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Being A Lodge Officer Is More Than Just A Title

By Todd Creason, 33°

(Ed. Note—Since election are around the corner, we thought it would be good to reprint this from previous years)

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 fam-

Programs & Announcements



The Grand Master's conference, was Saturday at the Scottish Rite. We had a strong showing with 10 present to meet some of the requirements for the Vanguard award. Be sure and make the

next stated meeting for a full report.

And, you don't want to miss the next stated meeting as we are honoring our past masters with our annual dinner in their honor before the meeting.

Saturday, May 23 is the day for Yellowhouse Lodge's 3rd Annual Cook-off. If you didn't make it last year, you missed

some really good food. John Rosser came in 2nd with his entry. Unfortunately, he cant compete this year so we need someone to step up for Lubbock Lodge!

If you are looking for something Masonic to do in the month of May, you're in luck! Check the calendar on Page



From the East—Responsibility
Worshipful Master Glenn Fant

Man is still responsible. He must turn the alloy of modern experience into the steel of mastery and character. His success lies not with the stars but with himself.

He must carry on the fight of self-correction and discipline. He must fight mediocrity as sin and live against the imperative of life's highest ideal. ~Frank Curtis Williams~

And such is masonry, a fight of self-correction and disci-

pline. Some have lost the desire to improve and self-correct. Life's burden to just carry on the family traditions and make a living is such a tedious journey, that we sometimes feel we can't even maintain the family bond anymore. Please don't give up, keep up the fight and carry on the best you can. Remember your family always comes first, look to your Father for strength & wisdom. Pray often and seek encouragement from God's

Word. Your Faith will give you the strength to overcome anything if your heart is right with God.

I want to thank all the officers and instructors of Lubbock Lodge for all the hard work and personal sacrifices you have made in the name of Masonry this year. Your kindness has been a blessing and a gift I will never forget.

Glenn

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

Washington



A Message From the West—Food for Thought
Senior Warden Kevin Rush

"The one thing we all have in common as Master Masons: we each knelt at an Altar, hands on the Bible, and before GOD, solemnly obligated ourselves to one another which binds (OBLIGATES) us to do certain things from a sense of duty and honor - that 'mystic tie that binds'.

We need to be our Brother's Keeper and check on and care about the well-being of each other. We need to get our

Masonry in order - sharing the wonderful lessons of our Degrees, being generous, being humble, and the ever on-going Mason's quest for "Truth!" John W. McNaughton, 33°.

The new Masonic year is around the corner and with it new challenges and opportunities for growth, enrichment and FUN! Uncertainties lay ahead but one thing is certain: with your involvement we

can and will deal with them.

Let's look to our Masonic values to find our strength, for each challenge ahead, we are provided a new opportunity to discover new dimensions of our craft and each other..

If you haven't seen you for a while, get up come see us! We all want to see old friends and Brethren, and to reestablish our bonds of fellowship.



From the South
Junior Warden John Rosser

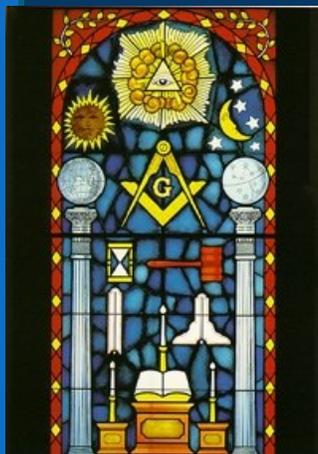
Title IV DEGREES
Chapter 1 – Title IV Candidates

Art. 393. Qualifications. A candidate for the degrees of Masonry must be free-born, sound in mind, of good moral character, a full eighteen years of age on or before the day his petition is received by the Lodge, and without maim

or defect which will render him incapable of earning his own living or receiving and imparting, Masonically, all that is required by the ritual of the several degrees.

Art. 401. Physical Defects. When a Lodge discovers that a candidate for the degrees has a physical maim or defect it must, before proceeding further,

make a full and complete report thereof to the Grand Master for his decision, and no degree shall be conferred on the candidate until authorized by the Grand Master. In case of maim or defect form No. 27 must be used.





From the Secretary Jerry Hendrick
Taking Care of Business

"What is a "Cowan" ? an "Eavesdropper" ?

"Cowan" is old Scottish word meaning an ignorant Mason who puts stones together without mortar, or piles rough stone from the field into a wall without working them square true. He is a Mason without the Word: the apprentice who tries to masquerade as a Master. The eavesdropper

in ancient times was the would-be thief of secrets who listened under the eaves of houses (there was often a space between wall and roof, for the purpose of ventilation). Because to hear he had to get close to the wall under the eaves, he received the droppings from the roof if it rained-hence, the eavesdropper. In modern times the eavesdropper is that bold man who forges

a good standing card, or finds one and masquerades as its owner; the man who has read a so-called "expose" of Masonry and tries to get into a Lodge in order to ask for charity or help.



From the Senior Deacon Charles Straub
Visiting Brothers & Prospects

Brethren,

On Friday April 10th, a short stated meeting according to Lubbock Lodge recent standards was held, with eighteen members present. Also attending were four guests. They were Bob Clemmons and Larry Burks, both Yellowhouse Lodge Past Masters,

as well as Kevin Johnston and WM Joe Fondy of Slaton Lodge #1094.

Larry Burks spoke of Yellowhouse's upcoming cook off and Joe Fondy promoted Slaton Lodge's May 1st Centennial celebration.

Ya'll come on out to see us, the second Friday of

each month!



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

May is our annual past master month. Where we celebrate our past and present masters of the lodge. Come out and help us say thank you to those who have made Lubbock Lodge a success.

Wah your hands! Menu will consist of an assortment of finger foods.

I hope to see everyone there !



Upcoming Menu for May:

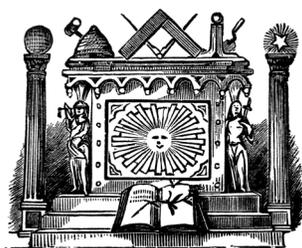
- Lil smokies**
- Meatballs**
- Pork pot stickers**
- Spanakopita**
- Fresh fruit platter.**



ily life makes it difficult to attend, then don't take on the additional responsibility of being an officer in your lodge.



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.

Source: Todd E. Creason, 33°

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Leupold Scope Raffle By John Rosser, JW

Leupold Rifle Scope Raffle
My thanks goes out to all those involved in our first raffle here at Lubbock Lodge. Several folks bought tickets who do not even own a rifle. They bought tickets in support of our Scholarship Fund.

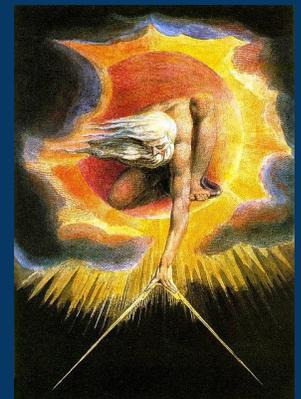
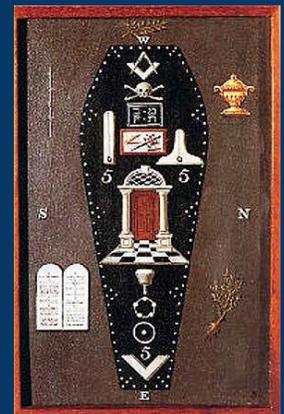
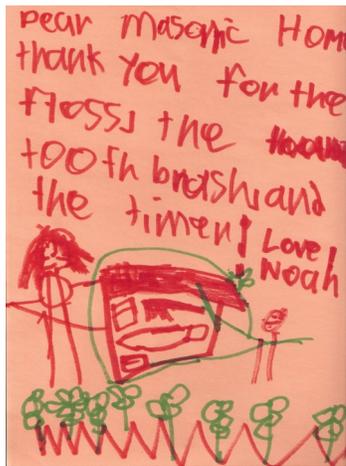
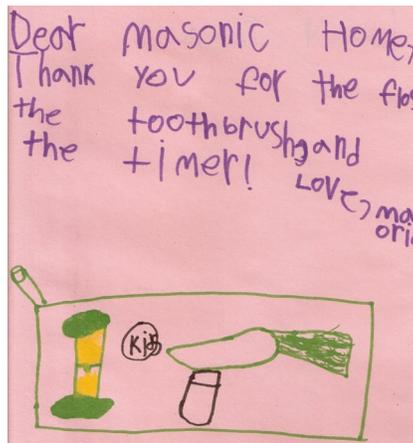
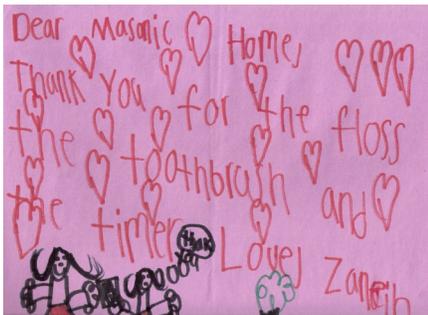
The raffle was a big success and our winner was PM Tim Spence of Shallowater Lodge. He is now with Mackenzie Lodge #1327. Congratulations Tim.

Lubbock 1392 in Action



Memorial Day
Never Forget
Ever Honor

Here are some letters of appreciation from the students at Maedgen Elementary School for their Fantastic Teeth Club dental kits:



You can see more thank you notes at:
<http://lubbockmasoniclodge.org/news/fantastic-teeth-2015>

May 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 Lubbock Floor Practice	29 Scottish Rite Stated Meeting	30	1 Yellowhouse Stated Meeting Slaton Lodge 100 Anniversary	2 Grand Masters's Conference 1-5 Lubbock Scottish Rite
3	4	5 Wolfforth stated Meeting Lubbock Floor Practice	6	7	8 Lubbock Stated Meeting Lubbock Scottish Rite Reunion	9 Lubbock Scottish Rite Reunion
10	11 York Rite— Commandery Emma Lodge Stated Meeting	12 Lubbock Floor Practice	13	14 Abernathy Stated Meeting York Rite— Council Stated Meeting	15	16 Daylight Stated Meeting York Rite Col- lege Meeting
17	18 Crosbyton Lodge Stated Meeting	19 Mackenzie Stated Meeting Lubbock Floor Practice	20	21 Slaton Lodge Stated Meeting	22	23 Memorial Week- end Yellowhouse BBQ Cookoff
24 Memorial Week- end	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26 Lubbock Floor Practice	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5 Yellowhouse Stated Meeting	6



"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles with it."

Wisdom. Churchill

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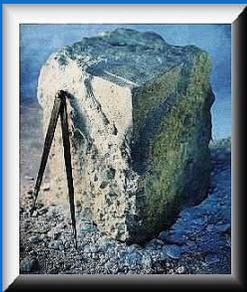
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Meetings:
Second Friday of each
month, 7:30 p.m.
Meal: 6:30pm

Floor School:
Every Tuesday @ 7p.m.

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Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth

This Month's Sickness & Distress



Dewain Collins



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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