

Fraternal Updates For Your December Meeting

Dear Lodge FAC,
Please share the enclosed information
at your December lodge meeting

Fraternalist of the Year Nominations

It's time to start thinking about selecting your lodge's Fraternalist of the Year for 2016. This is your chance to recognize a stand-out individual who through example and accomplishment, provided outstanding service to your lodge or community this past year. This year we will be recognizing your lodge's Fraternalist at your District Spring Meeting. There will not be a statewide incentive event in January 2017.

Please know that your local lodge Fraternalist of the Year may be chosen in a variety of ways. You decide the method that works best for you. The main emphasis should be on making sure that all adult members 16 or older be considered without bias. Individuals previously honored by your lodge may be honored again if they meet your selection criteria. The main thing to remember is that SPJST has a lot of great volunteers within our ranks and we want to give credit where credit is due. The form for submitting your Fraternalist of the Year has also been greatly simplified.

Thanks for attending to this item at your October, November or December meeting. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

SPJST Outgoing Officers

With the election of new officers, do not forget to honor your officers who have given their time and dedication to your lodge. Honor your outgoing leaders by giving them an outgoing officer plaque. Any officer who is not elected to serve in 2017 and does not seek re-election in future years is eligible. The recipient must be a current SPJST member and must be active at the time of selection. The plaques should be awarded at your local lodge meeting.

SPJST Lifetime Achiever Award

The definition of lifetime is the duration of a person's life. This award is to recognize individuals or couples who have made a significant impact in their lodge's success and growth over a lengthy period of time. Those individuals or couples should be of a mature age.

In the past couple of years the Home Office has received nomination applications for many young members that still have many years of service to the lodge and its members. Think about it . . . if a young or middle age member receives this award, is this telling them that they

have achieved their significant impact to their lodge and here on out they are finished contributing to their lodge and its members.

Important Paperwork

Everyone please know that the forms listed below are very important in receiving your enhanced premium refund and other incentives. Please return these forms even if there are no changes from the previous year.

Fraternal Activities Coordinators, it is very important to enter and complete your hours by January 13, 2017 to receive those refunds and other incentives. Please look for the 2017 New Officer Listing form to be mailed out the first week of November from Receptionist Tamara Gettys. This form needs to be completed and turned in as soon as possible to the Home Office. All other deadline dates remain the same. The are as follows:

January 2, 2017	New Officers Listing form — address, phone listing and emails
January 13, 2017	Year-End Fraternal Incentive Reporting Hours
February 24, 2017	Outgoing Officer Awards
May 15, 2017	990 and 990-T to IRS and copy to Home Office

100 Pennies Scholarship Drive Starts October 1

Everyone spread the word! October 1 started the SPJST 100 Pennies Drive to benefit the scholarship fund. Through your generous donations, SPJST has been able to continue to provide scholarships to members who wish to further their education. Donations of any amount will be accepted and added to the general scholarship fund that is maintained by the Home Office. No amount is too small or too large. The 100 Pennies Scholarship Drive will run through March 31, 2017.

SPJST Scholarship Program

The deadline for submitting all scholarship paperwork for the SPJST Scholarship is no later than Monday, February 1, 2017. Any student (high school seniors and college undergraduates) who have not previously received a scholarship are eligible to apply. For an SPJST General Scholarship or Leadership Grant Application and complete guidelines, please call Executive Assistant to the President Sandra Dubcak in the SPJST Home Office at 800.727.7578 or 254.773.1575 or visit www.spjst.org.

Progressive “42” Domino Tournament

The first SPJST State Tournament of 2017 will take place on Saturday, January 14. This will be the Progressive “42” Domino Tournament to be held at the SPJST Home Office in Temple. Please include in your New Year’s Resolution to become actively involved in all state and local lodge activities in 2017. For additional details about the tournament, please see the enclosed flyer/registration form.

Tarok Tournament

The SPJST State Tarok Tournament will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2017. The tournament will be held at the SPJST Home Office in Temple, Texas. Please see the enclosed flyer for information and entry form or visit www.spjst.org under Fraternal Activities/State Tournaments and Fraternal Activities. All participants are encouraged to pre-register so we can figure out the amount of food to prepare for the noon meal.

Calendar of Events

Please remember to mark your calendars for the 2017 SPJST State Tournaments. Last year we located all tournaments at the Home Office and had larger turnouts. This year's State Tournaments will be held at the SPJST Home Office. Entry for the tournaments will be \$10 for members and non-members. There will be Czech pastries in the morning, a catered meal for the participants during the noon hour and fun and fellowship. The following tournament dates are below:

Progressive "42" Dominoes	January 14, 2017	SPJST Home Office
Tarok Tournament	February 4, 2017	SPJST Home Office
Straight Dominoes	March 4, 2017	SPJST Home Office
Regular "42" Dominoes	April 1, 2017	SPJST Home Office

SPJST FAC Assistance

We are here to help if you need assistance. Please feel free to call me at 254.534.0681, email frankh@spjst.com or Fraternal Services Specialist Tammy Martinez at 800.727.7578, 254.773.1575 or email tammym@spjst.com. Your District FAC is also available to assist you.

They are as follows:

District 1 – Kyle Skrabanek	979.820.0531
District 2 – Ruth Hanusch	254.771.0193
District 3 – Vicki Sims	214.763.0341
District 4 – Janece Williams	806.990.3351
District 5 – Patricia Bruce	281.890.4933
District 6 – Helen Zabransky	361.798.3347
District 7 – Glen Pruski	830.480.6212

I would like to wish all of our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally submitted,



Frank Horak
State Fraternal Activities Coordinator

SPJST Outgoing Officer Plaque

Eligibility:

- * An outgoing officer who is not re-elected for the next year and does not seek re-election anymore. This is to honor lodge officials who may be near or at the end of their service tenure to the lodge.
- * Recipient must be a current SPJST member.
- * Recipient must be alive at time of selection.

The plaques should be awarded at your local lodge meeting. The plaque may also be mailed to the recipient or delivered by the Home Office.

Lodge # _____ District # _____

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office(s) Held</u>	<u>No. of Year(s) of Service</u>
<i>Ex: Gordy Hoofnagel</i>	<i>President, Treasurer</i>	<i>2003 – 2011 (9yrs)</i>
<i>Ex: Jane Doe</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>2010 – 2011 (2yrs)</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Note: You may write additional names on back or a separate sheet if necessary. Please allow at least three weeks for processing.

Sample Plaque:

Deadline: Last Friday in February



Send to:
 SPJST
 Re: Outgoing Officer
 P.O. Box 100
 Temple, Texas 76503
 Email: tammym@spjst.com

SPJST Lifetime Achiever Award

This award is to recognize individuals and couples who have devoted a lifetime of service to their lodge or society.

This is a one-time award and may be given to a maximum of five individuals per lodge, per year. The nominee must be living, a member of the adult lodge, and have been an active member of the SPJST a *minimum* of ten years. The award will be in the form of a plaque and may include a husband and wife on the same plaque.

The winners will be selected at the lodge level. The award will be presented to the individual(s) at their respective district's spring meeting. In addition to the plaque, the honorees will have their pictures appear in the Vestnik!

This is a great way for each lodge to recognize the special individuals who have given so much of themselves to their lodge and local community. Please have your honoree's names sent to the SPJST Home Office at least 10 days prior to your district's spring meeting to allow time for processing. When submitting your honorees, please remember to type or print the names clearly and pay special attention to spelling.

Lodge # _____ **District #** _____
Sent in by (Name): _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Sample Plaque:



***Due two weeks
before your
District Spring
Meeting!**

Send to:
SPJST State FAC
Re: Lifetime Achiever
P.O. Box 100
Temple, TX 76503
Fax: 254-774-7447
Or email tammym@spjst.com

SPJST STATE PROGRESSIVE 42 DOMINO TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 14, 2017
SPJST Home Office
520 North Main Street, Temple, TX 76501

Check-in 8 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. with play beginning at 9 a.m.

Open to the public ages 16 and above!

Registration Fee: \$10 per player includes snacks and lunch

Individual format!
No Partner Needed!

Prizes will be awarded.

See map on back for Directions.

Please register by Monday, January 9, 2017

Mail Entry Forms to:

SPJST Tournaments

P.O. Box 100, Temple, TX 76503;

call 800-727-7578 or 254-773-1575

via email: tammym@spjst.com

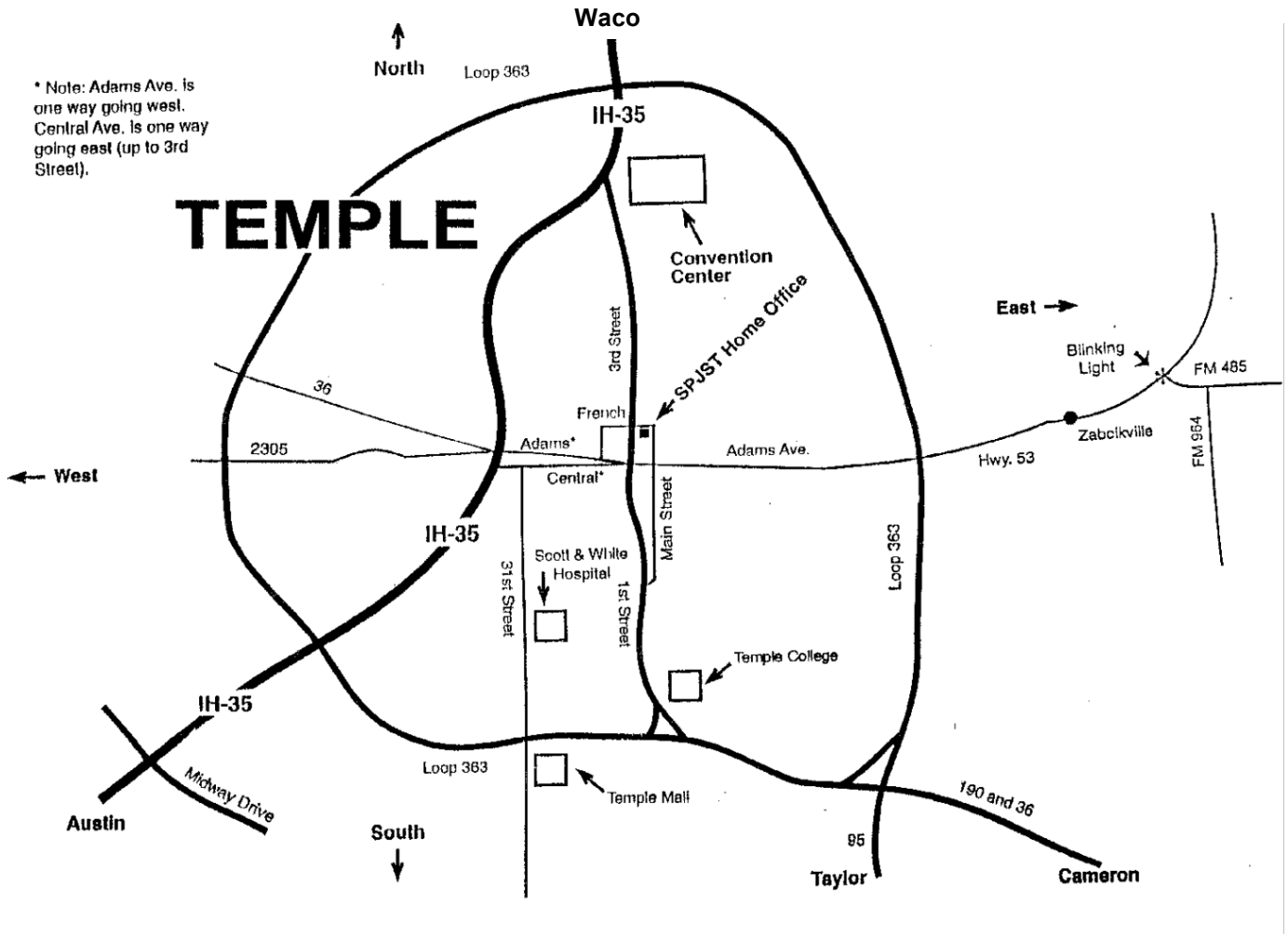


For more information, contact Frank Horak 254-534-0681

Map to SPJST Home Office

520 North Main Street

Temple, TX 76501



SPJST State Progressive 42 Domino Tournament Registration Form

Hosted by SPJST Home Office

Saturday, January 14, 2017

Lodge No. _____

Name: _____

Address City State Zip Code

Phone No's: (_____) _____ - _____ ; (_____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Lodge No. _____

Name: _____

Address City State Zip Code

Phone No's: (_____) _____ - _____ ; (_____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

**Please Register By
Monday, January 9, 2017**

**SPJST Tournaments
P.O. Box 100
Temple, Texas 76503**

SPJST STATE STRAIGHT DOMINO TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 4, 2017

SPJST Home Office

520 North Main Street, Temple, TX 76501

Check-in 8 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. with play beginning at 9 a.m.

Open to the public ages 16 and above!

Registration Fee: \$10 per player
includes snacks, water/soda and lunch

2-person team format! If you do not have a partner, one will be assign (if available).

Prizes will be awarded.

See map on back for Directions! Due to Construction on I-35, Take the Central Exit. Follow Central all the way down to Main Street. Turn left on Main Street. SPJST Home Office is on the left.



Please register by Monday, February 27, 2017

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email: tammym@spjst.com



For more information, contact Frank Horak 254-534-0681

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