

ABOUT "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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GONZALES MASONIC LODGE
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GRAND MASTER
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TO GONZALES HONORING THE
MASONIC PRESENCE AT THE
FIRST SHOT OF THE TEXAS REVOLUTION.



✿ GONZALES, TEXAS ✿

Gonzales Masonic Lodge No. 30

**Invites You To Our Annual
Come And Take It Ceremony
Saturday October 4th 9:00AM**

**On The Texas Heroes Square
Downtown Gonzales
300 Saint Louis St.**

**A Masonic Motor Cycle Poker Run will
be held after the Ceremony and Parade**

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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's 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

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MASONIC EVENT INFORMATION

Saturday, October 4



7:30AM Fun Run/Bike Ride Registration Begins

Registration begins for the Motorcycle Fun Run. All registration proceeds will be forwarded to the Masonic Retirement Home.

9:00-10:00AM Texas Heroes Square-Downtown Gonzales

On Saturday October 4th Gonzales Masonic Lodge No. 30 will host Grand Master Tommy Griffin's 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.

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

Grand Master Tommy Griffin and numerous Grand Lodge Officers will be participating in the Come and Take It parade.

1:00PM Motor Cycle Fun Run Begins

The Fun Run will begin at the Gonzales Masonic Cemetery. Additional information will be provided a the time of registration.