

MILAM MASONIC LODGE

In Service to the

Nacogdoches Community

Local Organizations We Support

*National Drug and Safety League
Nacogdoches Rainbow Assembly # 152
Noon Lions Club*

Community Service Awards

*Annual Scholarships for College
Golden Trowel Award
Community Builder Award*

State & National Organizations

*American Cancer Society
Scottish Rite Children's Hospitals
York Rite Eye Foundation
Shriners Crippled Children's Hospitals
Texas Masonic Retirement Center
Shriners Burns Institutes
Masonic Service Association
MSA Disaster Relief Fund*

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MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

1st Thursday of Each Month – 7:00 P.M.
(Except December – 1st Tuesday)
Dinner - 6:30 P.M.

Local Masonic Organizations



Nacogdoches Shrine Club
701 Christian
(936) 569-6257
2nd Thursday - 7:00 P.M.
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Organizations Meeting in the Masonic Temple



Nacogdoches Chapter # 428
Order of Eastern Star
2nd Monday - 7:30 P.M.



Nacogdoches Assembly # 152
Rainbow Girls
1st & 3rd Monday - 7:30 P.M.



York Rite Bodies

Nacogdoches Chapter # 13
Royal Arch Masons
Nacogdoches Chapter Council # 23
Royal & Select Masters
Nacogdoches Chapter # 55
Commandery
3rd Monday - 7:00 P.M.



MILAM MASONIC LODGE No. 2
A. F. & A. M.
Nacogdoches, Texas

*Chartered by
Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas
December 2, 1838*



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What is Freemasonry?

Masonry is an organization of men together with a philosophy of moral standards, mutual understanding, and a Brotherhood in which all men are on a level and equal. Masonry is a precept and code that has endured down through the centuries, pointing mankind toward a higher dignity and a greater destiny. Masonry is a way of life which includes kindness in the home; in business; courtesy toward others; dependability in work; compassion for the unfortunate; resistance to evil; help for the weak; forgiveness for the penitent; concern for good government; support for public education; high morality; love for one another and above all, a living, practicing reverence and love of God. Masonry is founded on the firm belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, and the immortality of the soul.

What is the Mission of Freemasonry?

To promote a way of life that binds like-minded men into a worldwide brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences; by teaching the good principles of brotherly love, relief and truth

What Do Masons Do?

Mason contribute not necessarily monetarily, but by living their lives in such a manner that the world is better just because they live in it.

What Do You Get Out of It?

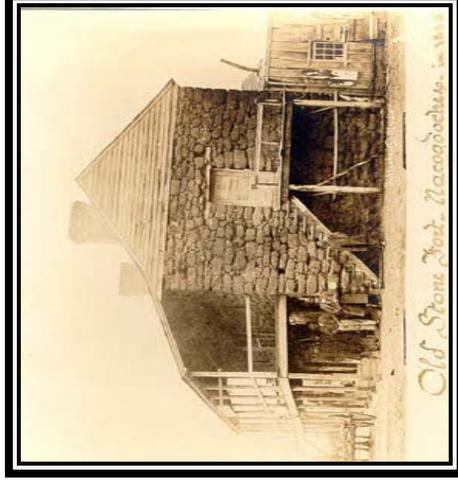
A lot of pride, and a sense of belonging to an organization that exists all over the world. Sharing an identity with the greatest men of the past and of today. Sharing a special bond with men from all walks of life, creating lifelong friendships with them.

How Do I Become A Mason?

You must ask a Master Mason and he in turn will be happy to guide you, and provide more pertinent information.

Milam Lodge The Temple In The Wilderness

When the sharp crack of Haden Edward's gavel summoned the assembled Brethren to labor on August 16, 1837, it sounded the coming of civilization to the frontier community of Nacogdoches. The eight men who gathered in the ancient Stone Fort near the town square represented in their convention the cumulative force of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, the oldest fraternity ordained by man. Severally, they were men of prominence if of diverse origin; one had been a revolutionary leader in the unsuccessful Fredonia Rebellion, one had signed the Texas Declaration of Independence, and most were local businessmen.



Masons set great store by the building of Temples in the wilderness, and this meeting was the beginning of the work anew, work which is never done, yet summons men to greater effort in each generation, work which satisfies in the doing and not in getting it done. For Nacogdoches Masons the work would prove especially hard and long, and the frustrations of their attempts to build their Temple in the wilderness is a real American Odyssey. Meeting first in the old Stone Fort, they gathered in countless homes, offices, and rented halls for the next ninety-four years before the Temple was built; and they were years of hardships and trial. But the laborers were men well suited to the work. Many had been active in the founding of the Republic of Texas, in establishing Texas as a state of the Union, and in conducting the affairs of the state and the community through wars and depressions and social strains. Often they would not meet for a year, and during the Civil War they did not meet at all. But always some would come back, holding the vision of the Temple, and labor on towards the realization of the dream.

Come and visit Milam Lodge # 2 and share the history of Masonry in Texas.

Today Nacogdoches Masons enjoy one of the truly great Masonic Temples in Texas. Milam Lodge is so fortunate to have so much history to share with our members and brethren from different jurisdictions.



Milam Lodge has in its possession two out of the twelve original Lodge chairs. Of the original twelve chairs, eight have been accounted for and reside in various universities, museums, and other fraternal organizations. The two chairs retained by Milam Lodge are used for ceremonial purposes.

One of the chairs is reserved for a newly raised Master Mason, and it is his privilege to sit in the chair that night to receive his Master Masons Lecture. The other chair is reserved only for use by the current Governor of Texas, President of the United States, or the Grand Master of Mason in Texas. Each year, the Grand Master makes a special effort to come to Milam Lodge to sit in the old chair and have his picture taken.



Milam Lodge also has the Original Charter issued by the Republic of Texas, which is proudly displayed within the Lodge room. The other furniture of the Lodge such as the Alter, the Three Principal Officer's Pedestals and Chairs were removed to have been hand carved by WW II Italian POW while captive at a prisoner of war camp located in Chireno Texas.

