letters were mailed to 727 Master Masons in the Garland area who held membership in Lodges other than Garland Masonic Lodge #441 informing them of a meeting to be held to discuss the formation of a new Lodge. An article was also published in the Garland Daily Newspaper.

On April 24, 1967, a meeting was held with approximately 100 Master Masons present. The following Brethren were nominated to serve as officers: Jack D. Patterson — Worshipful Master, Benny H. Farmer — Senior Warden, William W. Furnell, Jr. — Junior Warden, James D. Smith — Treasurer and Paul Tiemann — Secretary. The name of Duck Creek was chosen because it was the original name of Garland Masonic Lodge #441 which was chartered on June 7, 1875.

During the month of May, 1967, all Forty-Four Lodges in Dallas County were visited at their Stated Meetings and a letter was read stating the intention to form a new Lodge in Garland. They were visited a second time in June at their Stated Meeting when they voted to approve or disapprove the formation of a new Lodge. All Forty-Four Lodges registered a favorable vote.

The five Brethren who were nominated to serve as primary officers conducted interviews of all Masons who were interested in serving as an officer in the new Lodge. The most enthusiastic and talented were chosen to fill the remaining six appointive offices of the Lodge.

All eleven officers were challenged by the nominated Worshipful Master to obtain the applications of ten Master Masons who had their membership in another city, state or country. All eleven met or exceeded this goal.

Also during this time, other interested Masons joined in an intensive campaign to enlist inactive Masons who resided in Garland but held membership affiliation in other cities.

In July, 1967, Paul Tiemann moved to Arkansas and Herbert D. Cook was elected to fill the vacancy as Secretary.

The wives of the Worshipful Master and Secretary donated many hours typing and helping with the enormous amount of paperwork involved in starting a new Lodge.

Many of the required items of furniture and paraphernalia for the Lodge were donated by Duck Creek members and Area Lodges. For example:

- The Letter "G" was donated by Right Worshipful Bill Booth, Past Grand Master.
- The Altar and Pedestals for the South, West and East were built and donated by Coy Patrick.
- The Altar pieces consisting of the Square, Compasses and the Holy Bible on the Altar were donated in memory of J. C. Mince.
- The officer's jewels were donated by Tannehill Masonic Lodge #52, the oldest Lodge in the 14th Masonic District.
- A wooden square was donated by Joe B. Motley.
- A set of three gavels and Warden's columns were donated by Rainey Lovell, Jack Shirley and Herman Hack.
- The Tiler's sword was donated by Jack D. Patterson.



- Fellowcraft columns were donated by the Dallas Scottish Rite Bodies.
- Many more donations followed.

A meeting was scheduled with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas, J. D. Tomme Jr., in Fort Worth, Texas on September 6, 1967 at 7:00 P. M. and the petition for the formation of Duck Creek Masonic Lodge #1419 along with the required fees and supporting documents were submitted to the Grand Master by the nominated officers.

Dispensation was granted on September 29, 1967 to form a new Lodge at Garland, Dallas County, Texas, to be known as Duck Creek Masonic Lodge. Our Lodge was duly set to work on October 2, 1967, by Most Worshipful Grand Master J. D. Tomme Jr., and assisted by the following Brethren:

Honorable B. T. Johnson	- Deputy Grand Master
Right Worshipful R. L. Dillard, Jr., PGM	- Grand Senior Warden
Right Worshipful Claud L. Austin, PGM	- Grand Junior Warden
Right Worshipful W. W. Boothe, PGM	- Grand Treasurer
Right Worshipful James M. Harwell, DDGM	- Grand Secretary
Right Worshipful Sam I. Smith	- Grand Chaplain
Harold A. Bateman	- Grand Orator
Honorable A. M. Cole	- Grand Marshal
Honorable Ocie Gibbs	- Grand Senior Deacon
Right Worshipful Neil W. Harris, DDGM	- Grand Junior Deacon
Worshipful J. T. McReynolds	- Grand Senior Steward
Honorable Robert L. Jones	- Grand Junior Steward
Honorable W. E. Peters	- Grand Pursuivant
Right Worshipful Leonard P. Harvey PGM	- Grand Tiler

The following Brethren were placed in charge of the Lodge:

Jack D. Patterson	- Worshipful Master
Benny H. Farmer	- Senior Warden
William W. Furnell Jr.	- Junior Warden
James D. Smith	- Treasurer
Herbert D. Cook	- Secretary
John E. Adair	- Chaplain
Ellis Rainey Lovell	- Senior Deacon
Carl W. Cooper	- Junior Deacon
Mack D. England	- Senior Steward
J. P. Sims	- Junior Steward
Tom Wallace	- Tiler

There were more than 350 Brethren who attended a BBQ dinner hosted by Garland Masonic Lodge #441, with the ceremony following. Duck Creek Masonic Lodge was set to work under dispensation with one hundred and eighty-three Master Masons from forty-four cities in Texas, twenty-four other states and two foreign countries. On October 3, 1967, dispensation was granted Duck Creek Lodge "Under Dispensation," Garland, to hold its Stated and Called Meetings in the Lodgeroom of Garland Masonic Lodge #441 in Garland, Texas.

There were twelve petitions for the degrees in Masonry presented and investigation committees appointed at the October 2, 1967 meeting. Special dispensation was requested by Duck Creek Lodge to shorten the sixty days investigation period to allow the Lodge to confer degrees as an "Under Dispensation" Lodge. This dispensation was granted.

At the first Stated Meeting held on October 23, 1967, these petitions were balloted upon. The following Saturday morning on the 28th of October, 1967, the Lodge was opened at 6 A. M. and, after breakfast was served, the first five Entered Apprentice Degrees were conferred by Duck Creek Masonic Lodge upon Brothers Don Brooks, Dwayne Gentsch, Weldon Lawley, Tommy Turner and Eric Tweedie.

The first three Fellowcraft Degrees in Duck Creek Lodge were conferred on Monday evening December 4, 1967 upon Brothers Don Brooks, Weldon Lawley and Eric Tweedie. It was not possible to confer a Master's Degree until after the Lodge was chartered as insufficient time had elapsed. The first Master Mason Degree was conferred on January 8, 1968 upon Brother Don Brooks. It was a cold (29°) Monday evening following a day-long ice and sleet storm.

Six Duck Creek Masonic Lodge members attended the 132nd Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Masonic Lodge of Texas. These Lodge officers presented the necessary documents to the Committee on Auditing New Lodges. The Grand Lodge voted

and approved a Charter for Duck Creek Masonic Lodge #1419 on December 7, 1967. Arrangements were made for Most Worshipful Grand Master J. W. Chandler of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas to present the Charter, Constitute the Lodge and install the officers at an open Called Meeting on December 18, 1967. The following Brethren participated in this ceremony:

Most Worshipful J. W. Chandler	- Grand Master
Right Worshipful J. Guy Smith	- Deputy Grand Master
Right Worshipful W. G. Proctor, PGM	- Grand Senior Warden
Right Worshipful Claud L. Austin, PGM	- Grand Junior Warden
Right Worshipful W. C. Gowen	- Grand Treasurer
Right Worshipful E. W. Wilson	- Grand Secretary
Right Worshipful Bruce Brannon	- Grand Chaplain
Right Worshipful W. E. Peters	- Grand Orator
Honorable Cleo Claviness	- Grand Marshal
Right Worshipful J. R. Farrar	- Grand Senior Deacon
Right Worshipful J. D. Tomme Jr., PGM	- Grand Junior Deacon
Right Worshipful O. C. Gibson	- Grand Senior Steward
Honorable R. E. Barbee	- Grand Junior Steward
Honorable J. B. Modley	- Grand Pursuivant
Honorable Herbert D. Cook	- Grand Tiler

The Brethren placed in charge of the Lodge while under dispensation were installed as its first slate of officers.

Following the meeting, a reception was held at the Lodge for all present. This reception was hosted by the wives of the newly installed officers.

When Duck Creek Masonic Lodge #1419 received its Charter on December 7, 1967, there were one hundred and ninety-four Charter Members. Of the 975 Lodges in Texas, Duck Creek ranked as 352nd in size.

The Stated Meeting in December, 1967, was held on Christmas Day and a large majority of the officers and members wanted to meet so we could vote on petitions and keep the degree work progressing. So meet we did and it was a short, but pleasant and well-attended meeting. It was also the only Christmas Day meeting the Lodge has ever had or probably every will have.

Grand Master J. D. Tomme Jr. granted Duck Creek Masonic Lodge permission to design a Masonic Lapel Pin or Tie Tack to be worn by its members. It was designed in the shape of the State of Texas with a dark blue background. The letters "DC" for Duck Creek, the numbers "1419" for its number and the "G" with the Square and Compasses on the front and bordered in gold.

These pins were completed early in 1968 and all of the members were anxious to secure their personal pin which continues to be available and is proudly worn by Duck Creek Members today.

On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary, a new pin has been designed by the Anniversary Committee and made available for all the members. It is similar to the original pins with this difference...it has added across the bottom "25th Anniversary 1967-1992" and is made of sterling silver to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of our Lodge. The Committee hopes that it will be as well received and as long-lived as the original pins were.

During its first twenty-five years Duck Creek Masonic Lodge has been a beacon of light in the City of Garland, not only to its members, but to the entire city. Duck Creek Masonic Lodge continues to be blessed with excellent leadership and dedicated members. It has worked harmoniously with Garland Masonic Lodge #441 from whose ranks it was formed. Our two Lodges have enjoyed many joint meetings spanning the last 25 years. November 10, 1969 was the date of a joint BBQ dinner and meeting to receive Grand Master J. Guy Smith who addressed both Lodges and presented 25 and 50 year pins. Joint breakfasts were held on August 12, 1971 and October 9, 1972. A joint breakfast was held on June 2, 1992 in honor and appreciation of our City, Police and Fire Department officials. A joint meeting with dinner was held in honor of Garland Independent School District Educators on February 21, 1976. Joint meetings were also held on March 9, 1977 and September 27, 1979. On June 8, 1992, a joint reception was hosted by Duck Creek Masonic Lodge at Garland Masonic Lodge #441 to honor Most Worshipful Grand Master J. P. Vogel. The Worshipful Masters of Duck Creek Masonic Lodge and Garland Masonic Lodge participated in this reception. City and School Officials, as well as several District Deputies and members of both Lodges were in attendance. Most Worshipful Grand Master Vogel made an official visit to Duck Creek Masonic Lodge at their Stated Meeting that same



evening. He commended the Lodge for the good work they had accomplished in the community as well as in the Lodge for the past twenty-five years.

Duck Creek Masonic Lodge #1419 has enjoyed numerous family night dinners, Past Master's honor nights, family picnics and Christmas parties with Christmas stockings for the children of all the members as well as needy children throughout the community and children in Garland hospitals.

The Lodge honored twelve firemen from the Garland Fire Department for outstanding service at specially called Lodge meetings on April 14, 1975; July 12, 1976; June 20, 1977 and June 5, 19778.

On November 11, 1972, Duck Creek purchased a lot 70 feet x 212 feet on North Fifth Street at a cost of \$6996 for an investment or possible future Lodge site. It has increased in value since its purchase and as of January 1987 is being leased to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. It has proven to be a wise investment.

After ten years of meeting in the Garland Masonic Lodge's Lodgeroom, the membership of Duck Creek voted on May 10, 1976 to rent the upstairs floor of the brick building on the Northwest corner of the old Town Square at 610 1/2 State Street. This building is owned by Garland Lodge #441 and was their former home.

It required considerable work in order to be usable and several months were spent by the membership to refurbish the old Lodge. On March 12, 1977 at 7:00 P.M., the last meeting of the Lodge at 125 East State Street was held. The Worshipful Masters of Duck Creek and Garland Lodges, The DDGM, eight of the nine Past Masters of Duck Creek, the President of the Garland Scottish Rite Club, President of the Shrine Club, and officers and members of both Lodges were present for the occasion. After a short meeting, all in attendance proceeded to the new location at 610 1/2 State Street where the meeting was resumed and after a short time closed.

Many of the Worshipful Masters have had improvement projects and have added to the upkeep and beauty of the Lodgeroom. To name a few:

- New carpet was installed, along with a hot water heater, refrigerator and stove
- A new air conditioner was installed in 1979 and new kitchen tile was laid.
- The Past Master's Club donated a full set of slides for the three degree lectures.
- 1984 saw a chair lift installed to make the stairway a little easier to climb for some of the less physical Brethren.
- 1988 brought the first lighted Lodge sign installed about the stairway.
- A new slide screen was donated by the Garland DeMolay Chapter.
- A microwave oven and chairs for the three principal officers were donated anonymously.
- In 1991, the electronic age removed the degree schedule from the newspaper and bulletin and placed it on the new Lodge telephone answering machine.
- Each succeeding year work has been done to maintain and make the appearance of the Lodgeroom more pleasing.

Dues have been increased only four times in the past 25 years. This was necessary to keep up with inflation and to manage the Lodge in a professional manner. The degree fees have been increased only one time.

The Lodge has presented the Mirabeau B. LaMar Award to an outstanding Senior student at Garland High School each year since 1988. A small scholarship from donations from several Lodge members has accompanied the award the past two years. Mirabeau B. Lamar was a well-known Mason and the second President of the Republic of Texas. He is also known as the "Father of the Texas Public School System" because of his work which resulted in the State of Texas setting up a public school system in 1838.

Duck Creek Lodge continues to support the public school system and the yearly Public Schools Week. The Brethren of Duck Creek Lodge have always been benevolent and answered the call when adversity has struck a Brother. 1990, 1991 and 1992 have seen several food drives by the members of the Lodge to assist the needy families in the community beyond the circle of membership of our Lodge. In April, 1991, 600 pounds of

rice, 350 pounds of other food items and \$425 for the purchase of food at the Texas food bank were donated to the Good Samaritans of Garland, a local organization dedicated to helping the needy within our local community.

In 1990, the Grand Lodge of Texas announced the new Golden Trowel Award...an exciting means for Lodges to recognize and honor distinguished Brothers with an official award in use by all Texas Lodges. The Golden Trowel is the Lodge's formal recognition of a Brother for his devoted service to Masonic Principles in general and to his Lodge in particular. It is intended for the Brother who, year after year, quietly but actively demonstrates his devotion to the teachings of Masonry without thought of recognition or special honors. It is to these Craftsmen that the Golden Trowel Award is designated as the highest award the Lodge can bestow upon an individual member. Duck Creek Lodge presented the Golden Trowel to one outstanding member each night on November 13, 1990 - Guy L. McCarty, recipient; May 1, 1991 - Guadalupe Moreno, recipient; November 22, 1991 - Jack D. Patterson, recipient and February 8, 1992 - Herbert D. Cook, recipient.

The Community Builder Award was developed by the Grand Lodge of Texas to recognize outstanding individuals who have distinguished themselves through their service to the community. It was first presented on March 10, 1991 to the Mayor of Garland, Bill Thomason and on November 7, 1991 to Dr. Jill Shugart, Superintendent of the Garland Independent School District.

The Grand Master scheduled open house for all Masonic Lodges in Texas on Sunday, March 10, 1991 and again on September 22, 1991. All of the appendant bodies had representatives present at the Duck Creek Open House along with the Duck Creek officers and members. It was determined that the Open House was a success statewide and was repeated in 1992, but with only one Open House.

It was interesting to learn from reading all of the Lodge minutes for twenty-five years that very few weeks passed without the Lodge recommending one or more children from the community to be admitted to the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Dallas. Recently four of our members took turns for four weeks transporting a twelve year old boy daily to and from the Hospital for reading lessons in their Dyslexia program. His father and grandfather were both deceased and his mother worked to support the family. This is only one example of the numerous acts of Freemasonry constantly practiced in our Lodge.

The age old custom in Masonry of the Burial or Graveside Service is still requested by many of our members either before their death or by members of the immediate family at the time. Duck Creek Masonic Lodge continues to conduct this service with solemnity as they conduct their deceased brothers to their final resting place.

In its first twenty-five years Duck Creek Masonic Lodge has initiated 351 Entered Apprentices, passed 296 Fellowcrafts and raised 289 Master Masons for a grand total of 936 Degrees conferred. There have also been 146 affiliations during this period.

### Our Future Dream

For several years, the Lodge officers and members desired a new or remodeled Lodge building that they could call their own. For as many years, studies have been made to determine how this could be accomplished without placing undue financial burden on the Lodge membership. Searches have been conducted to locate either land suitable for a building, or a building already built that would be suitable for a Lodge. These studies and searches continue at this time and we are confident that we will be guided in the final decisions...that our dreams will be realized as we await that time with patience.

After twenty-five wonderful years, Duck Creek Masonic Lodge has seventy-three charter members who are still active and a total membership of 358 members. The financial condition of the Lodge is extremely sound and the future looks bright. The community in which we serve continues to grow and our Lodge continues to receive new candidates each month.



**Duck Creek Masonic Lodge #1419 A. F. & A. M.  
Officers for the year of 1967-1968**

Jack D. Patterson – Worshipful Master  
 Benny H. Farmer – Senior Warden  
 William W. Furnell Jr. – Junior Warden  
 James D. Smith (†) – Treasurer  
 Herbert D. Cook – Secretary  
 John E. Adair – Chaplain  
 Ellis Rainey Lovell – Senior Deacon  
 Carl W. Cooper (†) – Junior Deacon  
 Mack D. England – Senior Steward  
 J. P. Sims – Junior Steward  
 Tom Wallace – Tiler

(† – Celestial Lodge above)

**Duck Creek Masonic Lodge #1419 A. F. & A. M.  
Officers for the year of 1992-1993**

Larry Don Myers – Worshipful Master  
 Wesley R. Connally – Senior Warden  
 Guadalupe Moreno – Junior Warden  
 John T. McDonald – Treasurer  
 Herbert D. Cook – Secretary  
 Robert B. McMurry – Chaplain  
 Alexander Moreno – Senior Deacon  
 Steve Carl Moore – Junior Deacon  
 Robert J. Wilson – Senior Steward  
 Leslie D. Vaughn – Junior Steward  
 Jimmy D. Dunn – Marshall  
 Edwin B. Boyce – Master of Ceremonies  
 Marvin L. Van Hoozer – Tiler

**DUCK CREEK MASONIC LODGE # 1419 A.F. & A.M.  
LIST OF PAST MASTERS**

1967 - 68	PATTERSON, Jack D.
1968 - 69	FARMER, Benny H.
1969 - 70	FURNELL, William W. . Jr.
1970 - 71	LOVELL, E. Rainey
1971 - 72	COOPER, Carl W. *
1972 - 73	ADAMS, John E. *
1973 - 74	WALLACE, W. Tom
1974 - 75	JAMES, Harold J.
1975 - 76	NELSON, J.W.
1976 - 77	TURNER, Carl T. *
1977 - 78	BOREN, E.J.
1978 - 79	COSTLOW, Herschel D.
1979 - 80	PELTON, Lester W.
1980 - 81	KIRKWOOD, Lee H.
1981 - 82	TERRELL, William E.
1982 - 83	GROVER, Marvin E.
1983 - 84	MOORE, David F.
1984 - 85	GREEN, R. Vic
1985 - 86	GREEN, Lester Earl
1986 - 87	WALKER, Howard Wayne
1987 - 88	KOONS, Donald R.
1988 - 89	GREEN, John C., Jr.
1989 - 90	CARRICO, Eugene C.
1990 - 91	WHITE, James N.
1991 - 92	PINKERTON, Aaron L.
1992 - 93	MYERS, Larry Don
[ *	Celestial Lodge Above]

