

## “COME AND TAKE IT”

In mid September 1835, Mexican General Cos landed in Matagorda Bay and proceeded overland to Bexar. This was the first step toward disarming the people of Texas, and to secure a four-pounder cannon which had been placed at Gonzales by the Mexican Government for the defense of the settlement against the Comanches. His demand for the cannon was refused by the colonists and a detachment of about one hundred Mexican Cavalry under the command of Lieutenant Francisco Castonando was sent to take it back. Upon arriving near Gonzales, on September 28, 1835 a small company of eighteen Men, (six of them Masons- Winslow Turner, William W Arrington, Valentine Bennet, Almeron Dickinson, G W Davis, and Charles Mason) “The Old Eighteen”, held the Mexican force at bay until reinforcements could arrive. On October 2, 1835 a battle was fought, which has been called the Lexington of the Texas Revolution.



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# GRAND MASTER

## T.E. "GENE" CARNES

TO GONZALES HONORING THE  
MASONIC PRESENCE AT THE  
FIRST SHOT OF THE TEXAS REVOLUTION.



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## COME AND TAKE IT CELEBRATION

The Come & Take It Festival celebrates the first shot of the Texas revolution on Oct. 2, 1835, which took place near Gonzales. This three day celebration includes many actives, food booths, carnival rides, concerts and more. There will be fun for the whole family! For additional information and schedule of events please visit:

<http://www.gonzalestexas.com/>

## LODGING INFORMATION

Abiding Life B&B - 830-672-9946

Belle Oaks B&B - 830-672-8613

Cabana Guest House - 830-672-5169

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## COME AND TAKE IT MASONIC EVENTS

### Friday, September 30

#### *7:00 PM: Dinner with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas*

You're invited to a casual dinner with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas and other Grand Lodge Officers that will be held at the Gonzales Elks Lodge on Friday, September 30, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. A roast beef meal will be provided at a cost of \$8.00 per plate. If you plan to attend please RSVP Blake at [blakebowden@mac.com](mailto:blakebowden@mac.com) or Joey at [moss@gvec.net](mailto:moss@gvec.net) or call 830-445-1522 and leave a message by no later than Friday, September 23rd.

Location: Gonzales Elks Lodge  
1216 N. Sarah Dewitt Dr.  
Gonzales, TX 78629

### Saturday, October 1

#### *9:00-10:00 AM: Gonzales Masonic Lodge No. 30*

Gonzales Masonic Lodge No. 30 will host Grand Master T.E. "Gene" Carnes official visit at the annual "Come And Take It" Celebration. All are encouraged to attend and commemorate the Masonic Heroes in the Texas Revolution and The Republic of Texas.

Location: Gonzales Masonic Lodge No. 30  
519 1/2 St. Joseph  
Gonzales, TX 78629

#### *10:30-12:00PM Come and Take It Parade Begins*

Most Worshipful Grand Master T.E. "Gene" Carnes and numerous Grand Lodge Officers will be participating in the Come and Take It parade. We invite ALL CURRENT Worshipful Masters and District Deputies who are in attendance to ride on a float.

#### *1:00PM Motor Cycle Fun Run Begins*

A Motorcycle Fun Run will begin at the Gonzales Masonic Cemetery.

Location: Gonzales Masonic Cemetery  
1200 Holmes Street  
Gonzales, TX 78629