

This Month's Feature Stories

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A 600 year old Masonic Tradition by Luis Ramos A Bible Presentation

It is customary in contemporary English to end prayers with a hearty "Amen," a word meaning 'So be it'. It is a Latin word derived from the Hebrew word meaning 'certainly'. Thus a congregation saying "Amen" is literally saying "So be it". The word mote is an archaic verb that means 'may' or 'might', and traces back to Old English. The phrase "So mote it be" means 'So may it be', which is the same as 'So be it'. So why do Masons end their prayer this way? The answer goes back to the Regius Poem of about 1390 AD, the oldest known Masonic document (now housed in the British Museum, London). It is one of

the Old Charges or Gothic Constitution used by early Freemasons to regulate their trade. It has a legendary history, regulations to guide the Mason trade and rules of manners and moral conduct. The poem ends famously with this couplet: Amen! Amen! So mote it be! So say we all for charity. Thus Freemasons today end their prayers the same way they did in 1390. The next time you're in lodge and say "So mote it be" after the chaplain finishes a prayer, remember that you are continuing a 600 year old Masonic Tradition.

Even though we all gather at the lodge once a month

for stated meetings, we need to remember that the menu not only consist with a bounty of food to feed our physical well being but also a good prayer to feed our spiritual needs as well.

A Bible Presentation

My Brother, you are now a Master Mason. You have served your apprenticeship as a bearer of burdens and as a hewer of stone in the quarries, and have come at last to the exalted position of an overseer of the work, a Mason, entitled to travel in foreign countries, work and receive Master's wages. We have given you your

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Programs & Announcements



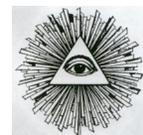
If you weren't there, you missed a GREAT Hilltop meeting, in spite of the rain!

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 we have our "Dining out" will return to Logan's Roadhouse on the South Loop & Slide Road. Details at the next stated meeting. Check your emails for the voucher to help our scholarship program.

Gun Show this month! Another chance for Lubbock Lodge to get out front in the public eye! Saturday October 25 and Sunday the 26th at the Civic Center.



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



A Message From the East *Worshipful Master Glenn Fant*

Thy Kingdom Come. Thy will be Done. Mark 6:10

Jesus Christ is the King and the revelation of the coming kingdom of God. He has already come. He has come in physical manifestation, glorification and presence in the earth and in his body. When Jesus exhorted his disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven", what are we praying for? Most of us embrace a concept of the Second Coming of Christ in glory to establish his kingdom in the

earth, but if he is going to do that anyway why do we need to pray this now? We need a greater revelation of who Christ is on the earth today, what his kingdom is and how we are a part of that. When we pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done" we are praying out the old man of the earth and praying in the new creation of heaven. We are identifying and embracing our kingdom citizenship even as we walk in this earth. When we pray "thy kingdom come", we are embracing the vision by

faith of who we are in spirit. It is that Christ we are in spirit that we want to be manifested in our earth, our bodies and to the world around us. When God's will is done in us it will have an impact upon the world around us. It is the people of God that set the moral temperature of a nation. It is the people of God that bring light and knowledge to our Masonic Fraternity. We are the current revelation of the King of Kings. If his will is not accomplished and seen through us, then who?

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

Washington

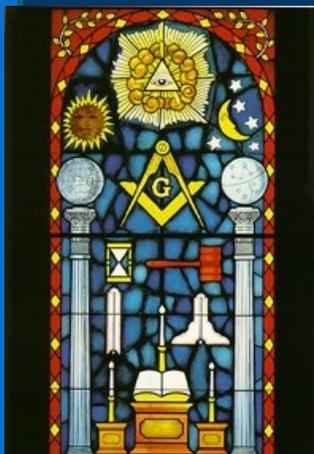


A Message From The West *Senior Warden Kevin Rush*

I want to thank some of the more "experienced" brothers for stepping up and each hitting homeruns with teaching our new brethren. This is a monumental task and it has not gone unnoticed. With so many new faces, I would like to encourage brethren that have not attended lodge for many years to come back and renew yourself and rediscover why you became a Mason in the first place. I believe that

your simple visit may leave a strong impression on several of our newly made brothers as well as making big impression on the lodge in general. Simply put, we need you and we want you with us. Your presence will reflect on the premise that those that give back to the brotherhood and lodge receive much more. A brother can give back to lodge in many ways from showing up occasionally to meetings

and floor practice, to helping with lodge functions, to mentoring a newly made brother. Always remember that a brother in the past helped you along your journey. As fall fast approaches, and holidays around the corner, the lodge will again become busy with degree work and other activities. Stop by and join us for fellowship. I can assure you we will make you most comfortable and feel welcome.



From the South—Masonic Etiquette *Junior Warden John Rosser*

Masonic Etiquette is, by definition, something that is not to be left to an individual to see or to carry out according to his own taste; he conforms to it because it was formally adopted as a conventional requirement for acceptable behavior (whether he sees a good reason for doing so or not).

An act of Masonic etiquette is some movement, action, courteous gesture or speech performed at a given time and place, in a certain manner, and according to rule, fixed and imposed by the Fraternity itself. Since the rules are for the good of the Craft as a whole, it affects each member. An organization

such as ours adopts these rules because we need them to carry out our good works in an atmosphere of harmony. They are not empty and meaningless, arbitrarily enacted and imposed for the mere sake of performing them. The rules have been time-tested A N D they work!!

"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*

Free Will and Accord:

Q: Why are Masons forbidden to solicit petitioners for membership?

A: One of the fundamental concepts of Freemasonry is that application for membership must be wholly a Voluntary act. A man must seek for himself and join "of his own free will and accord." Under no other formula can men unite Brethren of many religious and political beliefs. Under no

more constricting act could Freemasonry accomplish her only end, the building of character among men.

Men who become members of a Masonic Lodge for any other reason than their own desires can neither receive nor give to others the advantages of a wholly voluntary association. Freemasonry is bigger than any man; the man must seek its blessing; it never seeks the man.

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 Charles Straub *Visiting Brothers & Prospects*

Brethren,

Lubbock Lodge had twelve members present at the September stated meeting. We were pleased to have Bob Clemmons and Rolan Pirtle of Yellowhouse #841 as guests.

On Tuesday Sept. 16th, we conferred an E. A. degree with ten members present and assisting

with the degree.

"Ya'll come around" to our next stated meeting on October 10th, the second Friday. We promise you a fine meal and as always, great fellowship!

Don't forget! This month we will be at the Gun Show again Saturday October 25 and Sunday October 26. Come join us work the

booth and meet potential new members. You never know who you might run into there!



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

Mark Twain



From the Senior Steward Luis Ramos *Food, Flowers & Frolic*

This month's meal consist of not just a meal but also great conversation. Lubbock Lodge is a great place to catch up with brother mason and see what all they done the past month. One topic that we can be assure is to see how everyone's health is doing and to keep brethren in their prayers.

Just remember that we do not just feed our bodies but also our spirit and wellbeing. Please join us this month at Lubbock Lodge to get your plate full of food and knowledge.

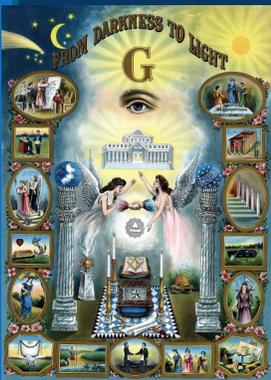
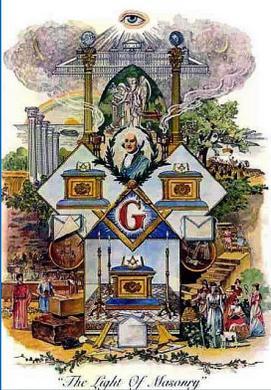
God Bless.



Upcoming Menu for October

It's going to include chocolate brownies!

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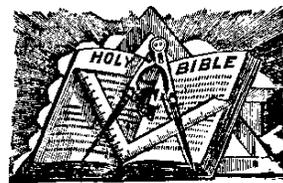


tools to work with and have taught you their Masonic uses. We have taught you how to properly divide your time by the twenty-four inch gauge, in order that you might have eight hours in which to work, eight in which to rest and eight more to serve your fellow man and Worship your Creator. We gave you a common gavel with which to rid your mind and conscience of the vices and superfluities of life, so that when the appointed time arrives, you will find your proper place in the Spiritual Temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. We have taught you to walk uprightly by the plumb, to square your actions by the square of virtue and to meet and work upon the level. And finally, we gave you a trowel with which to spread the cement of Brotherly Love and Affection which binds us together into the greatest Fraternity that the world has ever known - a Brotherhood which extends into every far-flung corner of the earth.



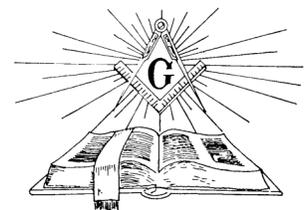
But, my Brother, there is one thing that we have not yet given you; something which every workman

must have in order to do a good job. We have not yet given you a set of plans to work by, or, in our own Masonic language, your Trestle Board. Therefore, it is my pleasure and privilege at this time to present you that Trestle Board, and here it is.



Here is your book of plans - the most complete set of plans ever given to man. Here you will find a plan to guide you, to sustain you, in any contingency. In joy or in sorrow, in riches or in poverty, in fair weather or in foul, the answer to every question, to every need, can be found between the covers of this Great Book. How you will choose and use these plans, my Brother, is not for me to say; that is something you must workout for yourself. You may find the answer in the words of the prophets; in the Ten Commandments as laid down by Moses, and other records of the Mosaic Law found in the book of Exodus - in the inspiration of the Psalms as written by David and those other men who came after him - or in the wisdom of the Proverbs of King Solomon. Or you may find it by example - the example of that per-

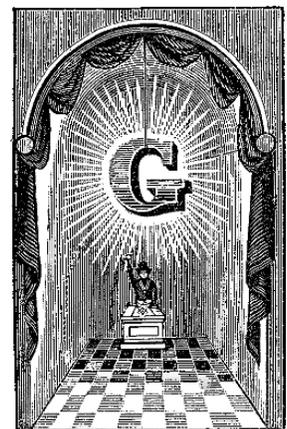
fect and most successful Life lived over two thousand years ago by a humble carpenter. But let me tell you this my Brother, and I say it in all sincerity; whenever you turn to this Great Book to find your plan, it will never fail you.



So, we give you this set of plans, this Trestle Board, with our best wishes and our blessing. It is yours to serve and guide you, in your social, your business and your family life. And now, properly equipped with your Trestle Board, go forth and do your work as a man and as a Mason.

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Lubbock 1392 in Action



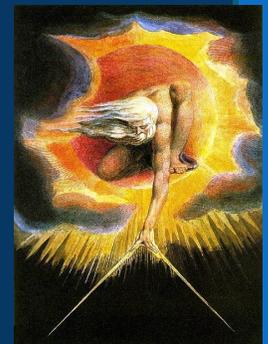
2014 Hilltop Degree Team with our newly raised Master Mason, Brian Hall of Daylight Lodge #1443



Gary Deck, Past Grand Master of New Mexico 2010 with PGM of Texas 1982 Jimmy Willson of Floydada



Our very own WM Glenn Fant with Gary Deck, PGM of New Mexico



October 2014 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Yellowhouse Stated Meeting	4
5	6	7 Wolfforth Fren- ship Stated Meet- ing Lubbock Floor Practice	8	9 York Rite— Chapter	10 Lubbock Stated Meeting	11
12	13 York Rite— Commandery Emma Lodge Stated Meeting	14 Lubbock Floor Practice	15	16 Slaton Lodge Stated Meeting	17	18 Daylight Stated Meeting
19	20 Crosbyton Lodge Stated Meeting	21 Mackenzie Stated Meeting Lubbock Floor Practice	22 Scottish Rite Stated Meeting	23	24 Scottish Rite Reunion Gun Show setup	25 Scottish Rite Reunion Gun Show
26 Gun Show	27	28 Lubbock Floor Practice	29	30	31 Halloween!	

LUBBOCK MASONIC LODGE #1392

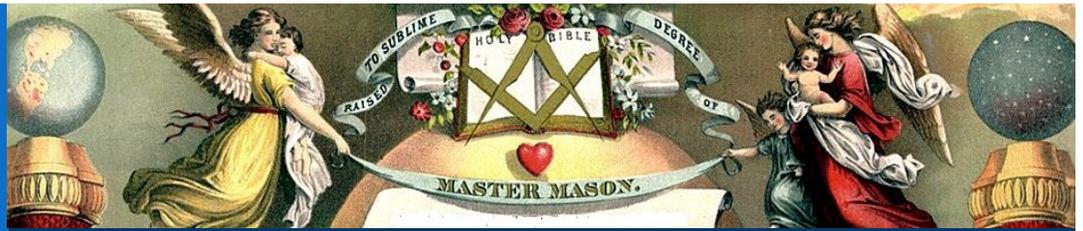
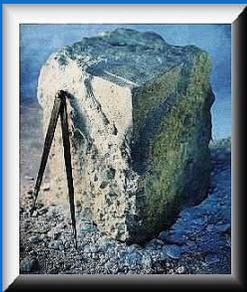
MASONIC DIST 93-A

4539 Brownfield Dr
Lubbock, TX
79410-1721

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 —
10/29



The Quarry: Our Esoteric Work By Bro. Coke Etgen

PREPARATION FOR INITIATION

Ideally, the candidate should find his way to the door of Freemasonry on his own. If a man senses the stirrings in his heart for a deeper understanding of life than that he has heretofore found, he will seek until he finds the Fraternity. This turning of the heart is really the beginning of his initiation. Therefore,

each candidate who comes seeking light is said to be first prepared in his heart.

While Freemasonry is not a religion, its ceremonies are of a serious nature, dignified in their presentation and impart teachings that, if properly understood, obligate a man to lead a better life. To get the greatest good from the ceremonies, a candidate should first prepare his mind to understand and absorb these teachings. The candidate should pay strict

attention to every part of the ceremony, in order that he may gain some understanding of the teachings of Freemasonry. The methods we use in teaching may be new and unusual to the candidate, but these methods have been used for many centuries and have not changed significantly since they originated. Finally, he should remember that every Mason in the Lodge room is his friend and brother.



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."

Blair Gable

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