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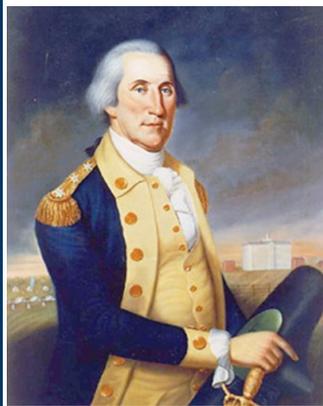
Whence Came You?



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George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation



Written by George Washington in 1789, this was the first official Presidential Proclamation made in the United States. Shortly after the Thanksgiving Proclamation was written, it was lost for 130 years. It was proba-

bly misplaced when the US Capitol moved from New York to Washington, D.C. It now resides in the Library of Congress. And it reads:

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving-

ing and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:" Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in ren-

Programs & Announcements



We will be having our Thanksgiving holiday dinner on Friday, November 14, 2014 at 7PM at the Scottish Rite Building, 1101 70th St, which will be an open meeting night in lieu of our stated meeting. Members are asked to bring a large covered dish. Turkey will

be provided by the Eastern Star. For a program, we will be showing *A Square, A Compass and a Star* which was presented at the sesquicentennial meeting of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1987 which is a theatrical presentation of the beginnings of the Grand Lodge of Texas. All local Masons, friends and their families are invited to attend.

Yellowhouse Lodge is sponsoring a Thanksgiving holiday dinner to be held at the Scottish Rite on Monday, November 17, at 6:00PM. FREE for all local masons and their families!

SHARE THE HOLIDAYS WITH YOUR BROTHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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



From the East—What is Your Lodge’s Mission & Goals? Worshipful Master Glenn Fant

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the Mission of Lubbock Lodge #1392 A.F. & A.M. to become the best Lodge in West Texas by maintaining the integrity of the Ritual, utilizing innovative technology & concepts and to educate and teach our members, providing a family-friendly environment, and becoming an active and well-respected part of our community.

STATED GOALS

The goals of Lubbock Lodge #1392, A.F. & A.M. are:

- * To create a welcoming, warm, and caring environment to promote interaction and friendship among the Brethren and their families;
- * To maintain the principles

of the Ritual and Traditions of the Craft while utilizing new methods and technologies, innovative masonic art, and to attract, involve, educate, entertain, develop, and retain men of good character;

* To become well-known and well-respected citizens of our community through charitable activities, programs to promote recognition of students, teachers, and community leaders, and volunteer work.

* To become a faithful Vanguard Award winning Lodge in the Lubbock area, widely known for its ritualistic work, philosophical studies, and philanthropy; one of the first Lodges that comes to

mind when a Brother is asked by a prospective candidate which Lodge he should petition.

Brethren, ask yourself, what I am I doing to help my Lodge’s Mission & Goals? If you are not currently attending Lodge every month, it would sure help to start coming and help do something. We should never have to fill an officer’s station with a visiting brother just to open Lodge. There should be members coming every month who are willing to serve on committee’s and support the Lodge’s Mission & Goals...where were you last month? Your Lodge deserves your support

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

W. Washington



From The West Senior Warden Kevin Rush

My column this month will be short as to allow the Worshipful Master room to outline the Mission and Goals of Lubbock Lodge.

As the holidays are now upon us, let us take time to begin to reflect on the year

coming to an end, give thanks to our friends and family for their love and support and most especially the Supreme Architect, our source for ALL of the many blessing in our lives.

Take time now to reflect and

rededicate yourselves in all areas of your life.

I look forward to seeing all of our brothers and their families in the upcoming holiday celebrations. Please don’t be a stranger!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



From the South — Freemasonry and Religion Junior Warden John Rosser

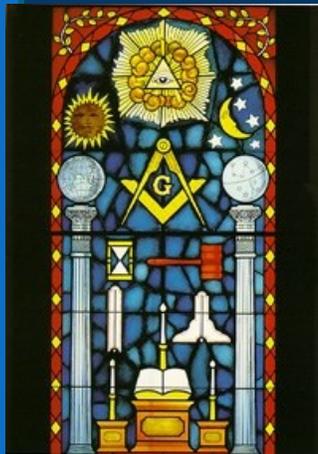
Freemasonry is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religion, and it does not allow religion to be discussed at its meetings.

Freemasonry’s essential qualification opens it to men of many religions, and it expects them to continue to follow their own faith. All Freema-

sons are required to profess and continue in a belief in a Supreme Being.

It has no theology, nor sacraments, and it does not claim to lead to or offers no answers on matters of salvation, as these are the preserve of churches. All Freemasons are encouraged to find answers to

such questions through their own faith, religion and church.



“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

The Constitution and Laws of the grand Lodge of Texas briefly enumerate the re-quired duties of the Secretary of the Lodge; but, as any good Secretary will agree, his duties go far beyond the limits of the Lodgeroom.

Because of some health issues with my wife, the dues notices have been delayed somewhat but will

be coming soon. There are many things coming up in the near future and dues happens to be one, that is near and dear to my heart and the lodge's financial needs.

Dues are due by the 31st of December 2014, for the next masonic year. This year the cost is \$55.00. If you decide to pay early, your are more than wel-

come to do so, or you can wait until I send out the Dues Notice's once I get the Dues Cards from Grand Lodge.



From the Senior Deacon Charles Straub
Visiting Brothers & Prospects

Brethren,
Our October stated meeting opened on the Entered Apprentice degree with two E. A.'s and twelve members present. In addition, we were most pleased to have six visitors there. They were Gary Armstrong and Rod Armstrong of Mackenzie #1327 and W. M. David Mead, Bob Clemmons and

Roland Pirtle from Yellow-house #841. We also welcomed Tom Horn, visiting us all the way from West Point, NY #877.

We appreciated another opportunity to represent Lubbock Lodge at the gun and knife show held at the Lubbock Civic Center on October 25th & 26th. Many

thanks goes out to those responsible for allowing us to be there, as well as to those who worked our booth.

We hope to see you at the November stated meeting on the 14th. You can look forward to a good meal and great fellowship!

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

Since November is the month that is usually know for Thanksgiving I thought it would only proper to have a prayer for all that we are thankful for. Always remember that there are for worse off that you are and to be grateful for what you do have. Don't forget that November 11th is veterans day, shake their hands and

let them know we care and love them even if we do not agree as to some of the reasons they fight for. Thanks. A Thanksgiving Prayer Oh, Lord, now this we're thankful for:
The good things life has held in store; The love of those within our home, And friends to greet wherever we roam; The health and

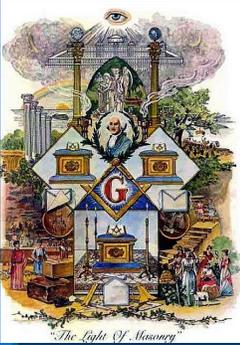
strength wherewith to toil, The bounteous food from freedom's soil; We thank Thee for the right to pray And worship Thee in our own way; To live within a land that's free; For this, dear Lord, our thanks to Thee; And through these blessings, one by one, May Thy will, Lord, on earth be done!



Upcoming Menu for November

Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner with roast turkey and covered dishes from members.

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dering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been able to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

General Thanksgiving.
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, A PROCLAMATION.
WHEREAS it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God--to obey his will--to be grateful for his benefits--and humbly to implore his protection and favour: And whereas both Houses have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States, a DAY of PUBLICK THANKSGIVING and PRAYER, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favours of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A.D. 1789.

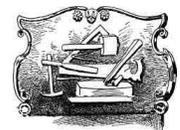
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Whence Came You?

Did you know that there is an internet radio / podcast program called "Whence Came You?" This is a podcast which is for Freemasons and anyone who wants to know more about Freemasonry. Hosted by Robert Johnson, a member of several appendant bodies within Freemasonry. The show features a weekly episode where Masonic papers are read and discussed, famous Freemasons are explored and Masonic news is shared. Freemasonry for today.

Find out more about The Midnight Freemasons by visiting www.midnightfreemasons.org



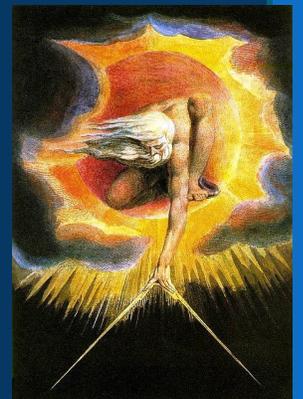
Lubbock 1392 in Action—November 2014



One of the newest members of the Lubbock Scottish Rite is Kevin Rush, 32° who had the privilege of receiving his cap from none other than Bob Clemmons, 33° who is also a 50 year member of the Rite.



Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way!
- Native American Saying



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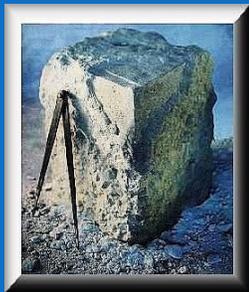
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Second Friday of each
month, 7:30 p.m.
Meal: 6:30pm

Floor School:
Every Tuesday @ 7p.m.

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Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth

This Month's Sickness & Distress



**Mary Ann Hendrick, wife of secretary and DDGM
Jerry Hendrick**



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

Justin Robbins	11/1
Norvell O'Brien	11/19
Anthony Rumpel	11/22



The Quarry: Our Esoteric Work By Bro. Coke Etgen

FREEMASONRY'S ATTITUDE TO POLITICS AND RELIGION

In Masonry are certain basic rules and principles called Landmarks, which cannot be changed or repealed by any Mason, Lodge or Grand Lodge. These Landmarks are an expression of that which belongs to Masonry's identity; if they were cancelled out Masonry would cease to be Masonry.

One of the most important of

all these Landmarks is that which forbids us to participate, as Masons, in any form of religious or political sectarianism. We cannot question a candidate as to his peculiar beliefs in religion or politics; we cannot discuss such matters in any of our assemblies; and we cannot take any kind of public action with regard to them in the name of the Craft. A candidate must pledge himself to a belief in God and to a belief in immortality, and he must reverence the Holy Bible or the Book of his faith as a rule and guide for his life. The doctrinal interpretation he may place on these beliefs must, however, be left entirely to him.

He must pledge himself to good citizenship, but his choice of a political party through which he works for the realization of his ideal of citizenship must be left entirely to him. The Fraternity's attitude toward all such sectarianism is more than a negative one. It goes farther than merely to say "Hands off." It is rather a positive one, for it definitely prohibits all Masons from sectarian controversies in all forms. Such controversies are unmasonic that is, they are an outright violation of written Masonic law, and subject a member to severe discipline.

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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