



Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church

Service through Worship, Worship through Service

Winter, 2011



Below you will find a series of three meetings that we are holding in the next four months. As you will notice we have outstanding speakers. We also have important things to decide about the future of our Chapter. Be sure to schedule them on your calendar. We need your presence. - Richard Evans, Chapter President

CHAPTER MEETING — Saturday, March 11, 2011 - St. Luke's, Belton Speaker - The Rev. Canon Ann Normand, Canon to the Ordinary

Presenting our three regions with time for fine-tuning. Please bring \$10 for lunch.

Region Formation The Episcopal Diocese of Texas is over forty-nine thousand square miles in size. For some Vergers the distance to drive to meetings is prohibitive. This is especially so for those who live in the Northeast corner of the Diocese. We are therefore planning to form three regions: Houston, Northeast and Northwest which includes Austin. The plan is for each region to hold two meetings a year with the entire Chapter meeting for the Training Session and Election.

Proposed Agenda

- 9:15 AM Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 AM Eucharist, Bob Bliss, Rector at St. Luke's
- 10:30 AM The Rev. Canon Ann Normand
- 11:45 AM Questions and discussion
- 12:00 Noon Lunch, served on campus
- 1:00 PM Presentation and determination of regions
- 2:45 PM Adjournment

At the meeting in Belton on March 12, we will create our final boundaries for the regions. It is especially important that Vergers from the Northeast attend the meeting since a region will be formed from your area. Each region will have coordinators who will create the agendas and sites of their two year meetings. See you then.

VERGER BOOTH AT DIOCESAN COUNCIL

If you were at Council you may have seen our Booth in the exhibits. We had a pretty good response to our organization. Thanks go to Robert and Margarete Askew, George and Corette Richter, and Tamara Clothier for their help with the booth.

Special thanks to Mark Marmon, Training Officer, for his generous work in hauling and setting up the booth.

TRIP TO HEREFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND

On June 7th, twelve people will leave for England and a glorious tour of churches in Herefordshire, some of which have been around for over a Millennium.

The Anglicans in Hereford have a planned a delightful trip for us. We'll tell you about it once we return.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Training Meeting – Saturday, April 30, 2011 Trinity, the Woodlands

Featuring

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Deana Harrison, Bishop Suffragan,

Eucharist celebrant and Speaker

\$35. Fee, includes lunch

Election Meeting – Saturday, June 25th –

LOOKING AHEAD

March 12, 2011 Meeting at St. Luke's, Belton
 April 30, 2011 Training Meeting, Trinity, The Woodlands
 June 8-15, 2011 Trip to Hereford, England
 June 25, 2011 Elections, Emmanuel, Houston
 September 29-October 2, 2011
 National VGEC Conference, Cleveland, Ohio

Annual Dues

Annual dues are \$20.00. Please make your checks payable to:
 Walter Mace Memorial Chapter VGEC and send to:

Vyonne Carter-Johnson,
 Grace Episcopal Church,
 Membership Committee — Walter Mace Chapter — VGEC,
 4040 West Bellfort St., Houston, TX 77025

You do not have to pay dues to be an affiliate member of our Chapter, however you must pay dues to vote in elections or serve as an officer of the Chapter. Dues assist the Chapter with several expenses, such as the booth fee at Diocesan Council, and handouts and speakers fees for our seminars and meetings, as well as postage for the newsletter.

Newsletter

The Chapter newsletter is posted on our website at www.texasvergers.org and e-mailed to all members who have given us their e-mail. If you want a copy mailed to you, please contact our Communications Officer, Tamara Clothier at aramat815@sbcglobal.net or by phone 254-780-4025. Please provide your name and complete address.

Web sites

Our two Verger WEB sites have been updated and renewed. The guilds site is very colorful and has all the information you need for the year.

www.vergers.org – National Guild

www.texasvergers.org – Walter Mace Memorial Chapter

WALTER MACE CHAPTER BADGES

Our Chapter Training Officer, Mark Marmon, has created a badge that while looking like our regular badge, has the “Walter Mace Memorial Chapter” on it. These badges are being sold for \$5. each and may be purchased from Mark, markmarmon@gmail.com.

Contact Information

We are constantly trying to keep your contact information up to date so that we are able to keep you informed of all activities within our Chapter. Please notify the Communications Officer, Tamara Clothier at aramat815@sbcglobal.net, whenever there is a change in your address, phone number or e-mail.

Thanks!

Officers

President

Richard Evans – St. Paul's – Waco
 254-666-4147 or evans.62@gmail.com

Vice-President

Robert Askew - Emmanuel - Houston
rgaskew@aol.com

Secretary/Treasurer

Vyonne Carter-Johnson – Grace – Houston
 713-851-4450 or vjpiper@swbell.net

Training Officer

Mark Marmon – St. Mark's – Bellaire
 713-906-0421 or markmarmon@gmail.com

Communications Officer

Tamara Clothier – St. Luke's – Belton
 254-780-4025 or aramat815@sbcglobal.net

Training Officer Emeritus

Ron Robertson – Emmanuel – Houston
 281-693-6308 or v224296@aol.com

Membership Form

Walter Mace Memorial Chapter, VGEC

New

Renewal

Last name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Church _____ Address _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile _____

Business Phone _____ e-mail _____

Member of the National Guild? Y/N _____

Dues. Make check out to **Walter Mace Memorial Chapter**. “Send to: Vyonne Carter-Johnson

Grace Episcopal Church 4040 West Bellfort , Houston, TX 77025