

Snow River Masonic Lodge #385
A.F. & A.M.

Spurger, Texas

SUMMARY OF THE HISTORY
OF
SNOW RIVER LODGE #385

1870
to
2023



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Sometime, around 1870, several Masons met at Town Bluff, Texas for the purpose of developing plans for organizing a new lodge. At this meeting a committee was appointed to investigate the cost of building Lodge Hall.

After a period of time, in 1872, this group met again and received the report from the committee to wit: We the committee, appointed by the brethren assembled at Town Bluff for the purpose of consulting about this Hall having been requested to report by leave to state that they have performed that duty. At a total cost of Four Hundred and one and 60/100 dollars.

Sometime in late 1873 a petition was presented to the Grand Lodge of Texas for Dispensation.

The petition was recommended by Woodville Lodge #62 and presented to Most Worshipful James H. Miller Grand Master.

The Dispensation was dated January 9, 1874, and signed by James H. Miller, Grand Master, for a Lodge in Town Bluff, Texas. The name of the Lodge is to be called Snow River Lodge. Snow River comes from the Indians who named the river Snow River because of the white sands along the riverbanks.

The first meeting of the Lodge under Dispensation was April 9, 1874. A Master Masons Lodge was opened in due and ancient form to set the Lodge to work under Dispensation.

On June 9, 1874, Snow River Lodge was called by Right Worshipful G.W. VanVleck who declared Snow River Lodge #385 duly constituted and opened in the Master Masons Degree.

At a Stated Meeting of Snow River #385 at Town Bluff on May 9, 1900, the Lodge gave the Worshipful Master W.G. Crumpler permission to appoint a committee to confer with the Methodist Church authorities at Spurger and ascertain if a Masonic Lodge could be built over the Methodist Church to be erected at that place. The committee was to ascertain the cost to build the Lodge.

At a Stated Meeting at Snow River Lodge #385 on June 16, 1900, at Town Bluff, Texas:

A resolution was presented by Brother R. Walker for the Lodge at Town Bluff to be moved to Spurger. The motion was made and prevailed to move the Lodge to Spurger. (The Methodist Church that was being built was located where Spurger Elementary School is today).

At a Stated Meeting of Snow River Lodge #385 on November 17, 1900.

This meeting is significant because it was the first meeting held at Spurger, Texas.

The Lodge at Town Bluff was used for 26 years before moving to Spurger.

A little over 64 years from the first meeting of Snow River Lodge #385 in Spurger, (17 November 1900) at a Stated Meeting dated February 6, 1965:

Bro J.P. DuBose, member of the building committee, presented a drawing of a proposed new building, a turnkey job for \$8400.00, it was discussed briefly and postponed for further study concerning the financing of it.

A brief discussion was held concerning the reduction of dues to the amount of Eight & No/100 (\$8.00) as they were before the \$5.00 increase to purchase Lodge building from the Methodist Church.

At a Stated Meeting of Snow River Lodge #385 on October 21, 1967:

A committee was formed to investigate securing land for a new building.

At a Stated Meeting of Snow River Lodge #385 on 19 October 1968:

A contract was signed to start work given to Mr. George Russell.

At a Stated Meeting of Snow River Lodge dated 5 April 1969:

Major work completed on Lodge building. Snow River Lodge held their first official meeting in the new Lodge building.

Snow River Lodge had been at their old location at the top of the Methodist Church for almost Sixty-Nine (69) years.