THE HISTORY OF SAMPSON MASONIC LODGE NUMBER 231, 1859 – 1959

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 Many Masons lived in the area of Lynchburg, Crosby, Highlands, and Baytown, Texas in the early days of the Republic of Texas. One of the most well-known Masons was David G. Burnet, the first President of the Republic of Texas, and a member of Holland Lodge Number 1.[[1]](#footnote-1) In 1831, David Burnet, purchased seventeen acres of land from Nathanial Lynch and another two hundred and seventy-nine acres on Burnet Bay a couple miles east of Lynchburg.[[2]](#footnote-2) Burnet and his wife, Hannah Este Burnet, lived there until her after death on 30 October 1858.[[3]](#footnote-3) Sometime after the death of Mrs. Burnet, David Burnet’s son, William, arranged for his sick father to move in with a friend in Galveston where he live until his death.[[4]](#footnote-4) Although Brother Burnet was not a charter member of Sampson Lodge Number 231, it is highly likely that he knew and might have influenced some of charter members of the lodge, as a petition for dispensation was submitted only a few months after the death of his wife.

 On 7 February 1859, the charter members of Sampson Masonic Lodge Number 231 petitioned the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Texas for a dispensation to form a new Lodge to be named Sampson Lodge at Oake [sic] Island on the first Saturday of every month.[[5]](#footnote-5) The charter members were Brothers M.M. Michan [Worshipful Master elect], Robert Blalock [Senior Warden elect], John C. Walker [Junior Warden elect], J.R. Oneal, William McComick, G.L. Foreman, Thomas Parmer, J.J. Mills, E. Keach, J.D. Smith, A.C. Black, James W. Lingerton, Othello Hare, Amos Davis, J.C. Habbermhel, and John A. Clark.[[6]](#footnote-6) The petition was received on 9 February1859 by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas and a committee from Holland Lodge Number 1 made the following report on 23 March 1859:

“Report of the Committee”

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Holland Lodge No. 1 A.F.&A.M. Brethren, your committee appointed to examine Bros. M.M. Michan...Robt Blalock, and Jno. C. Walker, as to their qualifications of conferring the three first degrees in Masonry, have performed our duty, and take pleasure to state that we find the Brethren, well qualified, to confer the aforesaid degrees, and discharge their duties of the first officers of the contemplated new Lodge; for which they are recommended, Fraternally “Signed” William Anders, Robt Brewster, Benj. A Botts Committee.

“Resolution unanimously in favor of proposed New Sampson [Lodge Symbol]”

The following Resolution was then offered and unanimously adopted to wit; Resolving that this Lodge certify to the Most Worshipful Grand Master that the Bros named for officers of W.M. S.W. J.W. in the accompanying petition of sundry brethren for a dispensation to form a new Lodge to be called Sampson Lodge at Oak Island, in this County are well qualified to confer the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason in due and ancient form – that all signers to said petition are Master Masons in good standing, and at least seven of them are either members of lodges in this state, or have demits from other Lodges- that they live more than ten miles from any lodge – that the place where the new Lodge is prayed to be established – is more than ten miles from any other Lodge, and thus bring the newest Lodge, do recommend the Most Worshipful Grand Master, that the prayer of petitioners be granted.[[7]](#footnote-7)

 The lodge was named after the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas Henry Sampson. Henry Sampson was born in Charleston, S.C. but moved to Houston in 1842.[[8]](#footnote-8) He became a member of Holland Lodge Number 1 and was elected Worshipful Master of said lodge in 1853.[[9]](#footnote-9) Brother Sampson held all the subordinate offices of the Grand Lodge until he was elected as its Grand Master in 1858.[[10]](#footnote-10) Brother Sampson was highly regarded by most and the Standing Committee on Grand Officers stated:

The Committee congratulates the Grand Lodge in the selection of a Brother for the important and responsible position of Grand Master so well qualified and faithful as M.W. Bro. Sampson has proven himself to be. The diligence, attention and ability he has brought to the discharge of his varied and onerous duties, are eminently worthy the commendation of the Grand Lodge. His official acts have our unqualified approval, in which we hope for the concurrence of the Grand Lodge.[[11]](#footnote-11)

Henry Sampson worked in “commercial pursuits” in Houston until the Civil War broke out.[[12]](#footnote-12) During the war, he served the Confederate Government as the fiscal agent of Texas.[[13]](#footnote-13) In 1872, he became a businessman in Galveston, Texas and was eventually elected as the Secretary of the Texas Mutual Life Insurance Company.[[14]](#footnote-14) Brother Sampson died on 6 April 1885.[[15]](#footnote-15) Brother Sampson was one of two Grand Masters of Texas who was Jewish.[[16]](#footnote-16)

 The first meeting of Sampson Lodge UD was opened on 30 March 1849 in the third degree and Brother Charles Granger [Worshipful Master Protem] made a Masonic lecture.[[17]](#footnote-17) Although there is some uncertainty of the location of Oak Island, it is possible that the location may have been located on the property owned by Worshipful Master M.M. Michan between Lynchburg, Texas and Liberty Road near Post Oak grove on the prairie.[[18]](#footnote-18)

 On 2 April 1859, Sampson Lodge UD instructed their Secretary to ask Liberty Lodge number 48 for “the privilege of conferring the fellow Craft and master Degree on E A stockings as he resides in our jurisdiction” and asked Holland Lodge Number 1 for “the privilege of passing and raising Bro J. White as he lives in our jurisdiction if found worthy.”[[19]](#footnote-19)

 During the twenty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas [Commencing on 13 June 1859], the Committee on Work and Returns reported:

Ocean Lodge...Sampson Lodge, at Oak Islands, Harris County;...find their Work correct; and the Returns correct, except in the amount of dues and form. The amount of dues we have corrected, and would recommend that Charters be issued to the said Lodges, on the payment of the usual fees.[[20]](#footnote-20)

Sampson Lodge paid a total of $25.00 for the dispensation, $10.60 dues for their sixteen members, and $1.60 was donated to the charity fund.[[21]](#footnote-21)

 On 16 June 1859, the lodge was officially chartered. During the dedication ceremony, Past Grand Master Henry Sampson donated a full set of Masonic jewels to the lodge with the inscription “Presented to Sampson Lodge No. 231. Texas. By R.W. Henry Sampson P.G.M. June 1859.”[[22]](#footnote-22) The jewels were used for many years and officers of the lodge would hang them on the doorknob when they left the lodge to go home.[[23]](#footnote-23)

 Brother D’Olive [[24]](#footnote-24) [in 1959] and Brother Travis [[25]](#footnote-25) [in 2009] claimed that Masons of the lodge built a log cabin during the winter of 1859, which burned down in 1863. It is possible that a log cabin was used as the first lodge, but it is unlikely the cabin was used very long. The Grand Proceedings of 1860 noted the following passage written by Past Grand Master Sampson:

Sampson Lodge, No. 231, having made large improvements since Bro. McBride visited said lodge. They now have a good Lodge Room, over a Church build by said Lodge, This Lodge is in a good neighborhood, and your committee have every reason to believe said Lodge will continue to improve and do well.[[26]](#footnote-26)

 During the Civil War from 1861 to 1865, it is highly likely that the members of Sampson Lodge were either neutral or sided with the Confederate government. Brother Robert Blalock was a charter member and the Worshipful Master of Sampson Lodge numerous times, including 1861, 1862, and 1863.[[27]](#footnote-27) Military records show that Brother Blalock served in the Confederate Army from 1 March 1862 to 26 May 1865.[[28]](#footnote-28) He was a First Lieutenant, Company K, 26th Texas Cavalry Regiment (Debray’s) Davis’ Mounted Battalion.[[29]](#footnote-29) The reason he was able to serve as Worshipful Master of Sampson Lodge in 1862 and 1863, while serving the Confederate Army, is because he was stationed just across the Houston ship channel at San Jacinto.[[30]](#footnote-30) Brother Blalock served with distinction in Texas and then Louisiana during the Union’s Red River Campaign in 1864.[[31]](#footnote-31) His unit received special recognition at the Battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill in 1864.[[32]](#footnote-32)

 In 1866, H.F. Gillett became the fifth Worshipful Master of Sampson Lodge.[[33]](#footnote-33) In the late 1860s, Brother H.F. Gillett demitted from Sampson Lodge in order to form a new lodge.[[34]](#footnote-34) Many brethren of Sampson Lodge lived some distance from Lynchburg and the trip from Cedar Bayou was difficult especially in the rainy season.[[35]](#footnote-35) As a result, seven brethren of Sampson Lodge along with five Masons from other lodges petitioned the Grand Lodge of Texas for a charter to become Cedary Bayou Lodge number 321.[[36]](#footnote-36) The seven charter members of Cedar Bayou that came from Sampson Lodge are Brothers H.F. Gillett, J.W. Scott, J.C. Kelley, J.S. Brooks, W.C. Scott, Henry Dutton, and Henry Hamlin.[[37]](#footnote-37) In 1870, the first Worshipful Master of Cedar Bayou was H.F. Gillett.[[38]](#footnote-38) The First Senior Warden was J.W. Scott and the first Junior Warden was J.C. Kelley.[[39]](#footnote-39) All three of the first principal officers came from Sampson Lodge.

 The category three Indianola Hurricane began on the evening of September 14 and continued until 17 September 1875.[[40]](#footnote-40) The winds reached upwards of one hundred fifteen miles per hour and the tides in Galveston were about ten feet above normal.[[41]](#footnote-41) The Galveston Weekly news reported “Not a house remains of the village [of Lynchburg], and he [Caption Christian] met about 30 houseless, homeless inhavitants [sic], some of whom had taken refuge on board the steamer Lizzie. They were literally destitute of everything – food, clothing, or shelter.”[[42]](#footnote-42) The Houston Daily Telegraph reported:

Lynchburg presented a source of devastation such as is seldom witnessed. The whole place appeared to have been washed away. Every house in the business section of the town is gone---J.B. Syndor’s store, A.P. Tomkins’ store and warehouse, S. Sanders’ store, warehouse and two dwelling houses, Nans and Company’s warehouse, and the old Ferry House are all gone. Dr. Chamberlain’s house was washed away, and his wife drowned.[[43]](#footnote-43)

The hurricane destroyed the lodge building and all the preceding records.[[44]](#footnote-44)

 Interestingly, the only thing that remained were the jewels presented by Past Grand Master Henry Sampson during the dedication ceremony, which were found floating two miles away on the lodge doorknob where they were hung after every lodge.[[45]](#footnote-45) In 1949, the jewels were put on display at Grand Lodge for decades but have since been returned and are on display at Sampson Lodge.[[46]](#footnote-46)

 After the hurricane, Sampson Lodge met at a schoolhouse in Lynchburg until a new lodge could be built in August 1876.[[47]](#footnote-47) On 8 January 1876, Brother John Sydnor offered to sell Sampson Lodge:

a lot between his present storefront and Tomkins, 50 ft x 100 ft, for our interest in old lot and that he have the low store at 1 percent per month. On one half cost of said building or what the lower store should cost for rent the report was reviewed and the committee discharged.[[48]](#footnote-48)

 Many lodges came to the aid of Sampson Lodge after the Indianola hurricane and donated a total of $589.00.[[49]](#footnote-49) Even the Grand Lodge of Louisiana offered their support to the lodge, but the Grand Master of Texas thought that Texas Masons should take care of Texas Masons.[[50]](#footnote-50) However, the Grand Master, at the Fortieth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas in 1876, stated the following:

The only calamity of a general character which we are called upon to lament befell a portion of this jurisdiction in September last, not only causing great loss of property, but also of life. Many of our brethren, with their families, were swept away, with scarcely a moment’s warning, while those who survived were left in the utmost destitution. As soon as I was advised of the extent of their misfortunes, I called up the Lodges in this jurisdiction, by circular for relief. About one hundred Lodges responded, contributing near two thousand dollars. I am pained to say that more than two-thirds of the Lodges paid no attention whatever the call, while some of them who gave did not appear to appreciate the true condition of our coast brethren.

A list of the Lodges who contributed, and the amount donated by each, should be published in the Proceedings, for the information of the Craft generally. Indianola Lodge, No. 84 and Sampson Lodge, No. 231, were the only ones needing assistance, whose claims were presented, and, in the view of the severe losses they have sustained, it would be proper to relieve them of all unpaid dues. Much credit is deserved by your Grand Treasurer for the prompt and willing assistance he gave me, and to him are sufferers particularly indebted, for the rapid and safe distribution of the funds contributed by the Lodges.[[51]](#footnote-51)

 After the impassioned speech, Warren Lodge Number 56, Bellville Lodge Number 223, Hubert Lodge Number 67, Beeville Lodge Number 261, San Felipe Lodge Number 239, Denton Lodge Number 201, Forest Lodge Number 19, and Norton Moses Lodge Number 336 donated another $69.00.[[52]](#footnote-52)

 On 12 August 1876, Sampson Lodge finished rebuilding and came together at their first stated meeting after the hurricane in their new lodge building.[[53]](#footnote-53) In late 1876, the lodge raised money by borrowing $400.00 for a deed of trust and decided to complete the lower story for $700.00.[[54]](#footnote-54) On 9 June 1877, Sampson Lodge rented the first-floor storeroom to Brother F.B. Sandow for six months at $7.00 per month.[[55]](#footnote-55)

 As with all organizations, there are conflicts between some members. On 13 October 1877, Brother Holtz and Perimore were tried for a violation of the by-laws of Sampson Lodge.[[56]](#footnote-56) They were both suspended from “all the privileges of Freemasonry.”[[57]](#footnote-57) The only clue as to what happened occurred when Brother Perimore pleaded guilty but claimed “self-defense.”[[58]](#footnote-58)

 By 12 October 1879, members of the lodge were discussing and forming committees to move the lodge from Lynchburg to Crosby.[[59]](#footnote-59) On 12 December 1879, a motion was made, seconded, and carried that the lodge be moved to Crosby provided that the Grand Lodge of Texas approve of the move.[[60]](#footnote-60) A building committee was appointed for building a new Masonic hall in Crosby and another committee was appointed to sell the Masonic hall at Lynchburg on 10 January 1880.[[61]](#footnote-61) All of a sudden on 10 July 1880, there was an entry into the minutes that the proceedings “may appear to bind or oblige Sampson Lodge to build a new Lodge and the same should be stricken from the record.”[[62]](#footnote-62) It is unknown why there was such a change in direction in the lodge.

 On 26 April 1884, Sampson Lodge gave Brother A.W. McKinney $50.00 to help the district attorney prosecute W.J. Perkins for the offence of murder of Brother Andrew Johnson if it was legal.[[63]](#footnote-63) The New York Times reported “The Vengeance of a Husband” as follows:

Houston, Texas. Feb. 3. - W.J. Perkins killed Andrew Johnson at Cedar Bayou on Friday by shooting him in the head with both barrels of a double-barreled shotgun. The deed was witnessed by Perkin’s wife, with whom, it was alleged, Johnson had taken improper liberties. Perkins surrendered himself to the officers. All three of the persons were highly respected.[[64]](#footnote-64)

Nothing further was recorded in the minutes and no other legal documents could be identified or found.

 In an effort to raise funds for the lodge, a committee rented R.W. Thompkins a portion of the lodge lot for $25 per year and a lease was signed on 11 May 1895.[[65]](#footnote-65) A committee was assigned to rent the lower floor, but the lodge decided to leave it unencumbered.[[66]](#footnote-66)

 On 20 January 1900, Brother F.C. Sandow, who was a member of Sampson Lodge over twenty-five years and treasurer for more than twenty years, passed away and was buried on the San Jacinto Battlefield in view of his old homestead.[[67]](#footnote-67) Sampson lodge had such respect for Brother Sandow that this was the only time in the minutes between 1875 and 1900 that a resolution was written about a brother, and is written as follows:

Resolution of respect to the memory of Brother F.C. Sandow. Whereas it has pleased the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe to call our worthy Brother F.C. Sandow from labor to eternal refreshment; Therefore be it resolved, that in the death of Brother Sandow our loss is irreparable and we truly sympathize with the family of the deceased and fervently pray for consolation from him who doeth all things well but further resolved; that the Charter of our Lodge be draped in black for a period of thirty days as a token of the esteem in which our late Brother was held by the member of our lodge, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge, and a copy sent to the bereaved family and a copy forwarded to The Grand Lodge. By the Community. W.M Gibson.[[68]](#footnote-68)

 The Great Galveston Hurricane of 1900 began on 7 September in the Gulf of Mexico.[[69]](#footnote-69) Although a hurricane warning was issued, many individuals ignored the warning including members of the lodge who met on 8 September 1900.[[70]](#footnote-70) The Great Galveston Hurricane was a category four hurricane with sustained winds over one hundred and forty five miles per hour that killed over eight thousand people along the Gulf Coast.[[71]](#footnote-71) The Houston Daily Post reported that little damage was done to Crosby, Texas, but:

Reports from Lynchburg are that every house in the place is badly damaged. The Masonic Lodge Building is blown of its blocks and will prove almost a total loss. Tompkins’ store is said to have one end blow out and stock damaged badly. The Sandow building is damaged slightly, leaving only two houses standing in place.

 Sampson Lodge was completely destroyed once again and they had to get a special dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Texas to meet at Brother Betts’ house until a new lodge could be built.[[72]](#footnote-72) A committee was appointed to build a new lodge room at Crosby with “full fervor to act” on 31 October 1900.[[73]](#footnote-73) On 8 June 1901, Sampson Lodge met for the first time at their new lodge in Crosby, Texas.[[74]](#footnote-74) The Houston Daily Post reported that “it is doubtful if there is another lodge in the Stated that has owned as many halls” as Sampson Lodge, as they have owned six since 1860 including the Crosby lodge building.[[75]](#footnote-75) On 12 June 1901, a motion was made by Brother Roberts of Holland Lodge Number 1 that all of the old furniture of the lodge be donated to Sampson Lodge.[[76]](#footnote-76) The same furniture is being used today. On 1 November 1901, Sampson Lodge took out a loan from H.C. House for $500 to help complete the lodge building.[[77]](#footnote-77) The lodge officially paid off the loan for the lodge on 10 September 1904.[[78]](#footnote-78)

 On 8 February 1902, a resolution of respect for Sampson Lodge charter member Brother James McCracken was read into the minutes as follows:

Resolution of Respect to the memory of Brother James McCracken who was made a Mason in California from whence he demitted in 1849 and was one of the Chartered members of Sampson Lodge No. 231 And had been a true and zealous Mason and a good Christian.

Whereas it pleased God the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe to call our worthy Brother James McCracken from labor to Eternal refreshment be it Resolved that in his death our loss is irreparable and we truly sympathize with the bereaved family and fervently pray for consolation from him who doeth all things well.

And it be further resolved that the Charter of our Lodge be draped in black for a period of thirty days as a token of esteem in which our late Brother was held and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Minutes.

By the community

F.W. Yaeger[[79]](#footnote-79)

 On 8 October 1904, the lodge voted to give Brother Robert Blalock [the last surviving charter member of the lodge] an honorary Lifetime Certificate of Membership without payment of dues.[[80]](#footnote-80) On the same day, the Treasurer was ordered to correspond with the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star to determine the cost of a Charter to form a chapter of the O.E.S.[[81]](#footnote-81) A special meeting was held on the fourth Saturday in November for the purpose of organizing a chapter of the Eastern Star.[[82]](#footnote-82)

 Brother F.K. Wise, a former member of Sampson Lodge, and charter member of Humble Lodge discussed the issues associated with starting the new lodge.[[83]](#footnote-83) Brother Wise noted that there many people moved to Humble to work for Humble Oil.[[84]](#footnote-84) As the oil rush occurred, many petitions for the degrees of Freemasonry were being accepted by Sampson Lodge.[[85]](#footnote-85) Brother Wise sent a to all the Masons in the are of Humble to meet in order to discuss opening a Masonic Lodge in Humble.[[86]](#footnote-86) Brother Wise filed a formal petition for dispensation from the Grand Lodge once he had twenty Master Masons agreeing to form a new lodge.[[87]](#footnote-87) The petition required a recommendation from Sampson Lodge.[[88]](#footnote-88) The petition was read to Sampson Lodge on 13 June 1908 but the petition was rejected with one blackball.[[89]](#footnote-89) Brother Wise resubmitted the petition of twenty Master Masons and a vote was taken on 8 August 1908.[[90]](#footnote-90) Immediately prior to the vote, one brother asked to be excused from the lodge room and Sampson Lodge approved the petition unanimously.[[91]](#footnote-91) On 14 September 1912, Sampson Lodge loaned Humble Lodge $200.00.[[92]](#footnote-92)

 On April 6, 1917, the United States declared war on Germany and the Americans entered World War 1. On February 19, 1918, Brother W.B. Pearson called attention to the Grand Lodge Resolution that requested all subordinate lodges to pay twenty-five cents per year for each member on it’s rolls be remitted to the Grand Secretary to promote the general welfare of “Master Masons and the sons of Master Mason enrolled from Texas to fight the battles of our country and worldwide democracy.”[[93]](#footnote-93) The lodge paid $13.00 to the Grand Secretary as requested.[[94]](#footnote-94) Brother Pearson also called the lodge’s attention to the Grand Lodge resolution allowing sister lodges of the Grand Lodge of Texas to confer degrees for one another through courtesy, as well as degrees on soldiers and sailors that were out of time.[[95]](#footnote-95) Finally, Sampson Lodge exempted all members of the lodge “who are now in the army or who will be called to the colors so ordered” to be exempt from the payment of dues for the period of the war.[[96]](#footnote-96)

 The Great Depression began in 1929 and ended for the most part in 1939. Brother R.E. Dunks of Sampson Lodge rented the lower story of the lodge for $240.00 per year until his estate paid late rent to 27 November 1933.[[97]](#footnote-97) By December 1934, the Crosby Cannery began to rent the lower story of the lodge with the purpose of helping the community to can their fruits and vegetables.[[98]](#footnote-98) Sampson Lodge was only charging the Crosby Canning Plant $10.00 per month which was half of what Brother Dunks was paying.[[99]](#footnote-99) The Crosby Canning Plant did not pay their rent on time or did not pay their rent at all many months.[[100]](#footnote-100) Sampson Lodge did not evict even though they could have. The plant was allowed to continue to operate until at least February 1942.[[101]](#footnote-101) Sampson Lodge commonly assisted people in throughout the depression era. Even when the lodge did not have money to assist, members of the lodge would personally donate.[[102]](#footnote-102) Sampson Lodge also paid the dues of members that could not afford their dues during the depression.[[103]](#footnote-103)

 During World War Two from December 1941 to September 1945, the Lodge did many things to show support to the country, help military members and the government. The lodge order that the dues for Brother L. Scott be paid while he was serving in the Army.[[104]](#footnote-104) The lodge voted to get a flag to be placed upon the outside of the building.[[105]](#footnote-105) The Lodge found out that the government would not sell Service E Bonds to Fraternal Organizations, but the lodge was able to buy Service F War Bonds on at least 5 separate instances.[[106]](#footnote-106) The lodge also discussed the U.S.O. [United Services Organization] program in lodge and many members agreed to donate.[[107]](#footnote-107) The lodge also donated to the war fund.[[108]](#footnote-108) Furthermore, the dues of all service members were paid by the lodge during the remainder of the war.[[109]](#footnote-109) On 26 October 1945, the lodge agreed that all members in military service be required to begin paying dues by 24 June 1946.[[110]](#footnote-110)

 A letter and copy of a petition for Charter for a new lodge at Galena Park was read in a stated meeting of Sampson Lodge on 13 October 1944.[[111]](#footnote-111) The lodge voted unanimously in favor of the formation of the lodge.[[112]](#footnote-112)

 The lodge agreed to contribute $40.00 to organize an Assembly of Rainbow Girls and allow them to use the lodge room on 26 June 1946.[[113]](#footnote-113) On 10 April 1953, the DeMolay chapter was authorized by the lodge to use the lodge room for installation of officers.[[114]](#footnote-114) The Assembly of Rainbow Girls and DeMolay Chapter were active until the mid-1970s.

 Sampson Lodge received a letter from a number of Master Masons declaring their intention to organize a lodge in Channelview, Texas on 27 July 1946.[[115]](#footnote-115) On 12 September 1947, Brothers G.S. Hart, C.L. Wilson, L.R. Helcamp, F.B. Cobb, W.L. Frey, A.C. Henry, William Parnell, Roy H. Ralls, C.B. Clark, S.H. McBride, A.H. Sheffield, M.J. McQuerry, and J.D. Burns requested and were granted Certificates of Good Standing from Sampson Lodge in order to help form a new lodge in Channelview.[[116]](#footnote-116) A committee was formed to ensure that the prospective officers of Channelview Lodge were able to confer all the work in Masonry and gave them the courtesy of using our lodge room if they needed to use it.[[117]](#footnote-117) On 24 October 1947, Brother C.A. Fortner of Sampson Lodge passed away.[[118]](#footnote-118) Due to an irregularity, the recommendation for a new lodge at Channelview was withdrawn.[[119]](#footnote-119) On 9 January 1948, Sampson Lodge agreed in favor of having concurrent jurisdiction with Galena Park Lodge number 1290 regarding the proposed lodge at Channelview.[[120]](#footnote-120)

 A resolution was made to move Sampson Lodge to Highlands, Texas on 27 July 1946.[[121]](#footnote-121) On 9 August 1946, a ballot was taken whereby a majority ruled in favor of the move.[[122]](#footnote-122) However, the vote did not result in the required two-thirds majority need to pass the motion.[[123]](#footnote-123) Sampson Lodge wrote a resolution stating the following:

Be it resolved that Galena Park Lodge Number 1290 A.F.&A.M. in conjunction with Sampson Lodge Number 231 A.F.&A.M. petition the Grand Master and/or the Grand Lodge of Texas...deem it wise and proper to extend concurrent jurisdiction over the existing areas not held respectfully by Galena Park and Sampson Lodges, and at the same time grant dispensation to form a new lodge in Channelview, Texas, that such new lodge should also hold concurrent jurisdiction with Galena Park and Sampson Lodge.[[124]](#footnote-124)

C.A. Fortner Lodge was eventually formed in Channelview, Texas, whereby the lodge was named after the late C.A. Fortner of Sampson Lodge.[[125]](#footnote-125) Sampson Lodge paid for the jewels for C.A. Fortner Lodge as well as gave them our old staircase.[[126]](#footnote-126)

 Sampson Lodge paid $50.00 per member to furnish the Grand Master’s office on 9 September 1949.[[127]](#footnote-127)

 On 25 May 1951, the Worshipful Master appointed a committee to investigate building sites for a new lodge.[[128]](#footnote-128) In June 1951, a resolution was read to move the lodge building be moved to Highlands, Texas.[[129]](#footnote-129) The vote on the resolution resulted in seventy-six for and thirty-three against moving the lodge and the motion was passed.[[130]](#footnote-130) In July, the building committee reported that they chose Tract 1 located behind Brother Muldion’s building facing Magnolia and Avenue D in Highlands, Texas. The lodge decided to build a one-story building and secure the title for the lot.[[131]](#footnote-131) In January 1952, the lodge began construction on the new building.[[132]](#footnote-132) On 27 June 1952, the lodge decided that the cornerstone of the new lodge building only have the date the lodge was chartered, the date the new building was started, and the date it was dedicated.[[133]](#footnote-133) On 24 October 1952, a Master Mason’s lodge was closed at the last stated meeting in the Crosby lodge where meetings were held for fifty-one years.[[134]](#footnote-134) A moment of silent prayer was held for the future of Sampson Lodge.[[135]](#footnote-135)

 On 8 November 1952, a dedication for the new building was conducted.[[136]](#footnote-136) There were several distinguished guests and there were approximately one thousand guests to the dedication ceremony.[[137]](#footnote-137) Unfortunately, many of the records were illegible. The old lodge in Crosby was sold on 26 May 1953, for $1000.00.[[138]](#footnote-138)

 On 28 October 1955, multiple masons from Deer Park sent a letter to Sampson Lodge.[[139]](#footnote-139) The asked for a recommendation from Sampson Lodge to form a new lodge in Deer Park.[[140]](#footnote-140) After a discussion, Sampson Lodge voted unanimously to recommend a new lodge be formed in Deer Park, Texas.[[141]](#footnote-141)

 On 5 June 1959, Sampson Lodge donated all of their old furniture to Pearland Lodge.[[142]](#footnote-142)

 Throughout 1958 and 1959, Sampson Lodge worked on their centennial celebration.[[143]](#footnote-143) C.A. Fortner Lodge donated $65.00 to help the lodge pay for the celebration.[[144]](#footnote-144) The centennial celebration of Sampson Masonic Lodge occurred on 4 July 1959.[[145]](#footnote-145) There were many members of the Grand Lodge of Texas, including the Grand Master and many of the Grand Officers.[[146]](#footnote-146) There were multiple Past Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Masters, Masons from all over, and citizens at the celebration.[[147]](#footnote-147)

Notes

1. P. Normand, *David G. Burnett “Elder Statesman of the Republic”,* (College Station, Texas; Grand Lodge of Texas, 1986) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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