
Men As Learners and Elders

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Dear Brothers,

I am excited that Texas will be hosting a Men's Rites of Passage (MROP) in March. It is encouraging to see male spirituality growing in Texas. Many men will be coming from Texas as well as men from other parts of the United States and from abroad. The March MROP will be conducted at Ebert Ranch west of Harper, Texas. This year's leader will be MROP Weaver Jim Taylor.

For some time we have invited Initiated Men (IM) to be a small part of the MROP. We invite you to come to a Reunion of Initiated Men (RIM) as your way of supporting the men experiencing initiation—and as a way to deepen your own spiritual journey. We are all in this together! The community of men who have been initiated is growing and your connection and support is vital.

The Reunion for Initiated Men starts on Saturday, March 19, at 1:00 PM and will conclude after the MROP Presence to The Presence closing ritual on March 20, at 3:00 PM. Please DO NOT arrive before 1:00 PM on Saturday. If you remember, this is the day the men are sent into the desert. You are being invited to be there to prayerfully support the initiation of a new group of men. We are all gathering there for them more than for ourselves!

The Reunion of Initiated Men (RIM) will include ritual, teaching, prayer, and an opportunity to hold sacred space for initiates. You will be present as witnesses for the initiation rites of the men and for the feast/campfire celebration following the rites. On Sunday, you will participate in the closing talks and liturgy.

It is imperative that you reserve your spot by the deadline date of March 9th, 2011. There is a cost of \$75 which will cover your lodging on Saturday evening, three meals and support of the Texas MALEs and worldwide MALEs programs. Please register by mail or e-mail to Tony Deosdade and by sending a print-out of the attached registration form (see the information on following pages).

The weather might be cool in the mornings and evenings -- so be sure to bring appropriate layers. Also bring your own bedding, towels and water bottle. If you are so inclined, you can sleep outside at this spectacular "star-viewing" ranch. If you choose to sleep outside, bring your own camping gear. If you have any other questions, please contact Tony Deosdade at (H) 210-734-0967, (M) 210-392-0244)or tdeosdade@sfasat.org

You will be in my prayers in these remaining days and weeks before the MROP. I do hope you will be able to join our Texas team members at the Ebert Ranch.

Blessings,

Terry Frisbie
MALEs Elder

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Reunion of Initiated Men (RIM)
MROP

I am registering for the Reunion of Initiated Men (RIM) component of the MROP:

Location: Ebert Ranch — Texas Hill Country west of Harper, Texas

Check-In Time: Saturday, March 19, 2011, at 1:00PM

No Early Check in. No Lunch Available on Saturday

Ending Time: 3:00 PM Sunday, March 20, 2011

Clean-up Crew: We need volunteers to stay after for an hour to clean up on Sunday afternoon

Cost: \$75.00 (includes Saturday night lodging, all meals and fees)

What I need to do:

If you plan on attending, please mail/email the registration form and your \$75.00 check for registration by Monday, March 9, 2011 to:

Tony Deosdade
426 W. Gramercy
San Antonio, TX 78212

Please make checks payable to Bob Strange
(If you register by email,
bring a check on March 19)

Reservations by Pre-registration only. No Exceptions.
(We have to give a number of attendees to the retreat center.)

Directions and Miscellaneous Information:

- Go to this web site for directions and other information:

<http://www.crosstrails.org> (Then click on Our Sites; and then Ebert Ranch Camp).

Keep a copy of this page for your information

■ Please share rides and carpool when possible.

Items to bring: drums, appropriate clothing, flashlight, insect repellent, personals.
(camping gear if that is your preference)

■ Contact Tony Deosdade if you need information for local motels Friday night.

■ Bed Linens and towels will not be provided.

REGISTRATION FORM

INITIATED MEN GATHERING TEXAS MROP, MARCH 2011

Please Complete Registration Information:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY

STATE

ZIP

EMAIL:

HOME

PHONE:

MOBILE PHONE

BEST TIME TO CALL:

YOUR MROP YEAR/LOCATION:

AVAILABLE TO HELP CLEAN UP ON SUNDAY: YES _____ NO _____

- ENCLOSE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$75 TO Bob Strange.
- NO CHARGE CARDS PLEASE.
- ALL RESERVATIONS ARE BY PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY.
- NO REGISTRATION. NO EXCEPTIONS.

MAIL/E-MAIL THIS FORM (WITH CHECK) BY March 9, 2011 TO:

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LIFE IS ABOUT SHOWING UP.

LET'S BE THERE FOR THE NEW MEN!
