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Masonry and Texas Education Freemasonry Is Many Things

In March of each year, the Masons of Texas pause to pay tribute to our public school system and relish the fact that Freemasonry played a large role in the development of free public education for all Texans.



In 1823, the first English-speaking school in Texas opened its doors in San Felipe de Austin, sponsored by a Mason, Stephen F. Austin. Attempts by him and others to persuade the Mexican government to provide for education were largely unsuccessful and led to one of the grievances in

the Texas Declaration of Independence which charged Mexico with failing to establish any public system of education.

The constitution of the Republic of Texas, adopted on 17 March 1836, made it the duty of Congress, as soon as circumstances would permit, to provide by law a general system of education. The leaders of the government were for the most part Masons who gave to the Republic of Texas the desire for an effective system for diffusing knowledge. Among them were Stephen F. Austin, David G. Burnet, Sam Houston, Mirabeau B. Lamar, Anson Jones, William H. Wharton, and Dr. Ashbel Smith. Of special importance is the fact that all five elected presidents of the Republic of Texas were Masons. One of these, Mirabeau B. Lamar, earned for himself the sobriquet, "Father of Texas

Education."

As early as 1842, individual Masonic lodges began to establish schools in their towns. The lodge building itself was often the location of the town's center of learning, and in many instances, Masons paid the expenses of the teachers. Orphans Friend Lodge in Anderson, Texas, holds the distinction, of being the first lodge in the state to sponsor such a "Masonic school."



In 1845, The Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas passed a resolution setting aside ten percent of its total revenue for educa-

Programs & Announcements



This month we will have a table at the gun show— March 22-23 to heighten our presence in the community. Drop by and

check it out! Lubbock Civic Center.

This month's movie offering to usher in spring: *7 Days in Uto-*

pia. After a disastrous debut on the pro circuit, a young golfer finds himself unexpectedly stranded in Utopia, Texas and welcomed by an eccentric rancher. Stars Robert Duvall and Lucas Black. Wednesday March 19.

March 26 is our dining out night and our restaurant this month is Chili's! You will later receive an email with a vouch-

er with all of the details that allows the lodge to receive rebate for dining there and thereby support our scholarship program. Be sure and forward the voucher to all of your friends and email contacts. The more that show up with the coupon, the more we receive for the fund.



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



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

Friends and Gentlemen, it seems like yesterday that I moved to the East and continued the rich tradition that Lubbock Lodge has come to enjoy. Now, I think we've added huge milestones to that tradition and enhanced our Lodge. The fact that we are becoming more visible, from our scholarships and fundraising for those scholarships, to being present in the

community and visible at various local events, and our participation in Public Schools Week coming up. One of our own, Coke Etgen, has even brought the masons of the community together around a service-oriented project in the Fantastic Teeth program. It really is amazing to think of how far we've come and how far we have yet to go. It makes me think that

Lubbock Lodge is not simply a lodgeroom, it really is a certain number of brethren, assembled in a place ultimately for the benefit of our community.



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

Washington



A Message From the West - Masonry and Texas Education
Senior Warden Glenn Fant

In March of each year, the Masons of Texas pause to pay tribute to our public school system and relish the fact that Freemasonry played a large role in the development of the free public education system for Texas. Our lodge, along with hundreds more in Texas will have special programs and events to thank our local school administrators, principals and teachers for the jobs

they do. Two of our own teachers in our Lodge are retired school administrators, Mr. Joe Sanders & Finus Branum. They both dedicated their career to the public school system, and both are still teaching us masonry today... Thank You both for your service. Lubbock Lodge #1392 will raise several thousand dollars in scholarships for deserving school children.

We have delivered thousands of free tooth brushes to first graders in almost every school in the district, thru the fantastic teeth program. I want to personally thank all of you who helped with these worthy projects; we could not have done it without you.



From the South—Jurisprudence and Scattershots
Junior Warden Kevin Rush

Scattershooting, wondering if the Cowboys under Jerry Jones will EVER get back to the Super Bowl.

So, you are getting ready for your regular stated meeting and all of the sudden, a visitor shows up that is not on anyone's Christmas card list. In other words, he's not real popular with the brethren. Somebody suggests to the Master of the Lodge that they be excluded from the meeting.

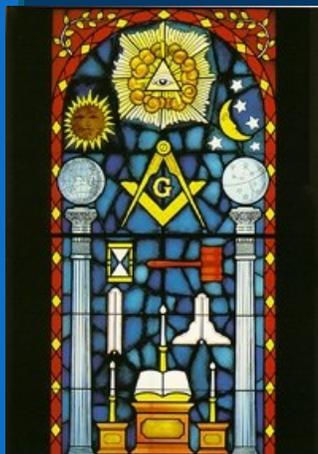
Can the Master do that?

Article 383 provides the guiding light on this issue. If the visitor is a member of a Texas Lodge and not under masonic charges, he cannot by other members objections be excluded from the stated meeting. If the visitor is a member of another Grand Jurisdiction and the objection is voiced by at least three members of the Lodge then it is required that the visitor be excluded from

the meeting.

A proposition has been presented and is up for a vote. Does the presiding officer have to vote on the issue?

Article 282 states that the Worshipful Master may vote. He is not required to vote, even to break a tie.



"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."

Benjamin Franklin



From the Secretary Jerry Hendrick
Taking Care of Business



Last call for dues. If you have not yet paid them please get them to me

ASAP. Without your dues our doors cannot remain open for those who ask the age old question "How do I become a Mason?" - Your support is what keeps us going. Remember, we have Floor Practice every Tuesday night.

Start thinking about what you want to do you want to do as a leader in the

next masonic year. Do you want to be an officer? Let the current wardens know of your desires.



From the Senior Deacon John Rosser
Visiting Brothers & Prospects

Last month we had the following guests attend our stated meeting: Bob Clemmons, PM and Rolan Pirtle of Yellowhouse Lodge.

We've become so accustomed to our lives being a series of events that we, at best, ignore the processes or, at worst, find them boring and uninteresting.

Freemasonry is working side by side with others toward a common goal and for the common good. It unites men who otherwise would never have met, and brings them together in an atmosphere of genuine support and affection. It is what happens in the heart and in the mind when men labor together to succeed, or even to fail, in shared aspirations. It is the admira-

tion and respect of one man for another, not for material accumulation but for strength of moral character and selfless service. It is holding oneself up to an ideal even knowing that our human frailties make it impossible to achieve the ideal. Freemasonry is a process by which a man comes to know himself.

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

Winter is drawing to a close and spring is upon us, I hope all the brethren find themselves well! In honor of spring's arrival this month we will be having a salad bar.

Spring is such a lovely time of year the grass is turning green. The leaves are starting to come in and every-

one is getting out on the garden. With such a busy world that we live in I challenge each and every one of us to slow down and enjoy the little things, take a deep breath and just take in this beautiful world that we have been so graciously blessed with.

As always, this poor stew-

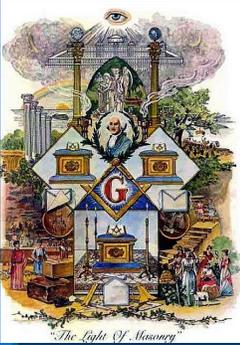
ard needs your help . . . Please contribute to the cause and put a few dollars in the jar. We look forward to seeing everyone.



Upcoming Menu for March:

*Build your own chef salad bar with all of the toppings
Chocolate trifle for dessert*

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tion, and a committee of education with five members was appointed. The story of Masonic influence on education in Texas is an ongoing one, and there can be no doubt of its impact. In fact, the services of Masonic lodges in 'conducting schools and furnishing buildings were possibly greater than those of any other organization. Their services must be regarded as among the most important transitional steps in achieving free public education for Texas. Masonry will continue to honor the public school system. The emphasis placed on Public Schools Week each March is intended to inform the general public of the debt of gratitude Masons owe their schools, teachers and administrators. And, this is more than lipservice. Many lodges and other Masonic bodies provide scholarships that enable many deserving students to attend college, and these scholarships have no restrictions as to race, color or creed. Texas Masonry is justly proud of its contributions to Texas education and will continue to be a major force in public education in general.

(This narrative contains extracts from "Freemasonry and Texas Education" by Edward N. Thompson, published in Transactions of the Texas Lodge of Research, Volume XXv, pages 82-91.)

Freemasonry Is Many Things

Freemasonry is a Story of Life; with all its joys, its heartaches, its failures and its final triumph over all earthly things.

Anyone can read it, in countless books. Its teachings, its symbols, and its ambitions, are open for

general observation. They are practiced in the light, and held up for all the world to see. Freemasonry is not practiced in



the dark, neither are its teachings the dogma of some forbidden cult. We, as Freemasons, are required to reflect the light; to practice its teachings and love by their direction. No greater thing can be said of Freemasonry than that it is an ideal way of life.

No other fraternity offers such profound lessons in its Ritual or Work as does Freemasonry. Each word and each act in the ceremonies of the Lodge carries a true lesson to each of us, if we will but open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and hearts to accept.



We can study Freemasonry for years, as we attend its meetings, and each time we stop to think on the things said and done, we get a new meaning and inspiration from them. There is a never-ending source of pleasure in the various shades of meaning that can be read into each line of our work. Each new meaning and interpretation that we put into some word or act will make that passage live for us, and we will begin to see Freemasonry for what it is intended. Great men

have devoted many years of study and meditation to the cause of Freemasonry and when their work is finished they realize that they have only begun to see the light and that they have only started to uncover the true meanings of the work.

Freemasonry has been talked of and written about by countless men in every country of the world. Its members have been persecuted in all lands at one time or the other, but is still grows and flourishes as no other fraternity on earth today.

There must be something good and great in Freemasonry, for it to stand through the years as a beacon of light to its members and as a symbol of the true way of life for all to see and follow. Its greatness is not due to its secret teachings, its mysteries or fanfare of its deeds, but rather to the profound lessons taught to its members and to the comfort, inspiration and enlightenment brought to all who will but study.



Freemasonry frowns on advertising its good deeds, preferring to let those who benefit from them reflect its goodness, that others might have hope and desire the better things of life. Freemasonry offers comfort to those who sorrow, hope for those who despair, wise counsel for those who err, and the joys and contentment of life to all.

Source: Bro. William A. Carpenter

Lubbock 1392 in Action



HERE COMES SPRING IN WEST TEXAS!



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"Dedicated To Life Safety"



Wendy Gonzalez teaching her first graders about dental hygiene with the Fantastic Teeth Dental Kits. Bean Elementary was one of 52 schools in the South Plains area that received dental hygiene kits benefitting a total number of students in excess of 3,600, the largest effort in Texas!

For more coverage of this year's Fantastic Teeth Program visit:
<http://lubbockmasoniclodge.org/news/fantastic-teeth-2014>



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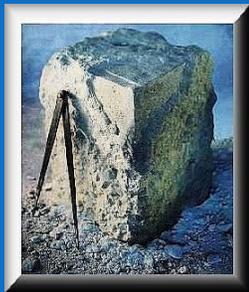
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Second Friday of each
month, 7:30 p.m.
Meal: 6:30pm

Floor School:
Every Tuesday @ 7p.m.

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Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth

This Month's Sickness & Distress



**George Buchanan
Glenn Fant**



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

Clifford Hopping 3/2
Robert Werner 3/2
Richard Maddox 3/5
Brandon Gould 3/11

James Parker 3/12
Finus Branham 3/21

The Quarry: Our Esoteric Work By Bro. Bob Clemmons

From the *Lightfoot Monitor*,
by Jewel P. Lightfoot, Past
Grand Master of Texas, 1915

THE PREPARATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The preparation of the Candidate, for initiation in Masonry is entirely symbolic. It varies in the different degrees, and therefore the symbolism varies with it. Not being arbitrary and unmeaning, but on the contrary conventional and full of signification, it cannot be altered, abridged or added



to in any of its details without foregoing its esoteric design. To it, in its fullest extent, every candidate must without exception, submit.

Great care was taken of the personal condition of every Israelite who entered the temple for divine worship. The 'I'almudic treatise entitled Baracoih, which contains instructions as to theritual

worship 'among the Jews, lays down the following rules for the preparation of all who visit the Temple: "No man shall go into the Temple with his staff, nor with shoes on his feet, nor with his outer garment, nor with money tied up in his purse." There are certain ceremonial usages in Freemasonry which furnish what may be called at least very remarkable coincidences with this old Jewish custom.



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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