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FEATURE STORIES**

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Being A Lodge Officer Is More Than Just A Title

By Todd Creason, 33°

This is the time of year in my corner of the globe when Lodge Officers are elected and installed. It's a privilege to be asked to take a chair in the lodge, and not a responsibility that should be taken lightly. It's a leadership position and with it comes responsibility. It's not just a title.

First of all, if you're going to take the role, then learn the chair, don't just warm it. In fact, if you take a chair you should already know it. I had a Mason tell me a few years ago after moving up into the next chair he "had a year to learn it." No, that is incorrect. You've got a year to learn the next chair. You should already know

the chair you're in if you're in line. Officers shouldn't be learning chairs "on the job" while the lodge is trying to open and close. I've seen that too many times--Past Masters feeding ritual and giving instruction to an officer that has no idea what he's doing during a regular meeting.

It's the responsibility of the officer to learn his chair. Most jurisdictions have regular officer training meetings--take advantage of them. If you want the job, you have to do the work. If you need help, then ask for it. I've spent a lot of time over the years in my garage practicing ritual. I've never been great at ritual, but it's

not for a lack of trying. In Freemasonry, when it comes to ritual, we seek perfection in our work, but at the very least if you prove competent, you'll get few complaints as long as you're making the effort.

Second, if you're going to take the chair, come to the meetings. You have accepted responsibilities when you take a chair. If you can't be there, then don't take the chair. Family and work responsibilities should always come before lodge. If your work life, or your family life makes it difficult to attend, then don't take on the additional responsibility of being an officer in your lodge.

Programs & Announcements



The Grand Master's conference, is Saturday May 3rd 8:30—noon at the Scottish Rite. This is an open meeting; EA's FC's and wives may attend. We need a strong enough showing to meet one

of the requirements for the Vanguard award. Saturday, May 10 is the day for Yellowhouse Lodge's 2nd Annual Cook-off. If you didn't make it last year, you missed some really good food. Thursday May 15 7PM is the Open House at the York Rite. They will also be showing *A Square, A Compass and A Star*

on the history of Texas Freemasonry. This month Wednesday, May 21, we have our "Dining out" at a new location! Logan's Roadhouse! Check your emails for the voucher to help our scholarship program.



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



From the East— The Charge *Worshipful Master James Urban*

Always excellent work coming from the masons of Lubbock Lodge. It should be no surprise to any reader how much we've done this year already with still a couple of months to go. When success occurs, no matter what shape or how small, masons strive to recognize that quality in not only ourselves, but among the community. There is no shortage of

heart and goodwill in our Lodge and after having our Community Builder Award presentation, along with the other accolades we've been able to hand out, it speaks volumes for our recognition of true merit, both within and without the confines of our lodge. But the work of a lodge is never done, and we have miles to go before we sleep.

Continue to press on, Lubbock Lodge.



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

Washington



A Message From the West— Masonic Leadership *Senior Warden Glenn Fant*

It was great to see the lodge grow with new membership. More applicants and petitions pending or coming soon. We are slowly growing at last.

For the lodge to continue to be a successful we must look to the next year and the upcoming election of officers. The Lodge cannot run, and succeed without good lead-

ership. Every organization must have members to step up and take leadership roles to accomplish its goals. We depend on everyone to do something from the bottom to the top. Please help in any way you can. Please let your wardens know how you can help and what role you would like to accept. It is time to communicate with the Senior Warden what you

are willing to do.

A leader is committed, dependable, and a good example to others. Please don't ride the fence, and fall off at the last minute, we need your help now.

Thank you, for all your help this year, we could not have done it without you.



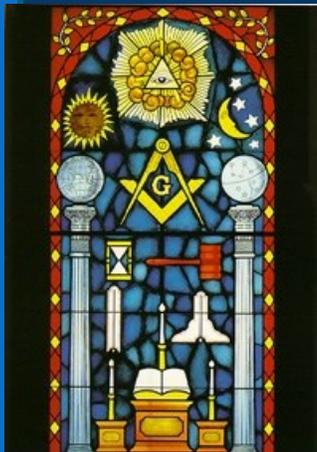
From the South — Jurisprudence and Scattershots *Junior Warden Kevin Rush*

Scattershooting and wondering . . . just wondering You are in the middle of a stated meeting. Someone is being recognized for their work or the DDGM is making a visit and somebody with a cellphone snaps a picture. Wait, what? Can they really do that? So the question this month is: Under what circumstances

is it permissible to photograph activities in a tiled meeting of a subordinate Masonic Lodge?

GM's Decision 2011-#5 held: It is not permissible to record any portion of a tiled meeting, be it Stated or Called, of a subordinate Lodge in Texas, either on film, video camera, still camera, audio recorder,

cell phone, or by any other mechanical or electronic means of recording. Note: This decision updates GM Decision Number 4 in 1991, by adding cell phone and electronic technology recordings. The operative word here is "tiled"; while a Lodge is at labor- Lodges are not "tiled" while at refreshment.



"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

We are well on our way toward our second Vanguard award, but we still have work to do. One of the requirements is that the officers attend the Grand Masters Conference Saturday May 3 beginning at 8:00AM. Please make every effort to attend so that we may complete that requirement. ALL members should make plans to attend as well.

We also have some awards and recognition to be done soon which fulfills Vanguard requirements. Please keep an eye out for those announcements so that you can make plans to attend.

As I sit here trying to figure out what else to say, I can only find the words to say that the secretary's job consists of maintaining the Lodge records, ensuring that

the minutes of all called and stated meeting are recorded and kept. Communicating with The Grand Lodge. Ensuring that all needed awards are presented in a timely manner. And to collect all fees, dues and other monies as needed, turning all money over to the Treasurer.

In other words, YOU GUYS KEEP ME BUSY!



From the Senior Deacon John Rosser
Visiting Brothers & Prospects

Last month we had the following guests attend our stated meeting. From Yellowhouse: Bob Clemmons, PM, Rolan Pirtle, David Mead and Jim Childress. Bob Robertson, PM from The Lodge of Journeyman Masons, Scotland Lodge #8. Jack Morrison, PM of Mackenzie, David Diggs, PM of Wolf-orth and Joe Martinez, PM from American Canadian Grand Lodge #819.

A quote from Bonnie L. Mohr, titled "Living Life". Life is not a race - but indeed a journey. Be honest. Work hard. Be choosy. Say "thank you", "I love you", and "great job" to someone each day. Go to church, take time for prayer, The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh. Let your handshake mean more than pen and paper. Love your life and what you've been given, it is not

accidental - search for your purpose and do it as best you can. Appreciate the little things in life and enjoy them. Some of the best things really are free. Do not worry, less wrinkles are more becoming. Forgive, it frees the soul. Take time for yourself - plan for longevity. Recognize the special people you've been blessed to know. Live for today, enjoy the moment.

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 let me start of by thanking you all for your support and prayers during the recent hard times my family faced and also thank you for the lovely flowers that you all sent I'm sure my father would have loved them.

The recent situation I found myself facing was a difficult one but it reminded me of our mortality so I would like to

say that if there has been anything that you have been putting off whether it be a trip to the doctor or a trip to the beach don't put it off as we don't know when our time is up on this planet. Time is something I feel that we all kind of take for granted and I myself am guilty of this but while we have our time here let's live it to the fullest so that when we look back and

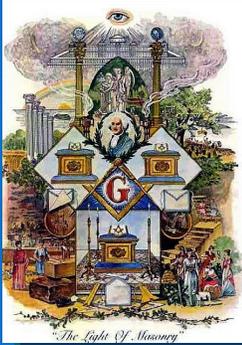
reflect we can smile and know that we did good in what short time we were blessed with. Again, thank you all for your support and I would also like to thank those who were able to come out and support my family and I.



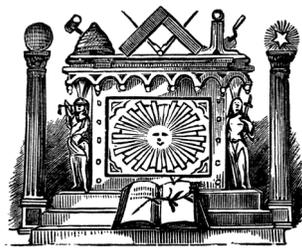
Upcoming Menu for May:

Pizza

I hope to see everyone there !



When I was elected Master, I had to make a decision about one of our chairs in the lodge. Our dais officers and Secretary and Treasurer are elected, and the other officers are appointed by the Master. As the newly elected Master, I took one of our members out of line. He'd only made a couple meetings in the last year, and we had several new Master Masons interested in being more involved in the lodge. It was the right decision to make, and I explained to him why it was the right decision. Fortunately, he wasn't too upset about it.



And how do I feel qualified to talk about this subject? It's because I've been there a few times over the years. I should have been pulled out of line on more than one occasion-- I'm guilty of all the same things I've talked about here. I can't seem to say no, I wind up stretched far too thin, and

wind up not knowing the work as well as I should and wind up doing a sloppy job at it.

And I'm not the only one that finds themselves in this situation. Many Masons find themselves in over their heads with their Lodge, the York Rite, Shriners, Scottish Rite, Tall Cedars, Research Lodge, etc. I did an interview for a podcast a few weeks ago and joked I had a nice red Shriner's fez in my closet that I've worn exactly once--the day I received it. I have fifteen membership cards in my wallet--I just counted them. I've taken chairs I shouldn't have because I should have known at the time by just looking at my calendar I didn't have the time to dedicate to it. Over the last year, I've been learning to focus my energy a little more narrowly on just one or two things. As Abe Lincoln said, "Whatever you are, be a good one." That's my new rule.



As Masons we have a tendency to get involved in a lot more than we should at times-- always with the best possible intentions. It's a big fraternity and for some of us, it offers a

lot of irresistible new experiences, and of course we want to sample it all. But there's nothing wrong in being "just a member."



If you're offered a chair, really think about it first. Do you have the time to perform the duties right? Are you able to attend regularly? If you can't, then do everyone a favor and decline. They wouldn't have asked you if they didn't really need somebody to do all aspects of the station well.

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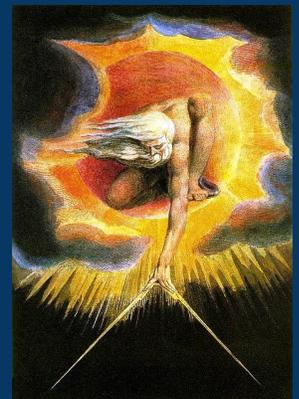
Lubbock 1392 in Action



2014 Lubbock Lodge Community Builder Award

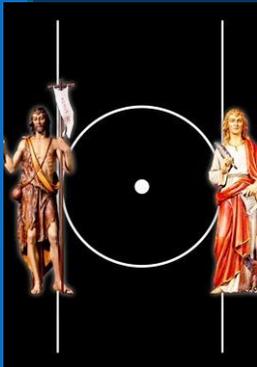


This year's Community Builder Award recipient is Marty Groves. Pictured with Marty are (L to R) WM James Urban, Terry Groves, Marty Groves, Josh Groves, Casey Pernaless,, Nick Pineda, Marina Pineda, Jared Tovar and Nora Pineda.



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2014 Lubbock Lodge Service Awards
Our Newest 50 Year Service Award Recipients are
Norris Rumsey & Jerry Eastham
(Bro Jerry Eastham's pictures were out of focus)



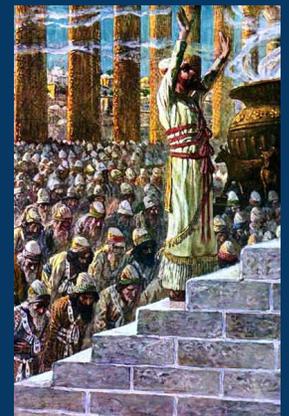
(L to R) WM James Urban, PM Norris Rumsey and DDGM Jerry Hendrick



Our Newest 25 Year Service Award Recipients
(L to R) WM James Urban, PM Dewain Collins, SW Glenn Fant and PM Joe Sanders (As usual, Joe had a difficult time containing his excitement)



Lubbock 1392 in Action



On April 28, Lubbock Lodge conferred two EA degrees. Adam Crawford is the newest member of Lubbock Lodge and Bill Johnson of Crosbyton Lodge. Members of the degree team included (L to R) PM Coke Etgen, master of Ceremonies; EA Bill Johnson,; John Rosser, Jr. Warden; Kevin Rush, Sr. Warden; Glenn Fant, Sr. Deacon; EA Adam Crawford, and in the back conferring as WM PM Heath Morgan .

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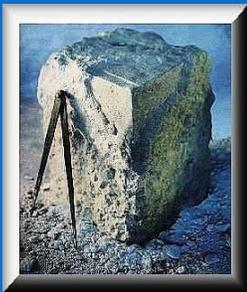
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Second Friday of each
month, 7:30 p.m.
Meal: 6:30pm

Floor School:
Every Tuesday @ 7p.m.

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Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth

This Month's Sickness & Distress



**George Buchanan
Brandon Gould**



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

Christopher Lupton 5/1
Thomas Jackson 5/9
James Urban 5/16
Leonard Buller 5/23

Billy Harris 5/25
Kenneth Olson 5/30

The Quarry: Our Esoteric Work By Bro. Bob Clemmons

I want to encourage you to continue with our work toward certificates this year. As a reminder:

- Class "C" Certificate: Opening & Closing MM, FC, & EA Lodges, & MM Lodge of Sorrow (all parts); Tiler's Oath, Questions & Answers in all 3-Degrees;
- Class "B" Certificate (Class C requirements plus all parts of the EA, FC, & MM Degree conferrals);
- Class "A" Certificate



(Class C & B requirements plus the Lectures of all 3 Degrees)

As a reminder, in the year 2012, the committee on work issued the following certificates: 1(60 year A certificate), 20 (25 year A certificates), 618 (3 year A certificates), and 72 (1 year A renewal certificates). There were 96 (3 year B certifi-

ates), 63 (1 year B renewal certificates) and 92 (1 year B certificates). There were 33 (3 year C certificates), 55 (1 year C renewals), and 152 (1 year C certificates). The total certificates issued in 2012 were 1,258.

That means that about 1.4% of the total Texas membership has an esoteric certificate. Lubbock Lodge is way above the norm. Let's keep it that way.



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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