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**THE NUMBER 3 by Bro. Bob Clemmons**

In our haste and excitement through the first three degrees, we need to pause a while and look back at the manual of the lodge for more knowledge and information. As we peruse the manual in the Entered Apprentice Degree, it is amazing how many times the number three occurred. The three principle supports or columns of the lodge are named Wisdom, Strength and Beauty.

The covering of the symbolic lodge is the starry decked heavens where all Masons hope to arrive by the aid of Jacob's ladder of which the three principle rungs of the ladder are called Faith, Hope and Charity).

The furniture of the lodge is also three, the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses.

The symbolic lights (also three) and are situated in the East, West and South. The three ornaments of the lodge are the Mosaic Pavement, the Indented Tessel and the Blazing Star.

The jewels of the lodge are three movable and three immovable, The three immovable jewels are the Square, Level and Plumb. These three jewels are said to be fixed jewels and represent the three principle officers of the lodge. The Square is situated in the East and represents the Master of the lodge, the Level is situated in the

West and represents the Senior Warden while the Plumb is situated in the South and represents the Junior Warden. In some European countries these are called movable jewels because the officers change positions every year.

The movable jewels are the Rough Ashlar, Perfect Ashlar and the Trestle Board. The Rough Ashlar is the builder's stone in its rough state when taken from the quarry while the Perfect Ashlar has been cut squared and fitted for the building.

In Speculative Masonry, the Rough Ashlar is the initiate in his early stages of his masonic career. As he in-

**Programs & Announcements**



Don't forget your taxes are due Wednesday, April 15!

Saturday, April, 25 and Sunday April 26 we will

be back with a table at the Silver Spur Gun Show at the Civic Center. All members wishing to work the booth

let us know at the April stated meeting.

To support our scholarship program, we are raffling off a Leupold rifle scope. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. We will have these at the gun show as well.

Be thinking how you want to contribute to your lodge next

year by participating as an officer. We need all of our members to get involved and work to make each year a little better than the last one.



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



### From the East— Lodge Leadership Worshipful Master Glenn Fant

Brethren, Your Lodge will be electing new leadership in the near future and it's time for you to seriously think about your Lodge's future. Below are some good quotes for thought:

"Your job gives you authority; your behavior gives you respect" - Irwin Federman.  
 "Pull the string, and it will follow wherever you wish. Push it, and it will go nowhere at all." - Dwight Eisenhower  
 "A good leader is not the person who does things right, but the person who finds the right

things to do." - Anthony T. Dadovano  
 "Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new" - Albert Einstein  
 "Obstacles are those frightful things that you see when you take your eyes off your goal" - Henry Ford  
 "Even if I don't reach all my goals, I've gone higher than I would have if I hadn't set any." - Danielle Fotopoulos  
 "The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the

mind at the same time, and still retain the ability to function" - F. Scott Fitzgerald  
 "A real leader faces the music, even when he doesn't like the tune." - Anonymous  
 "Leadership has a harder job to do than just choose sides. It must bring sides together." - Jesse Jackson  
 "If you are going to choose sides, choose the side that makes you keep faith with the past, keep step with the present, and keep your promises to the Fraternity of Brotherly Love." - Glenn Fant

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

*Washington*



### From the West—An Honor to be a Mason Senior Warden Kevin Rush

I was speaking with one of our coordinators at work the other day and she mentioned that both of her grandfathers were masons. "It was an honor to be a Mason!" and she went on to tell me more of her family. I thought, "Well, it still is." She said, "You just don't hear of them anymore."

Freemasonry is a great institution -- giving away nearly

\$2.0 million each day.  
 Freemasonry is older than recorded history, and has over two million followers in North America alone. We have contributed to the establishment and growth of our nation. Without Freemasonry it is doubtful there would have been a United States of America. We have brought peace and happiness to count-

less millions, yet stands virtually unknown, unrecognized and unappreciated by many, even by SOME of our own members. A new year is around the corner. Let's get back to our roots. Let's let our community know we are still around, doing what we have always done and welcome those who wish to be a part of it.



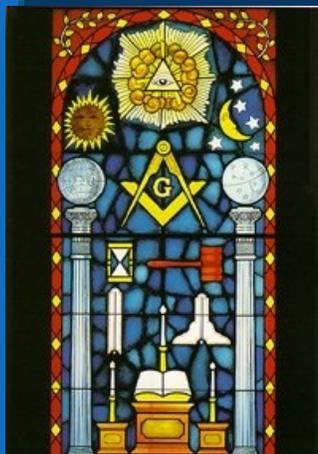
### From the South Junior Warden John Rosser

What is a Crime of Moral Turpitude?

Moral turpitude is the terms for a legal idea meaning "conduct that is considered contrary to community standards of justice, honesty or good morals." The concept of moral turpitude can be used to identify or describe certain crimes that involve an "act of baseness, vileness or depravity in the private and social duties which a man owes to

his fellowmen, or to society in general, contrary to the accepted and customary rule of right and duty between man and man." Stated by Robert L Keates, Criminal Defense Attorney - Austin, TX  
 Also found in West's Encyclopedia of American Law, edition 2: Crimes involving moral turpitude have an inherent quality of baseness, vileness, or depravity with respect to a person's duty to another or to society in general. Examples

include rape, forgery, robbery, and solicitation by prostitutes. The existence of moral turpitude can bring a more severe criminal charge or penalty for a criminal defendant. As stated by Gerald N Hill and Kathleen T Hill.



*"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*

Make plans now for the Grand Master's Conference - Saturday, May 2, Noon—3PM, Lubbock Scottish Rite, 1101 70th St, Lubbock 79412. This conference will be open to ALL masons, including EA's & Fellowcrafts and their ladies. For more information contact Ronnie Kinney, 806-747-3268.

What is the "Charge" in Masonry? The Charge is

an address summarizing duties. At the conclusion of each degree the candidate is called to the East, solemnly reminded of his new responsibilities, and is "charged" or exhorted, to discharge them in a creditable manner.

Incidentally, the three Charges are perhaps the oldest portions of our ritual. They have come to us

abridged somewhat but in the original phraseology, from Preston's "Illustrations of Masonry of 1772" The three Charges may be found in the Texas Monitor.

DUES, DUES, DUES, are due !!!!!!!!!!!



### From the Senior Deacon Charles Straub *Visiting Brothers & Prospects*



At our March 13th stated meeting, we had 16 members present. We were pleased to have several visitors attending, as well. They were

Bob Clemmons and Rolan Pirtle of Yellowhouse #841, Rod Armstrong of Mackenzie #1327, Bob Chesser of Daylight #1443, and Ste-

phen Polley of #199 Chattanooga, TN.

As Brother Stephen became a member of Lubbock Lodge, I will happily be relieved of the duty of having to write such a lengthy word as "Chattanooga!" He attended our meetings often as a visitor, and now we proudly welcome him as a member.

In addition, Francis Gaal was

raised a Master Mason in March. Be sure to congratulate him the next time you cross his trade.



*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*

April 2015 is tax month so make sure all of your taxes are done so you will not be penalized.

April showers brings May flowers so hopefully we will get some rain just enough that we don't have to water our yards.

This month I will not be able to attend stated meet-

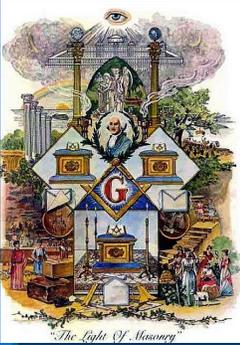
ing but with the help of our brethren you will have a meal to consist of "make your own sandwich. Please enjoy.



**Upcoming Menu for April:**

- Menu:**
- Cold cuts
- Lettuce, tomato, onins
- Asst breads
- Tea
- Cookies
- Chips

## THE NUMBER 3 - con't Hidden Lessons From Ritual Work The Gavels of Freemasonry



creases his knowledge or intellect, he comes closer to the Perfect Ashlar As one knows we will never reach the goal of Perfect Ashlar.

The Trestle Board is the plans drawn up by the MASTER by which the craft should pursue their labors, but in Speculative Masonry, the mason should construct his earthly tabernacle by following the plans in his book of faith.

Lightfoots' Manual of the Lodge

Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

### Hidden Lessons From Ritual Work

So many times we seem to look at Ritual Work as not being that important, and that it doesn't have to be done that well. We feel that just need to have more Masons for our Lodges. If we fail to share the teachings properly, who do you think loses?

I would like to have you think back to that first night, it could of been a warm or cool night, that we all share. That night we were so apprehensive , or for the sake of better words, confused as to what was going to happen. Those first words you heard said at the Lodge door, asking questions and wanting answers of you, and how you were treated was only the start of your Masonic life. That life that leads most of us on a continuous journey of Masonic travel the rest of our lives.

For some of us, who had to memorize the Degree and Obligations, we share something that no one else can understand. This task of learning them, that we choose to do, and we did. This struggle teaches us what we all can do with hard work and a true desire to accomplish things.

So many times I have listened to the lectures, and still I find them as interesting as the first time I heard them. Every time I hear them, I find a new perspective that I have missed before. I fear for those that do not choose to listen to them in this way, as they will never find the lessons that are taught there in Masonry.

And as for those that give those grand lectures, they learn as well. They learn how it feels to give that perfect lecture and also when they don't get it perfectly right! Most of the time just stopping for a moment to think or to taking a breath. I think we can all learn hidden lessons here too. How we should overlook everyone's little mistakes that we all make in life. Also to remember sometimes the best intentions go wrong by accident.

"Value Your Word"  
For What Worth Hath a Liar!

Source: Bro. Micheal Mayer  
<http://www.myfreemasonry.com>

### The Gavels of Freemasonry

Freemasons have two Gavels. One is the Master's Gavel, symbol of authority that must be

wisely used to preserve harmony within the Lodge. The other is the Working Tool of the Entered Apprentice.

In either sense the Gavel is of ancient origin and honourable history. As a symbol of authority, the gavel always has ruled deliberative assemblies. From the gathering of a neighborhood sewing club, to legislatures, supreme courts, presidents and monarchs. The gavel brings order and obedience.

Handing the gavel to another transfers, for the time, the authority of the one who originally held it. A Master of a Lodge is an autocrat while in possession of his Gavel. The Grand Master does not actually take over a Lodge until the Master yields his Gavel.

Our other Gavel, that of the Entered Apprentice, is for the workmen to employ in their labours. It approaches in importance the Gavel of authority. In one sense it is as important as the other Gavel, for no Master may open a Lodge unless the workmen are present. He cannot preside and supervise the work unless the workmen are at their labours. He cannot be successful in his conduct of the Lodge and his supervision of the work unless the workmen are co-operative. Even as autocratic as his power may be he can not drive them to their labours. In either case the Gavel must always be wisely used and in the best interest of the lodge.

Source: 3-5-7 Minute Talks on Freemasonry by Elbert Bede.



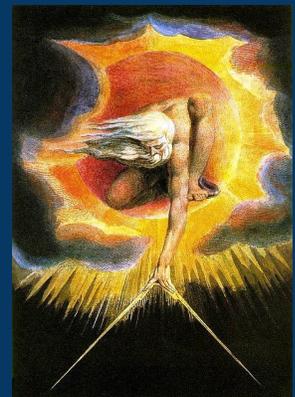
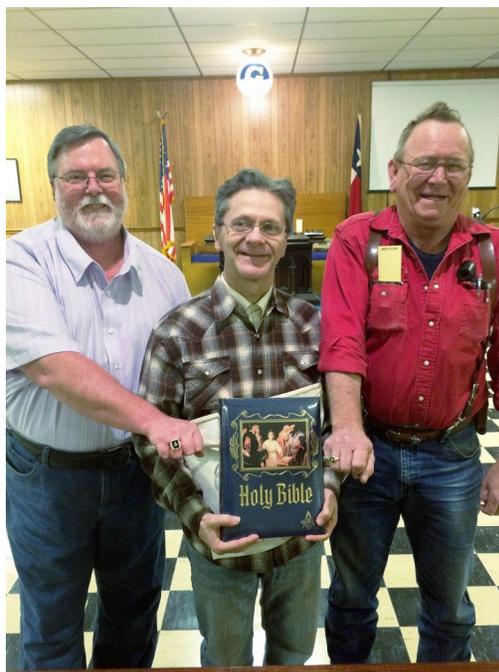
### Lubbock 1392 in Action



As part of our celebration last month of Public Schools week in Texas, WM Glenn Fant is presenting apples to principal Drue Coleman of Maedgen Elementary School to share with her faculty. (Yes, there were more than just the one bag)

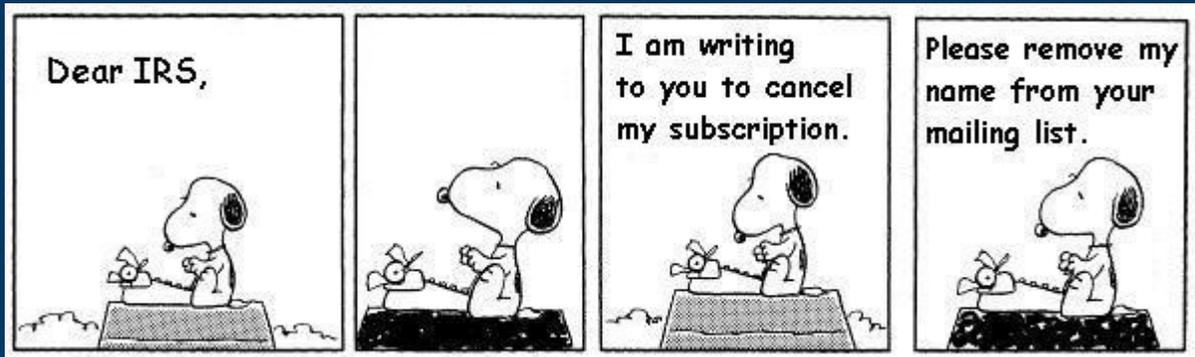


Our newest Master Masons, (l to r) Harold Loveless, Francis Gaal, and Bruce Williamson



### April 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Hilltop Mtg 7PM Lubbock Lodge	31 Lubbock Floor Practice Wolforth Fren- ship Stated Meet- ing	1	2	3 Yellowhouse Stated Meeting	4
5	6	7 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 INCOME TAXES DUE	16 Slaton Lodge Stated Meeting	17	18 Daylight Stated Meeting
19	20 Crosbyton Lodge Stated Meeting	21 Mackenzie Stated Meeting Lubbock Floor Practice	22	23	24	25 Gun Show
26 Gun Show	27	28 Lubbock Floor Practice	29 Scottish Rite Stated Meeting	30	1	2



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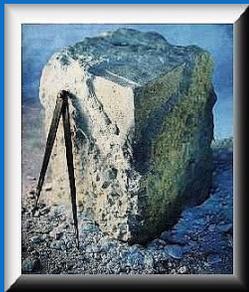
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Meetings:  
Second Friday of each  
month, 7:30 p.m.  
Meal: 6:30pm

Floor School:  
Every Tuesday @ 7p.m.

[lubbockmasoniclodge.org](http://lubbockmasoniclodge.org)



**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

James Owens 4/1  
Glenn Fant 4/17

## The Quarry: Our Esoteric Work By Bro. Coke Etgen

THE LION OF THE TRIBE  
OF JUDAH

The lion has always been the symbol of might and royalty. It was the sign of the Tribe of Judah, because this was the royal tribe of the Hebrew Nation. All Kings of Judah were, therefore, called the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah." This was also one of the titles of King Solomon. This was the literal meaning.



The lion, being such a majestic animal, has long been considered the "king" of beasts; associated with the

sun because of its mane. Its likeness is commonly found on the thrones and palaces of rulers. The Mithraic god Aion had a human body with a lion's head.

"Online Masonic Education Course".



*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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