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M. Fred Wellman	*	1965-66	
Edward L. Lowe	*	1966-67	
Thomas E. Walters	*	1967-68	
Gayland D. Sisk, Sr.	*	1968-69	
Reo C. Knowles	!	1969-70	
R.E. Rodgers	*	1970-71	
J.B. Green	*	1971-72	
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Theodore Lyman, Jr.	!	1975-76	
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July 2015

Brethren,

We are fast coming to the end of this current term. For us, it will close on Tuesday July 14th when WM-elect Don Bean assumes his lawful place in the East. I have enjoyed being Worshipful Master but also look forward to the work still to be done. Tentatively, we will pick up trash in the Adopt-A-Highway program, Saturday July 25, 2015. We will meet at the lodge at 9:00 AM and we can also stop for refreshment at Chili's Casa Linda afterwards. I want to thank all the brothers for their hard work this year.

We have had a good year.

Fraternally,
 James Ball III
 WM

James Bowie

c.1796 – March 6, 1836

L'Humble Chaumiere Lodge No. 19 Opelousas, Louisiana

Bowie was the ninth of ten children born to Elve and John Bowie. The Bowies moved frequently, first settling in Georgia, before moving to Kentucky. The Bowie children were raised on the frontier and even as small children were expected to help clear the land and plant crops. The children learned to survive on the frontier and how to fish and run a farm and plantation. James Bowie became proficient with pistol, rifle, and knife, and had a reputation for fearlessness.

In the War of 1812, James and his brother Rezin enlisted in the Louisiana militia in late 1814. The war ended on December 24 of that year with the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, and the Bowie brothers arrived in New Orleans too late to participate in the fighting. In June 1819, he joined the Long expedition, an effort to liberate Texas from Spanish rule. The group encountered little resistance and, after capturing Nacogdoches, declared Texas an independent republic. He returned to Louisiana before the invasion was repelled by Spanish troops.

Bowie became internationally famous as a result of a feud with Norris Wright, the sheriff of Rapides Parish La. After a confrontation in Alexandria one afternoon, Wright fired a shot at Bowie, after which Bowie resolved to carry his hunting knife at all times. The knife he carried had a blade that was 9.25 inches long and 1.5 inches wide.

The Texas Revolution began on October 2, 1835, with the Battle of Gonzales. Stephen F. Austin formed an army of 500 men to march on the Mexican forces in San Antonio with the cannon that had precipitated the fight. The name "Texian Army" sometimes is applied to this militia.

On November 3, 1835, Texas declared itself an independent state, and a provisional government was formed with Henry Smith of Brazoria elected provisional governor. After Houston received word that Santa Anna was leading a large force to San Antonio, Bowie offered to lead volunteers to defend the Alamo from the expected attack. He arrived with 30 men on January 19, where they found a force of 104 men with a few weapons and a few cannons, but not many supplies and little gunpowder. On January 26, one of Bowie's men, James Bonham, organized a rally which passed a resolution in favor of holding the Alamo. Bonham signed the resolution first, with Bowie's signature second. On February 3, Davy Crockett appeared with thirty Tennesseans. Travis ordered all the Texan forces into the Alamo. Bowie had been ill, and two doctors, including the fort surgeon, were unable to diagnose his illness. Travis became the sole commander of the forces when Bowie was confined to bed. Santa Anna and his army began a siege of the Alamo on February 24.

Bowie perished with the rest of the Alamo defenders on March 6, when the Mexicans attacked. Most of the noncombatants in the fort, including Bowie's relatives, survived. Santa Anna ordered the alcalde of San Antonio, Francisco Antonio Ruiz, to confirm the identities of Bowie, Travis, and Crockett. After first ordering that Bowie be buried, as he was too brave a man to be burned like a dog, Santa Anna later had Bowie's body placed with those of the other Texians on the funeral pyre.

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July 2015

Calendar

Thursday	Jul 2	DARK	-	Beauceant
Thursday	Jul 2	6:30 PM	-	Covered Dish Dinner
		7:30 PM	-	RS OES 1086 Stated Meeting
Tuesday	Jul 7	6:30 PM	-	Light Meal
		7:00 PM	-	Study or Degree Work
Saturday	Jul 11	10:00 AM	-	Templar OES Stated Meeting
Saturday	Jul 11	1:30 PM	-	RS Rainbow Stated Meeting
Tuesday	Jul 14	6:30 PM	-	Catered Dinner
				Installation RS Lodge Officers
Thursday	Jul 16	DARK	-	Beauceant
Tuesday	Jul 21	6:30 PM	-	Light Meal
		7:00 PM	-	Study or Degree Work
Tuesday	Jul 28	6:30 PM	-	Dinner
		7:00 PM	-	RS Lodge Stated Meeting
Thursday	Jul 30	6:30 PM	-	Covered Dish Dinner
		7:30 PM	-	Dallas #1 OES Stated Meeting
Tuesday	Aug 4	6:30 PM	-	Light Meal
		7:00 PM	-	Study or Degree Work
Thursday	Aug 6	Dark	-	Beauceant
Thursday	Aug 6	6:30 PM	-	Covered Dish Dinner
		7:30 PM	-	RS OES 1086 Stated Meeting
Saturday	Aug 8	10:00 AM	-	Templar OES Stated Meeting
Saturday	Aug 8	1:30 PM	-	RS Rainbow Stated Meeting