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A Mason is a Creative Thinker Hiram, King of Tyre

This is a compilation of information from accumulated leadership courses from Bro. Glenn Fant

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR ABILITY TO THINK CREATIVELY

EXERCISE YOUR IMAGINATION:

Stretch your imagination. Do not rule out any creative thought you may have. Place no judgments on your thinking. Keep negative thoughts of what others may think or previous negative experiences out of your mind. Avoid categorizing your thoughts prematurely. For example – “that won’t work,” or “it’s already been done,” or “it’s a

dumb idea,” etc.

DON'T THINK ABOUT THE WAY IT IS – THINK ABOUT THE WAY IT SHOULD OR COULD BE:

Limit your thinking to new combinations. Try to think of a new whole – possibly made up of old parts and possibly of new parts, or a combination of each. Avoid assessing the immediate value of an idea. Think in terms of improving your ideas – one idea leading to another.

What is Creative Thinking?

If you played with a kaleidoscope, you can see creativity in action. In the end of the revolving drum, pieces of glass are mixed together to form a pattern. If

you shake the cylinder, the pieces of glass will form a new pattern. This is what creativity is all about. A creative person is someone who mixes together the information and experiences stored in his mind, and then generates new associations. A creative person also seeks new information and new experiences to help derive new associations, combining new and existing information.

Creativity will help Your LODGE TO:

1. Increase your sensitivity to problems, needs, and opportunities, and your power to observe and perceive with more wide-awake attention.

Programs & Announcements

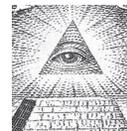
Ok boys. It's that time of year again. Valentine's day is Thursday, February 14. If you are reading this, don't say we didn't warn you!

We are going to start making plans for the Past Masters Dinner. If you have ideas and would like to volunteer for that, **let us know.**

This month we have our first restaurant fund raiser. You will receive an email with a coupon with all of the details that allows the lodge to receive a portion of your check for dining there. Be sure and forward this to all of your friends and email contacts. The more that show up with the coupon, the more we make. Our restaurant this

month is On The Border for February

Finally, if you have an idea for or would like to present a program for March's stated meeting, **let us know.**



And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. Genesis 1:3



From the East— The Masonic Experience

Worshipful Master Elmer “Coke” Etgen

The Masonic Experience: The Search, The Journey, The Esprit de Corps

Participation in the dramatic presentation of moral lessons and in the working of a lodge provides a member with a unique opportunity to learn more about himself and encourages him to live in such a way that he will always be in search of becoming a better man, not better than someone else but better

than he himself would otherwise be and therefore an exemplary member of society.

Each Freemason is required to learn and show humility through initiation. Then, by progression through a series of degrees he gains insight into increasingly complex moral and philosophical concepts, and accepts a variety of challenges and responsibilities which are both stimulating and rewarding.

The structure and working of the Lodge and the sequence of ceremonial events, which are usually followed by social gatherings, offer members a framework for companionship, teamwork, character development and enjoyment of shared experiences.

(Author unknown)



“The grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race”

Washington



Penny for Your Thoughts: A Message From the West

Senior Warden James Urban

Public schools week is just around the bend. Part of our responsibilities as masons includes helping through endeavors, particularly related to public education. As was noted at January’s stated meeting, consider activities you may wish to participate in or join. In particular, our Grand Lodge encourages active participation in the Take To Read program, where ma-

sons essentially take time out of their day to read to a group of children.

Of course, if you are not available during the day to take time to read, there are many other activities we can coordinate as a group that would benefit our public schools. The power of many hands makes light work. If you are interested in either setting up a day for masons to read to

children, or some other activity that will benefit schools geared around public schools week, please let the worshipful master or myself know in advance so that we can aid you and plan accordingly.



From the South — BRAINSTORMING!

Junior Warden Glen Fant

BRAINSTORMING

PURPOSE OF BRAINSTORMING:

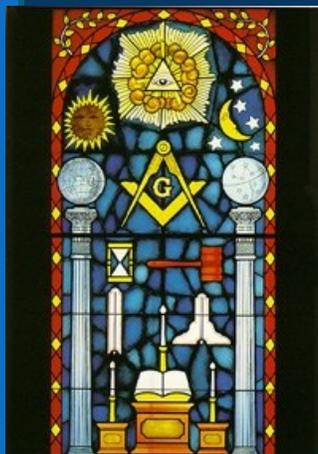
The purpose of brainstorming is to generate as many ideas as possible on a topic, whether good or bad, in a short amount of time. Brainstorming allows one’s mind to be open to new ideas and

concepts. Brainstorming enables a person to be creative, either by oneself or in a group.

RULES OF BRAINSTORMING:

1. Everyone in the group has ideas and must participate in brainstorming.
2. No idea is good or bad

while you are brainstorming. Participants in brainstorming suspend critical judgment.





From the Secretary Jerry Hendrick
Taking Care of Business

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

For those of you who wish to leave a legacy to the Lodge, you might thing about purchasing an Endowed Membership. Then-Cost is \$500.00. The application is sent

to Grand Lodge and they will process it and sen back a certificate which can be displayed along side those that have already been purchased. An endowment is a way have ensuring that you will not forget to pay your

annual dues. So for further details please contact the Secretary. Thank you.



From the Senior Deacon Kevin Rush
Visiting Brothers & Prospects

Last month we had the following guests attend our stated meeting: Roland Martin, DDGM. PM; Bob Clemmons, 33°, Yellowhouse Lodge; Charles Leatherwood, PM, Cameron Bowman, Crosbyton Lodge; Rolan Pirtle, Yellowhouse

Lodge; Tony Ramey, Randy Hawkins, Mackenzie Lodge; and Ryan Malwitz, Composite Lodge 499, Roseville, MI.

Keep thinking about what you want to do you want to do in the next masonic year. Do you want to be an officer?

Now is a good time to be thinking about your potential leadership position in the lodge.



Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

Mark Twain



From the Senior Steward Alan Jolly
Food, Flowers & Frolic

Hello to all our brothers that read this newsletter. Last month we had fried chicken and it was very good. At the February stated meeting we will have a special guest – the DDGM. In accordance, we are going to have a special meal. I'm thinking it's about time for some good

ol' Texas BBQ. So bring your appetite! If you missed the dessert last month you really missed out. Brother Joe brought a special dish that everyone enjoyed. If you will find the time to attend I promise you will enjoy the meal.

As always, this poor steward needs your help - Please contribute to the cause and put a few dollars in the jar.



Upcoming Menu for February:

- Brisket and Sausage**
- Beans**
- Potato Salad**
- Bread**
- Dessert**

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2. Look at situations from new and different perspectives.
3. Break the habitual patterns and escape from the rut of old ideas.
4. Rid yourself of old solutions, old attitudes, and old ways of doing things that are no longer appropriate or relevant.
5. Think beyond the safe, tired, and sure ways of doing things. (Known as "thinking outside the box.")
6. Extend, expand, improve, develop, and express your creative capabilities.
7. Look to the future always searching for a 'creative' opportunity for success.
8. Provide yourself with a greater sense of accomplishment and purpose.
9. Get excited about life and how you can help others accomplish their goals.
10. Make life fun, more interesting, and more satisfying.



HIRAM, KING OF TYRE

Hiram I (Hebrew: הִרָם "high-born"; Standard Hebrew Ḥiram, Tiberian vocalization Ḥīrām), according to the Bible, was the Phoenician king of Tyre from 969 BC to 936 BC, succeeding his father,

Abibaal. Hiram was succeeded as king of Tyre by Baal-Eser I (935-919).

Reign

During Hiram's reign, Tyre grew from a satellite of Sidon into the most important of Phoenician cities, and the holder of a large trading empire. He suppressed the rebellion of the first Tyrean colony at Utica, near the later site of Carthage.

The Bible says that he allied himself with King Solomon of Israel, the upcoming power of the region. Through the alliance with Solomon, Hiram ensured himself access to the major trade routes to Egypt, Arabia and Mesopotamia. The two kings also joined forces in starting a trade route over the Red Sea, connecting the Israelite harbour of Ezion-Geber with a land called Ophir.

Both kings grew rich through this trade and Hiram sent Solomon architects, workmen and cedar wood to build the First Temple in Jerusalem. He also extended the Tyrean harbour, enlarged the city by joining the two islands on which it was built, and built a royal palace and a temple for Melqart.

Sarcophagus

The alleged sarcophagus of Hiram is located "two hours" walk southeast of Tyre, a colossal limestone sarcophagus on a high pedestal"[2], so-called Qabr Hiram.[3] It is not

to be confused with the famous Ahiram sarcophagus.



Freemason Tradition

Hiram the first, plays a role in Freemasonic tradition as a provider of materials, money and craftsmen for the construction of Solomon's Temple. This comes from the Biblical account of the alliance between Solomon's Israel and Hiram I's Tyre. Most importantly, he is said to have sent his master craftsmen, Hiram Abiff, to serve as the construction's foreman.

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Lubbock 1392 in Action



Three Past District Deputy Grand Masters from Lubbock Lodge 1392 —(L-R) Bros. Henry Housour, Finus Branham, and Joe Sanders

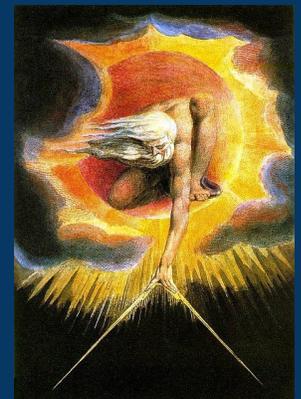
Our newest Master Mason?



We can't get him cornered long enough to get his picture!

In all the excitement during his raising they forgot to get his picture. We'll get the real picture up soon!

Congratulations to **Hayden Baldock**, our newest Master Mason!



LUBBOCK MASONIC LODGE #1392

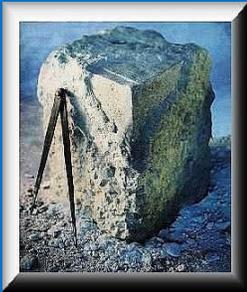
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Meetings:
Second Friday of each
month, 7:30 p.m.
Meal: 6:30pm

Floor School:
Every Tuesday @ 7p.m.

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Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth

This Month's Sickness & Distress



Bob Clark
Family of Bro. Michael Bruns who passed January
12, 2013



Please take the time to visit our sick and distressed; send them cards or call them on the phone, and be sure to keep them in your prayers.

If you know of sickness or distress with a brother or his family, please let us know.

This Month's Brothers & Birthdays

Allen Jolly 2/1
Kenneth Luburger 2/2
Baha Tulu Tanju 2/4
Paul Bartlett 2/11

Heath Morgan 2/15
William Boone 2/16
Toby Calhoun 2/17
Jerry Moen 2/22

John Rosser 2/23
Alton W. Herring 2/24
Jerry Hendrick 2/28

The Quarry: Our Esoteric Work By Bro. Joe Sanders

Masonic education is important. For every member of any lodge who desires to go through the chairs, it is imperative that they study. Complacency and the idea that one may make it to the East by vote of the lodge will never result in competency.

Remember the fact that all lodges shall be graded during the year of 2013.

Lodge members should not use the above fact as the only incentive to study for self-improvement.

Set individual objectives of working toward and receiving certificates for esoteric work. Two District Instructors in our lodge can provide ample guidance. Lodge members, let us take advantage of this privilege.

Every lodge member is encouraged to purchase a Monitor of the Lodge. Start reviewing the work for each degree that is not esoteric. One will

find that much of the information in each degree is interwoven into the complete degree. As you read this material, reflect upon your initiation for each degree. Think about what was presented in each of the lectures.

If your rationalization for not doing so is that too much time has passed since your initiation, turn to your certificate holders for assistance. Remember the charge in the Entered Apprentice degree?



The things a man has to have are hope and confidence in himself against odds, and sometimes he needs somebody, his pal or his mother or his wife or God, to give him that confidence. He's got to have some inner standards worth fighting for or there won't be any way to bring him into conflict. And he must be ready to choose death before dishonor without making too much song and dance about it. That's all there is to it."

Blaise Pascal

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