

We have no data to show just when the first Lodge of this order was organized, but we have some information about the existence of more than one lodge on November 14, 1860. In the issue of the Crockett Printer, under the date of November 14, 1860, the following notices of Lodges of this Fraternity appeared:

"FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 41, I. O. O. F. meets every Saturday evening at 7 o'clock P. M. at its hall in Crockett.

E. H. Bibo, N. G.	S. A. Hough, V. G.
Chas. Stokes, Secretary	R. J. Johnson, Treas.
Wm. H. Moore, Warden	Oscar Dalton, Cond.
	Wm. H. Moore, R. S. N. G.

"SAN PEDRO LODGE NO. 86, I. O. O. F. meets at its hall in Augusta every Saturday night.

Robert Acree, N. G.	J. W. Bradshaw, R. S. V. G.
L. H. Winfield, Sec.	W. M. Waddell, V. G.
L. W. White, Warden	John F. Butts, Treas.
C. W. Butler, I. G. and O. G.	T. N. Cutler, Cond.
J. S. Cartwright, R. S. N. G.	Jas. McDowell, L. S. F. G.

"ELLA LODGE NO. 81, I. O. O. F. meets at its hall in Randolph, every Thursday night.

Jos. Blakey, N. G.	J. L. Richards, V. G.
A. H. Casteel, Sec.	R. Cox, Treasurer
J. Odell, I. G.	W. E. Vaughn, L. S. N. G.
C. E. Ford, R. S. V. G.	A. J. Connor, L. S. V. G.
	T. C. Hicks, R. S. N. G.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, DAVY CROCKETT  
LODGE NO. 193

The next oldest lodge of any order in Crockett, was the Knights of Pythias, Davy Crockett Lodge No. 193. The Charter of this lodge bears date of April 18, 1894, and the signatures of

the Charter Members affixed to the same are the following:

John R. Sheridan	C. W. Moore	T. D. Craddock
Jim Brown	Walker King	J. F. Downes
Richard Cassidy	A. H. Murchison	John F. Baker
W. A. R. French	B. F. Chamberlain	Joe Adams
John G. Harring	F. F. Fifer	Allen Newton

The above are the only names appearing on the charter, although there were a few more who attended the first meeting of the lodge, when it was originally organized. Of the above charter members, only two are now living, viz: C. W. Moore and B. F. Chamberlain. This indicates the fleeting nature of human life, that after 46 years only two out of fifteen should be still alive.

This lodge has kept up an unbroken existence and has held regular meetings ever since it was organized. It still has an active membership of nearly, or quite 200, and has had a prosperous existence. It has acquired a valuable piece of property situated on the southwest corner of the public square in Crockett, in which is located its castle haus, the ground floor being used as a place of business, from which a substantial revenue is derived. New members are being added at nearly every meeting. Among the above named charter members are some who have left an undying impression on the history of Crockett.

THE CROCKETT LIONS CLUB

The Crockett Lions Club was organized on September 15th, 1923 with the following charter members:

Earl Porter Adams	L. H. Arnold	C. D. Towery
J. W. Young	Mose Bromberg	A. S. Lee
W. W. Aiken	F. A. Smith	S. L. Murchison
E. C. Arledge	M. L. Shapira	H. L. Ellis
B. L. Satterwhite	C. H. Callaway	A. A. Aldrich
J. S. Cook	E. B. Stokes	J. R. Herrin
W. G. Cartwright	W. D. Julian	D. C. Kennedy
J. G. Beasley	J. H. Smith	W. P. Bishop
C. L. Edmiston	W. A. Beaty	H. J. Berry
Jas. S. Shivers	W. A. Mize	G. Q. King
D. O. Kiessling	F. M. Posey	C. W. LeGory
W. C. Wells	Harry J. Trube	

At the first meeting of the Lions Club the following officers were elected:

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| C. L. Edmiston, President              | H. J. Berry, Third Vice-President |
| W. P. Bishop, First Vice-President     | D. O. Kiessling, Treasurer        |
| Jas. S. Shivers, Second Vice-President | F. M. Posey, Lion Tamer           |
|  | W. C. Wells, Tail Twister         |
|  | H. J. Trube, Jr., Secretary       |

DIRECTORS: F. A. Smith, Chairman; C. D. Towery and M. L. Shapira.

Charter night was celebrated at the Green Parrot Tea Room

on January 23, 1924, with the following program:

Toastmaster: Lion-Judge A. A. Aldrich  
America

Invocation, Lion-Rev. A. S. Lee

Solo, Mrs. Robert Allen

Feeding the Lions:

Introduction of Toastmaster, Lion-President, C. L. Edmiston

Welcome to Guests and Members, Lion-Rev. A. S. Lee

Response, Earl Porter Adams

Quartette, Mesdams John LeGory, Johnson Arledge, Jas. S. Shivers and D. O. Kiessling

Reading, Miss Otis McConnell

Address, Lion Louis C. Perry, District Governor of Texas, Terrell, Texas

Saxophone Solo, Miss C. C. Stokes, accompanied by Mrs. D. O. Kiessling

Presentation of Charter, Lion Louis C. Perry

Acceptance of Charter, C. L. Edmiston, President Crockett Lions Club

Solo, Cecil Houghton. Auld Lange Syne, Entire Jungle

LIONS ROAR.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:—No civic organization in Houston County ever justified its existence better than the Crockett Lions Club. It began its program of improvement at once. On November 13th, 1923 the City Council of Crockett accepted a proposition to deed it the Shakespeare lot for the erection of an auditorium, library and restroom and this deal was consummated. On March 5th, 1924, Mr. Moffatt of Palestine was retained as architect to supervise the erection of the auditorium.

Later under the sponsorship of the Lions Club the street to Glenwood Cemetery was paved largely through the efforts of

Mrs. Hortense Sweet acting in conjunction with the Lions Club.

Later still the Lions Club sponsored the improvement of the Pickwick Hotel and it was transformed from a two-story into the present three-story Crockett Hotel.

It was sponsored many minor projects. Including the Big Brothers, which still lives and annually brings joy to many homes which might not otherwise have a Santa Claus.

But the crowning achievement of the Lions Club was the sponsorship of the new Courthouse. This project was born in a meeting of the Directors of the Lions Club and was carried to a splendid conclusion through the untiring efforts of the club, through the unrivaled guardianship of Lion C. W. Kennedy.

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### THE CROCKETT ROTARY CLUB

This Club was organized on February 28th, 1937 with the following charter members:

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| C. L. Edmiston     | Dr. R. S. Traylor      | J. G. Arledge   |
| R. L. King         | B. L. Satterwhite, Jr. | S. L. Murchison |
| J. G. Beasley      | Guy Blandenship        | C. H. Callaway  |
| Dr. Paul B. Stokes | J. G. LeGory           | Terry Van Pelt  |
| W. G. Cartwright   | Earl Bryan             | J. C. Millar    |
| H. J. Berry        | Harvey G. McCarty      | M. L. Berry     |
| Sam F. Arledge     | Loch Cook              |                 |
| J. W. Young        | W. H. Denny, Jr.       |                 |

The first officers elected were:

- Dr. Paul B. Stokes, President  
Loch Cook, Vice-President  
J. G. LeGory, Secretary & Treasurer  
W. H. Denny, Jr., Sergeant at Arms

The Board of Directors were:

- Dr. Paul B. Stokes, Loch Cook, J. G. Beasley, J. G. LeGory, C. L. Edmiston, J. H. Berry, and J. W. Young.

The Club meets regularly every Thursday at the Crockett Hotel.

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THE CROCKETT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Among the institutions that deserve a high place in this history of civic organizations that have contributed to the development of Crockett is "THE CROCKETT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE." It had its birth in a mass meeting held on February 11th, 1926, and the following is taken from the minutes of said meeting.

"Crockett, Texas, Feb. 11, 1926.

"Pursuant to call—A mass meeting of the Citizens of Crockett was held at the rooms of The Crockett Shrine Club on Thursday, February 11th, 1926, for the purpose of organizing a Chamber of Commerce.

"Approximately 100 citizens were present, and—On Motion made and carried C. L. Edmiston was nominated and elected Chairman of the Meeting, and on motion made and carried E. C. Arledge was nominated and elected Secretary of the Meeting.

"Meeting called to order by Chairman Edmiston and purpose of meeting stated.

"After open discussion—On motion duly made and carried, the following committees were named (said Committees having been instructed to report back to a called meeting to be held Feb. 19th, 1926):

"Committee on By-Laws and Constitution: A. A. Aldrich, W. C. Wells, and E. J. Callahan.

"NOMINATING COMMITTEE: J. C. Millar, D. O. Kiessling and M. L. Shapira.

"Much enthusiasm prevailed; and after Committees were named they set about plans for their work."

The next meeting of the members was held on February 19th, 1926 and the following is taken from the proceedings of that meeting:

"Crockett, Texas, Feb. 19, 1926.

"Pursuant to call—A Meeting of the subscribing members of the proposed Crockett Chamber of Commerce was held at the Shrine Club Rooms in Crockett, Texas, on this the 19th day of February, 1926; said meeting having been called by the Chairman of a mass meeting held at Crockett on February 11th, 1926.

"Meeting called to order, and on motion made and carried C. L. Edmiston was elected Chairman of the meeting, and Geo. W. McLean, Secretary of the meeting.

"On motion made and carried, the name adopted for the organization was "THE CROCKETT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE."

"The Committee on Nominations reported names of 25 citizens (subscribing members) and recommended their election as Directors of the Chamber, and further recommended that the number of Directors be 25—on motion made and carried the 25 were duly elected directors to serve the Chamber for the ensuing year, their names being as follows: A. A. Aldrich; D. O. Kiessling; F. A. Smith; C. L. Edmiston; E. J. Callahan; H. L. Ellis; M. L. Shapira; B. L. Satterwhite; D. C. Kennedy; E. C. Arledge; T. J. Welch; D. G. Moore; W. G. Cartwright; A. M. Rogers; F. M. Posey; Loch Cook; D. A. Nunn; J. W. Shivers; L. H. Arnold; Claude Brown; E. P. Adams; M. Bromberg; C. D. Towery; W. C. Wells and Dr. J. S. Wootters."

The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held on February 26th, 1926, and the following was taken from the minutes of said meeting:

"FIRST MEETING (Called) of the Directors of the Crockett Chamber of Commerce held at the Crockett Shrine Club Rooms in Crockett, Texas, following meeting of the full membership of the Chamber, this the 26th day of February, 1926.

"Meeting called to order by A. A. Aldrich—On motion made and carried Judge Aldrich was nominated and elected Temporary Chairman of the meeting and E. C. Arledge was nominated and elected Temporary Secretary of the meeting.

"Full attendance of the 25 directors were present as shown by the Directors' Attendance Record in front of this Minute Book.

"On motion duly made and carried, the following officers of the Chamber were elected to serve for the ensuing year—the said Officers to be the "Executive Committee" of this Chamber and Board of Directors:

President.....	M. Bromberg
1st Vice-President.....	W. C. Wells
Sec'y of the Board.....	E. C. Arledge
Treasurer.....	D. O. Kiessling

"The fifth member of the Executive Committee to be named by the President at next meeting."

On March 9th, 1926 the following appears on the minutes of the Meeting:

"A. A. Aldrich, Chairman of The David Crockett Memorial

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Association made statement—On motion made and carried (unanimously) this Chamber went on record as fully approving "The David Crockett Memorial Association."