TEXANS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL VERGERS GUILD OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

One-hundred and fifty Vergers and Friends attended the Annual Meeting at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., October 7-10, 2010. Seventeen of the attendees were from our Chapter, including four officers of the Walter Mace Memorial Chapter. Most of the meeting was centered in and around the Nave of the Cathedral.

The worship was heaven on earth and the music was glorious. It was everything one would expect of such a worship space. The Head Verger of the Cathedral and organizer of the meeting was Duke DuTeil, former verger at St. Richard’s, Round Rock. He honored his friends from his former Chapter by standing with us when our Chapter picture was taken.

Next year’s National Conference of VGEC - Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio - Sept. 29 to Oct. 2, 2011

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HOUSTON

Lucy Wagner EFM coordinator for the Diocese of Texas will present a program on how we may involve ourselves in the Education for Ministry program. Many of our Verger’s move from the Verger position to Deacon, and some on to the Priesthood. Several current Vergers are in such a process. Lunch will be provided. Bring $10. to pay for some Texas Barbecue.

The afternoon session will involve a discussion of meeting topics for the future. And since this meeting is in the Houston area where 75% of our membership resides, we encourage them to attend.

Important: The beginning of dues collection will occur at this meeting. Use the form at the end of the newsletter to renew your membership or become a new member. Dues for the coming year remain at $20.00.

SEPTEMBER 25th MEETING - ST. ALBAN’S, AUSTIN

Carol Barnwell, Director of the Office of Communications, gave us a pictorial view Herefordshire, along with an overview of the proposed trip (see below). A wonderful lunch was hosted by the Vergers of St. Alban’s, Austin. You may avail yourself of the trip by reading below.

HEREFORD, ENGLAND TRIP - JUNE 8 - 15, 2011

You’ve heard about this trip before. There was a full-page add in the recent “Episcopalian”.

It is now time to decide. If you want to go, fill out the form and send it with a deposit check for $250. to Richard Evans, 309 Fannin Drive, Hewitt, TX 76643.

Phone: 254-666-4147
email: evans.62@gmail.com

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Herefordshire application form

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Gender ___ Male____ Female                  Amount enclosed:________________

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Walter Mace Memorial Chapter  VGEC
Diocese of Texas  www.texasvergers.org

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

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!

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ATTENTION HOUSTON AREA VERGERS
Of the total Vergers in the Diocese of Texas, 70 to 75% of them reside within fifty miles of Houston. At our last Election meeting, held in Houston, 60% of those attending were from OUTSIDE the Houston area. Our next meeting is in Houston and we are hoping that at least half of those attending come from Houston, if not More. Those of us who come from Austin and the northwest area of the Diocese need you.

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.

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Walter Mace Memorial Chapter, VGEC

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