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The Erring Brother

Next to the word Mother, no word in our language has more meaning and music in it than the word Brother. It is from above, and it reaches to the deep places of the heart. It is religion on its human side; and in it lies the hope of humanity. The highest dream of the prophets is of a time when men shall be Brothers.

When used Masonically, the word Brother has a depth and tenderness all its own, unique and is beautiful beyond words. It tells of a tie, mystical but mighty, which Masonry spins and weaves between man and man, which no one can define and few can resist. In time of sorrow it is a tether of sympathy and a link of loyalty.

Of course, like all other

words, it is common enough, and may be glibly used without regard to its real meaning. Like the word God, it may be a coin worn smooth, or a flower faded. But when its meaning is actually and fully felt, no other word is needed among us, except on occasions of high Masonic Ceremony, when we add the word Worshipful, or some other term of title or rank.

No other word has a finer import or a more ample echo, expressive of the highest relationship in which dignity and devotion unite. If we are really Brothers, all the rest may go by the board, save for sake of ceremony. If we are not truly Brothers, all titles are empty and of no avail. For that reason, to omit the word Brother when

speaking Masonically is not only a lack of courtesy, but shows a want of fineness of feeling.

What does the word Brother mean, Masonically? It means the adoption of a man into an inner circle of friendship, by a moral and spiritual tie as close and binding as the tie of common birth and blood between two brothers in a family. Nothing else, nothing less; and this implies a different attitude the one to the other - related not distant, united not opposed, natural and unrestrained - wherein are revealed what the old writers used to call "The Happy and Beneficial Effects of our Ancient and Honorable Institution."

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Programs & Announcements



If you weren't there, you missed a GREAT Hilltop meeting!

It's October and that means

Family Day in Arlington at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. Jerry has the details in his column.

This month our Family Night features Support Your Local Sheriff! - a 1969 comic western film which parodies the often-filmed scenario of an iconoclastic new arrival who tames a lawless frontier town. Starring James Garner, Joan Hackett, Walter Brennan, Harry Morgan and Jack Elam—Wednesday October

16, 7:00PM.

This month we have our "Dining out" will return to BJ's on the South Loop. Details at the next stated meeting. Check your emails for the voucher to help our scholarship program.





The Charge—A Message From the East
Worshipful Master James Urban

October; The time of year where there is much in the way of change. The weather is getting cooler, the hours of sunlight are growing fewer, and even the sports on television are different. Yet, our lodge continues on, despite the change. Ultimately, change is inevitable. The seasons may come and go, yet masonry remains the same. Why is that? Simple, because all of us, individually and collectively, have made

it our mission to see that masonry continues past us with the same principles that came before us and that we have learned through tradition.

That is not to say that masonry, and our lodge is no exception, has not experienced a degree of growing pains. We strive to be a source of improvement to our members and to the community. But our communities change, so how is it we

have maintained our simple mission over the years? Simple. From the great masons that came before us and helped masonry weather the storms of change and kept our fraternity's principles intact. To that end, we should take up their mantle, particularly reminded of this season of change, to promote brotherly love, relief, and truth, with each human being, regardless of whether they are masons or not.

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

Washington



A Message From The West— 2013 Hilltop Was a Big Success
Senior Warden Glenn Fant

If you missed this year's "Hilltop", plan on going next year. We had a great time, and it was one of best Master Mason's Degree's I have ever seen done. Everybody did an outstanding job. We all need to thank the principal new members & officers of the New "West Texas Hilltop Association". Van Baker, James Urban, and our DDGM, Roland Martin. We

also owe a special thanks to Jay Crum, who obtained so many door prizes, that every single person there received a NICE gift, and some got three or four. Please do your part in thanking all the store and restaurant managers for their generosity when you enjoy your door prizes. Mention that you are mason, and thank them for their donations when you go

out to eat, or purchase an item in their store. If you got merchandize, make it point to buy something there before the end of the year, and tell them how much we appreciate them.

Van & Kevin have also designed a great new logo, for our association. Any similarity to a real mason is accidental. Great Job...



From the South—May I See Your ID Please . . .
Junior Warden Kevin Rush

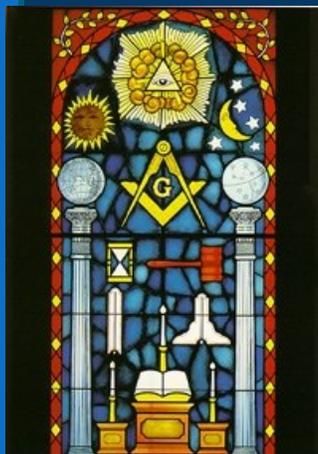
"May I see your ID please . . ." That congers up images of Jack Webb and Dragnet doesn't it. How many times have you heard, "This dues card will get you into any lodge in the state."? Well, it's a start but you need one more item. A valid photo ID.

At the beginning of his term, Grand Master Walter

Rogers, in an effort to encourage visitation reiterated an that all a brother has to produce to visit another lodge in this jurisdiction is a current dues card and a photo ID. No mention of Tiler's Oath or ANY other requirements.

If from another jurisdiction and nobody to vouch for them, the proper pro-

cedure is to inspect a current dues card and valid photo ID, check in the book of constituent lodges to ensure the lodge is real and examine. More information can be found in Article 380 (416) and 381 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas



"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

Benj. Franklin



From the Secretary Jerry Hendrick
Taking Care of Business

Reminder – Family Day, Saturday, October 12: Join Grand Master Walter Rogers at the Family Day Celebration at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, 1501 W. Division, Arlington, Texas, Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm, for some old fashioned family fun. Enjoy the Masonic Lodge BBQ Cook-Off (Brisket only); 100 Art, Craft and Food Vendors; Lodge Fundrais-

ing Opportunities; Car and Motorcycle Show; Live Music; children’s Games; Pony Rides; Jump Houses; Face Painting; Dunking Booth, and Petting Zoo. Tour the TMRC.

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Dues notices are going out soon. Lodge Dues are \$55.00 and due by Dec 31, 2013.

Talk to me if you need to make installment payments, and I will let you know what your options are .



From the Senior Deacon John Rosser
Visiting Brothers & Prospects

Last month we had the following guests attend our stated meeting: Roland Martin, DDGM of Emma Lodge, Bob Clemmons, PM, Rolan Pirtle of Yellowhouse Lodge and John Berry of Crosbyton Lodge.

Why do I or any other Mason come to Lodge: a continuation, from THE BUILDERS by Joseph F Newton, “When he can look out over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have

faith, hope and courage which is the root of every virtue. When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic and as lonely as himself; and seeks to know, to forgive and love his fellow man. When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, even in their sins – knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them and above all, keep friends with himself... When he knows how

to pray, how to love and how to hope. When he has kept faith with himself, with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of song; glad to live, but not afraid to die. Such a man has found the only secret of Freemasonry, and the one which it is trying to give to all the world.”

I came tonight because: I enjoy it and I hope to learn something and gain something from my association with such a group of men.

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

Mark Twain



From the Senior Steward Brandon Gould
Food, Flowers & Frolic

Brethren, I hope you have all enjoyed the meals that I have provided us all with so far! In case you missed last month we had home made stroganoff courtesy of my sister visiting from Snyder. I would like to take a moment and thank everyone who has so graciously donated to the poor stewards fund, it’s because of your generosity

that I have been able to provide good hearty meals up to this point. Once again I come to you my brothers and ask that if you enjoy the food I am providing to please donate anything you are able to to the stewards fund as these donations are what allow me to ensure good quality meals and with cold weather just around

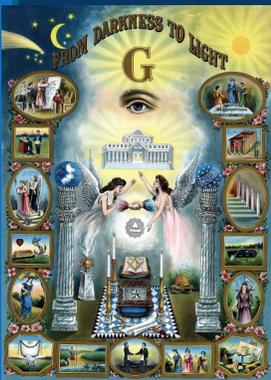
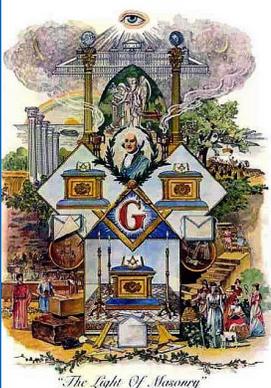
the bend I have some delicious ideas in store for you all. Thank you to everyone that comes out to the meetings and special thank you to all of our visiting brothers, I hope everyone continues to come out for good food and good fellowship and I look forward to seeing you all at our next stated meeting!



Upcoming Menu for October

Sandwich Bar

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Since this is so, surely we ought to exercise as much caution and judgment in bringing a new member into the Lodge as we do in inviting an outsider into the family circle. Carelessness here is the cause of most of our Masonic ills, frictions and griefs. Unless we are assured beyond all reasonable doubt that a man is a brotherly man to whom Masonry will appeal, and who will justify our choice, we ought not to propose his name or admit him to our fellowship.



Still, no man is perfect; and the Lodge is a moral workshop in which the rough Ashlar is to be polished for use and beauty. If the Lodge had been too exacting, none of us would have gained admission. At best we must live together in the Lodge, as elsewhere, by Faith, Hope and Charity; else Masonry will be a failure. The Brotherly Life may be difficult, but it is none the less needful. Our faith in another way may be repelled, or even shattered - what then?

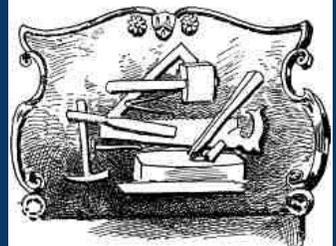
Nothing in life is sadder than the pitiful moral breakdowns of good men, their

blunders and brutalities. Who knows his own heart, or what he might do under terrible trial or temptation? Often enough qualities appear or emerge of which neither man himself or his friends were aware, and there is a moral wreck. Some "Defect of Will or Taint of Blood," some hidden yellow streak, some dark sin shows itself, and there is disaster. A man highly respected and deeply loved goes down suddenly like a tree in a storm, and we discover under the smooth bark that the inside was rotten. What shall we do? Of course, in cases of awful crime the way is plain, but we have in mind the erring Brother who does injury to himself, his Brother or the Lodge. An old Stoic teacher gave a good rule, showing us that much depends on the handle with which we take hold of the matter. If we say, "My Brother has INJURED me," it will mean one thing. If we say, "My BROTHER has injured Me," it will mean another; and that is what the Brotherly Life means, if it means anything.



Every Master of a Lodge knows how often he is asked to arraign a Brother, try him and expel him from the Fra-

ternity. It is easy to be angry and equally easy to be unjust. If he is a wise Master, he will make haste slowly. There is need of tact, patience; and, above all sympathy - since all good men are a little weak and a little strong, a little good and a little bad; and anyone may lose his way, befogged by passion or bewitched by evil. It is a joy to record that Masons, for the most part, are both gentle and wise in dealing with a Brother who has stumbled along the way. Masonic charity is not a myth; it is one of the finest things on earth.



What shall we do? If we see a Brother going wrong in Masonry, or in anything else - "Spoiling his Work," as the old Masons used to say - well, we must take him aside and talk to him gently, man to man, Brother to Brother; and show him the right way. He may be ignorant, weak or even ugly of spirit - driven by some blind devil as all of us are apt to be - and if so our tact and Brotherly kindness may be tested and tried; but more often than otherwise we can win him back to sanity. Have you heard a tale about a Brother, a suggestion of a

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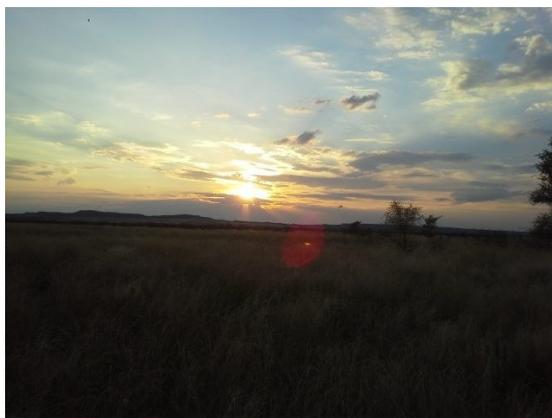
Lubbock 1392 in Action



PM Heath Morgan visiting with Past Grand Master Jimmy Willson



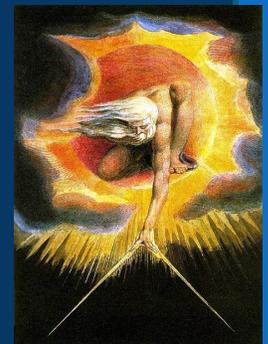
Preparing to start the Master Mason's Degree



It was a beautiful night!



Our very own Past Master Dewain Collins receiving the Past Master's Degree at the York Rite.



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doubt, an innuendo about his character, some hearsay story not to his credit? If so, did you stand up for him, ask for proof, or invite suspension of judgment until the facts could be heard; remembering that it is your duty as a Mason to defend a Brother in his absence? Such things are seldom said in his presence. It is not fair to tell him what is being said and learn his side of the tale? If we fail in our duty in such matters we fail of being a true Brother.

When we have learned the truth and have to face the worst, what then? Long ago we knew an old Mason, long since gone to the Great Lodge, who was chided by a Brother for continuing to trust a man they both knew was taking advantage of the kindness shown him. The old man replied: "Yes, but you never know; I may touch the right chord in his heart yet. He is not wholly bad, and some day, perhaps when I'm dead and gone, he will hear the music and remember." And he did!



Hear the music? Ah, if we would hear it we must listen and wait, after we have touched "the right chord." And if the right chord is "In Us" something in him will respond, if he be not utterly dead of soul! If he does respond, then you will have gained a friend

who will stick closer than a Brother. If he does not respond - and, alas, sometimes they do not - then we must admit, with a heart bowed down, that we have done our best, and failed. Some inherent failing, some blind spot, has led him astray, dividing him from us by a gulf we cannot bridge.

So a Mason should treat his Brother who goes astray; not with bitterness, nor yet with good-natured easiness, nor with worldly indifference, nor with philosophic coldness; but with pity, patience and loving-kindness. A moral collapse is a sickness, loss, dishonor in the immortal part of man. It is the darkest disaster, worse than death, adding misery to guilt. We must deal faithfully but tenderly, firmly but patiently with such tragedies.



It is facts such as these which show us what charity, in a far deeper sense than monitory gifts, really means. It is as delicate as it is difficult in that we are all men of like passions and temptations. We all have that within us which, by a twist of perversion, might lead to awful ends. Perhaps we have done acts, which, in proportion to the provocation, are less excusable than those of a Brother who grieves us by his sin. "Judge not lest ye yourselves

be judged." Truly it was a wise saying, not less true today than when the old Greek uttered it long ago, "Know Thyself." Because we do not know ourselves, it behooves us to put ourselves under the spell of all the influences God is using for the making of men, among which the Spirit of Masonry is one of the gentlest, wisest and most benign. If we let it have its way with us it will build us up in virtue, honor and charity; softening what is hard and strengthening what is weak.

If an erring Brother must be condemned, he must also be deeply pitied. God pities him; Heaven waits to welcome him back with joy. He has done himself a far deeper injury than he has done anyone else. In pity, prayer and pain let our hearts beat in harmony with all the powers God is using for his recovery.

"There remaineth Faith, Hope and Charity; but the greatest of these is Charity."

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Brother Norman Rockwell



It's an often used expression in America to say that a scene "looks like something out of a Norman Rockwell painting" or to say something like "as American as a Norman Rockwell painting." The prolific

ic painter created more than 4,000 original works in his lifetime. While he was still in his teens he received his first commission painting four Christmas cards. Not long after, while still in his teens, he was hired as the art director of Boys' Life Magazine, the official publication of the Boy Scouts of America.



When he was twenty-two, he was commissioned to paint his first cover for the Saturday Evening Post. It was an opportunity of a lifetime--Rockwell considered the magazine the "best show window in America." And he was more than happy to paint 321 covers for the magazine over a nearly fifty year period. Some of his best-known works graced the covers of the Saturday Evening Post.

In 1943, inspired by a speech by Franklin D. Roosevelt, Rockwell painted the Four Freedoms which were reproduced on the covers of four consecutive issues of the Post along with essays in the magazine from contemporary writers of the day. The paintings were so popular, they toured the United States, and raised more

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than 130 million dollars towards the war effort through the sale of war bonds.



In 1977, Norman Rockwell received the highest civilian honor in the United States--the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He passed away in 1978, but he will long be remembered for his remarkable contribution to art, and for that unique view he shared so generously with America through his work.

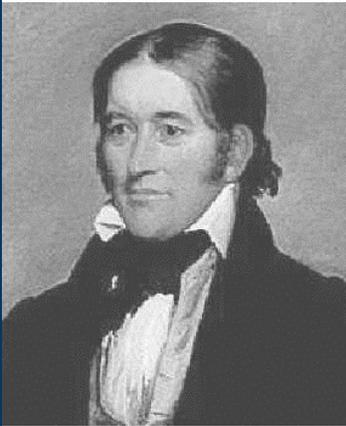


Bro. Norman Rockwell was a member of Red Mountain Lodge No. 63 F.& A.M., Arlington, Vermont.

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Freemasonry in the Old West

Davy Crockett, Kit Carson, Lewis and Clark and Buffalo Bill Cody - Even a number of famous gunslingers like Billy the Kid - All Freemasons.



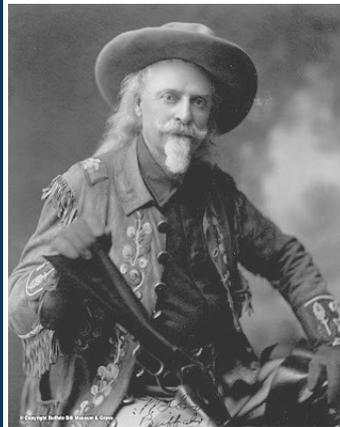
Those are just a few of the names of men we know that were Freemasons and had a profound impact on the growth of the American West. There were many men with Masonic roots that pushed the growth of our country forward; making it what it is today.



Freemasonry was the original social network; just like Facebook or LinkedIn, men used their Masonic network and connections while conducting their business in a wild and unknown land. But, unlike Facebook, where one can easily add a friend with little effort, Masonic tradition demanded rites of passage and those rites required that men live up to a moral standard that dovetailed perfectly with the requirements of men settling a new frontier.



This documentary series explores the fascinating history and story of Freemasonry's profound impact on America's expansion Westward, the building of our country and how Masonic teachings influenced the exercise of our American ideal.



The story of Freemasonry is truly the story of America: hard working, virtuous, religious and trustworthy men that saw a brighter future for themselves and their fellow man.

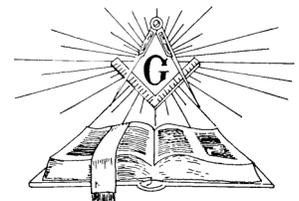
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See the video on our website! <http://lubbockmasoniclodge.org/multimedia>



Meeting in the Copper Queen mine: Freemasons from the Masonic Grand Lodge of Arizona meet in a cave in the mine of the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining Company at Bisbee, Arizona, Nov. 12 1897. Photograph by A. Miller.



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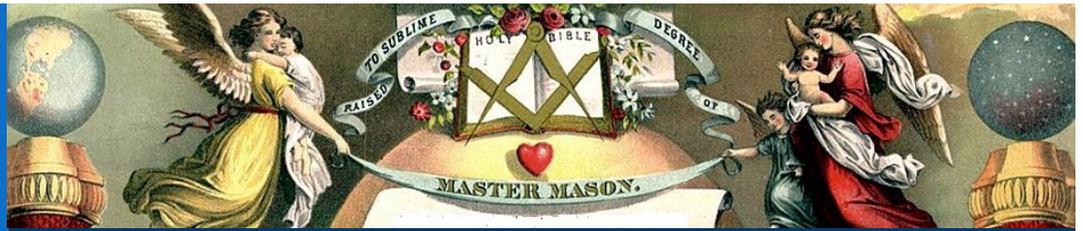
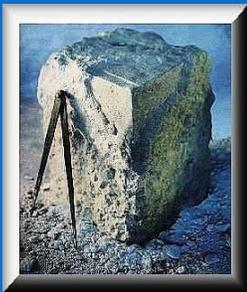
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Meetings:
Second Friday of each
month, 7:30 p.m.
Meal: 6:30pm

Floor School:
Every Tuesday @ 7p.m.

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Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth

This Month's Sickness & Distress



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

Jim Bob Merritt —10/14
Ricky Dean Spinks —10/15
Anthony Earle Bliss—10/15
Eugene Frank Caldwell—10/15
Kenneth Brownfield—10/18
John Andrew Klattenhof— 10/19

James R. Mears—10/22
Kevin Rush—10/25
Arven Jerry Townsend—
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The Quarry: Our Esoteric Work By Bro. Joe Sanders

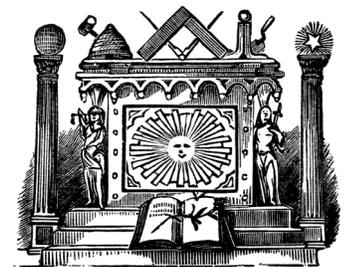
Ever wonder where the word "esoteric" came from?

The root of it's meaning comes from Greek meaning inward, into; within. It means that which is secret, in the inner circle intended for or understood by only a particular group or by a few people who have special training, access, or interests. That secret portion of Free-

masonry which is known only to the initiates as distinguished from Exoteric Freemasonry, or monitorial, which is accessible to all who choose to read the manuals and published works of the Order.

If the esoteric work is not to be published then it must be conveyed from mouth to ear, which leads us to floor practice and an opportunity to work with other brothers on special areas of esoteric interest.

REMINDER: FLOOR PRACTICE EVERY TUESDAY STARTING PROMPTLY AT 7:00PM



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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