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Grapevine resident and long-time Mason of Grapevine Lodge 288, Jerome Weilmuenster will present a program to the Grapevine Historical Society at our July meeting on “The History of Confederate Masons from Grapevine Lodge 288”

In 1866, a small group of Civil War veteran Masons living in the town of Grapevine, Texas were granted a charter to form their own Lodge.

The Lodge first met in an old house located in the area of the current Grapevine Cemetery but soon moved to a new location on five donated acres close to current day College Street. The Lodge operated from an old two story log building located on the property. All the furniture and ceremonial furnishings were constructed by the members, especially by the Master, Brother Joseph W. Dunn.

The Lodge then established a school, and a two story building was constructed with timber cut from local trees and pine boards hauled from lumber mills in East Texas. The school was run on a tuition basis, but was free to children of deceased Masons. It was nonsectarian and open to both boys and girls.



In 1888 the property was sold and a new building erected in the Lodge's current location at the corner of Main and Worth Streets. This building was razed and the current building was erected in 1916.

March 5, 2016 was the 150th anniversary of Grapevine Masonic Lodge #288, and at the celebration, Mayor William D. Tate proclaimed, in part, “whereas, for the past 150 years the Grapevine Masonic Lodge has faithfully served the community through civic involvement, volunteer service and charitable contributions and has provided stability and bonds of friendship that have strengthened the city of Grapevine and the State of Texas....”

Jerome and his wife are both native Texans and graduates of the University of Texas at Austin. After moving around, they came back to Texas and to Grapevine in 1980. After spending many years in advertising and marketing Jerome finally settled into general administration. In 2012 he retired and began sculpting and carving. Several of his pieces are on display at Giddens Art Gallery. In 1983 he joined the Grapevine Masonic Lodge (founded in 1866) and began a quest for more knowledge about the fraternity. He currently belongs to four Masonic research organizations. When he stumbled upon the old minutes of the Grapevine Lodge, he was curious about the possible link between the Civil War and the founders of the lodge. This curiosity led to a paper he presented to Texas Lodge of Research tracing the early history of Grapevine Masonic Lodge and the part played by Masons in the development of Grapevine.

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Communicate with our neighbors and make our community a safer, friendlier and more caring city

Grapevine has great resources of all kinds. On Friday mornings garage signs pop up everywhere. This can be a real source of making money or saving money, it just depends on if you are a buyer or seller. The careful buyer can find new items for a great price, unique items and antiques. You can also find handmade pieces like jewelry, paintings, crafts, pottery and toys. You know the old saying, "One man's trash is another one's treasure."

If you stop long enough to strike up a conversation with people, you can find out about Grapevine's history and some of the characters who call Grapevine home. Questions might be: How is the weather? How long have you lived here? Where did you come from? Where do your children go to school?

Today people are longing for conversation. What is happening to the art of visiting and getting to know people? Face to face conversation has been replaced with today's cell phones and social media like Facebook and Twitter. I believe if people would look up and talk to their family members, neighbors or anyone who they have contact with, the world would be a better place.

The tragedy of July 7 in Dallas might have been different if communications had not broken down in the man's life. Now we have the challenge to stop, communicate with our neighbors and make our community a safer, friendlier and more caring city.

August Program

The August 22, 2016 program of the Grapevine Historical Society will be presented by Dr. Robin Ryan, Superintendent of the Grapevine Colleyville Independent School District. He will share interesting information about the history of education and schools in Grapevine and the local area from the time the first area school was built by the Grapevine Masonic Lodge in 1869 and the first graduating class of 1 student in 1908 to the present award-winning school system it is today.

Be sure to mark your calendar for August 22, 2016

Grapevine Historical Museum

June Visitors

Visitors to the Museum during the month of June totaled 1242. That number includes visitors from 3 foreign countries and 20 states outside of Texas. Also included was a tour of 41 participants of Destination Grapevine, a tour for people who are in contact with visitors around town, to inform and show them points of interest in Grapevine.

GRAPEVINE HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS

TUESDAY- SATURDAY 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

SUNDAY 11:00 am-4:00 pm CLOSED MONDAY

The Grapevine Historical Society normally meets the 4th Monday monthly except May and December