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### This Month's Feature Stories

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- **The Level and The Square**
- **The Dog Days of Summer**
- **Ten Reasons to Become a Mason**

**HAPPY 3<sup>rd</sup> BIRTHDAY to us!**



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## The Level and The Square

This month's feature was provided by our Senior Warden John Rosser

This poem, written by Rob Morris in August 1854, is the most popular of the series. Fifteen Musical compositions have been set to it, and either as song or declamation it has gone the rounds of the Masonic world.

We meet upon the level and we part upon the square  
These words have precious meaning and are practiced everywhere

Come let us contemplate them, they are worthy of a thought  
From the ancient times of Masonry these symbols have been taught

We meet upon the level, every country, sect and creed  
The rich man from his mansion, the poor man from the field

For wealth is not considered within our outer door  
And we all meet on the level upon the checkered floor.

We act upon the Plumb the Junior Warden states  
We walk upright throughout our lives, we seek the pearly gates

The All-seeing Eye that reads our hearts doth bear us witness true

That we shall try to honor God and give each man his due  
We part upon the square as all good Masons do

We mingle with the multitude a faithful band and true  
So the brotherhood of Masonry from every corner come  
To meet upon the level and act upon the plumb.

There's a world where all are equal we're coming to it fast  
We shall meet upon the level there when the days on earth

are past  
We shall stand before the altar and our Master will be there  
To try the blocks we offer with his own unerring square

We shall meet upon the level there but never thence depart  
There's a Mansion---'tis all ready for each trusting, faithful heart

There's a Mansion and a welcome and a multitude is there  
Who have met upon the level and been tried upon the square.

Let us meet upon the level then while these earthly ties we share

And just hope we're there to answer when the roll is called up there

As we travel through our lifespan time aids us prepare  
To gather up our working tools and part upon the square  
So remember all our teachings, that bright fraternal chain

## Programs & Announcements



We are busy this month!

September 11, 2015 is our stated meeting night and

there will be much going on. The program for the night will be open to all including

friends and family. You don't want to miss this stated meeting.

We are reading at least 2 petitions as well.

Reminder—Certificate exams October 17 at Wolf-orth. Registration at 8:00AM.

We have had some very

productive floor practices lately. We are working on the Fellowcraft Degree conferral the next few Tuesdays. Come join us!



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



## A Message From the East

*Worshipful Master Kevin Rush*

As we are about to say goodbye to summer, I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break.

It looks like we may be on the verge of a few anxious and ambitious candidates and brethren ready for initiation and advancement which speaks well for the Lodge

We had very successful Hilltop meeting except . . . it seems that nobody has any pictures for the newsletter.

The topic of conversation at

our next meeting will be the future of Lubbock Lodge. We will be discussing ways to get even more involved in our community, reviewing the budget and discussing the possibility of a dues increase.

We will be taking our stated meeting agenda a little out of order this month and I am pleased to have our program open to all. Please feel free to bring your families and friends. I hope that we can call off around 8PM and that we will have great turn out

Friday, September 11. We will likely resume labor after the program to finish business.

Brothers please check your dues cards, if you do not have 2015 dues card, then something needs attention. Please contact Brother Secretary ASAP with any concerns or questions.



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

*Washington*



## From the West—

*Senior Warden John Rosser*

From our Monitor:

Every candidate for the Mysteries of Masonry, at the proper time and in an appropriate manner, should be taught the truth that the rite of Initiation means much more than a formal ceremonial progress through the Degrees. In fact one may receive the entire work, conferred under the most favorable circumstances, and by competent officers, and

yet not perceive the true Masonic light, which the symbols and allegories are designed to conceal, as well as to reveal. Initiation is to be attained only after real labor, deep study, profound meditation, extensive research and a constant practice of those virtues which will open a true path to moral, intellectual, and spiritual illumination.

Masonry does not expound the

truths concealed in her emblems. It displays the symbol and may give a hint here and there concerning some characteristic of its several meanings, but it must remain for the Neophyte to search out for himself its more hidden significations.



## From the South -

*Junior Warden Charles Straub*

Brethren,

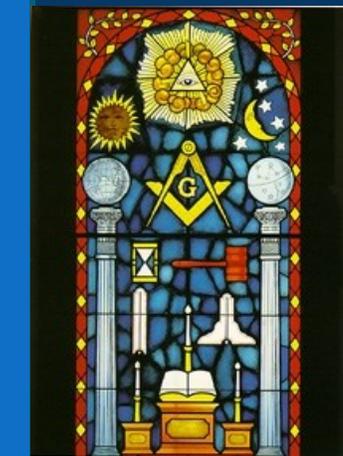
Now that summer is drawing to a close, some of you may have more time to visit other lodges and we always encourage you to do so. Members must be in good standing with their own lodge in order to visit another, therefore I'll share the following information from the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

According to Article 380: Upon notification to the Worshipful Master, and at his

discretion, a member of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge may visit any Texas Masonic Lodge working under this jurisdiction without the avouchment and or examination process providing that he is in good standing and presents a receipt from his Lodge showing that his dues are current at the time of said visitation along with a photo identification; except in cases provided for in Art. 382. Sojourning Masons from other jurisdictions must possess a

current dues card and shall be vouched for or examined in accordance with Art. 381.

So... if you have a current Texas dues card, please come and see us!



*"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."*

*Benj. Franklin*



**From the Secretary Jerry Hendrick**  
*Taking Care of Business*

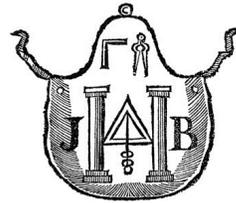
It's that time of year again. Dues notices will be going out soon. Dues are currently \$55. but may go up for the 2016 year depending upon discussions at the next stated meeting.

**Yes!! Real men wear Aprons!**

Yes, it's true: Grown men wearing a little rectangular aprons are de rigueur fashion for the properly dressed Freemason. The aprons are

symbolic of those worn by ancient stonemasons to protect their clothing and to carry their tools. Although aprons worn by many Masons are made of simple white cloth, they're traditionally supposed to be made of white lambskin, as an emblem of innocence. Some Masonic aprons are very ornate. They may be decorated to denote and officer's position, a place of honor such as a former Master of a

Lodge, or just simply a cool design. The Mason's apron is the first gift given to him upon his initiation into the lodge, and it is to be kept clean and spotless throughout the Mason's life as a symbol of the purity of his



**From the Senior Deacon Stephen Polley**  
*Visiting Brothers & Prospects*

Brethren, On Friday, August 14th, 2015, Lubbock Lodge #1392 held its stated meeting at 7:30pm. We were honored to have DDGM 93A Bob Lindley made his official visit to our lodge. We were also grateful to all of our honored guests as we heard the Grand Communication. Those visiting were as follows: DDGM 93B Garland Timms; Bob Clemmons, PM ; Rolen Pirtle,

JW Yellowhouse Lodge #841; Dan Redman, PM all of Yellowhouse Lodge #841; Rod Armstrong, PM; Gary Armstrong, PM, Mackenzie Lodge #1327; and Bob Chesser, PM, Daylight Lodge #1443.

We also conferred an EA degree on August 18, 2015 with new Master Mason Jason Jones from Alvin, Texas visiting.

As always, we enjoy having our visiting brethren join us on and encourage you all to visit when you are able. You always have a place at Lubbock Lodge.



*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*

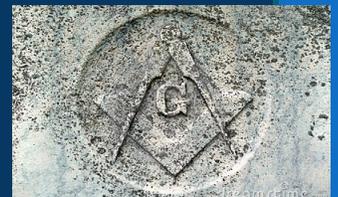
**Masons enjoy each other's company.**

Can't believe we are already in September, the holidays are just around the corner. Please count all of your blessing and keep all of the less fortunate in

your prayers.

It's good to spend time with people you can trust completely, and most Masons find that in their lodge. While much of lodge activity is spent in works of charity or in lessons in self-development, much is also spent in fellowship. Masons should do more to

help the community and each other. Simply put, a lodge is a place to spend time with friends.



**Upcoming Menu for September**

- Swedish meatballs
- Noodles
- Roasted kernel corn
- Asst deserts



## The Level and The Square The Dog Days of Summer

We part upon the square below to meet in heaven again  
These words have precious meaning and are practiced everywhere  
We meet upon the level and we part upon the square.



### The Dog Days of Summer by Brother Bob Clemmons 33°

As the dog days of summer begin to wane, one might ask: what are the dog days of summer? I had heard this phrase many years ago, but never knew what it meant. I pictured an old hound dog lying in the shade of the front porch or a dog lolling the breeze way of a dog run house. (If you do not know what a dog run house is, ask one of us old timers.)



The Dog Days of Summer comes from astronomy. The ancient Persians, Greeks and Romans acknowledged this time of summer. The term Dog Days comes from Canis Major constellation, the Big Dog in the sky or the star Sirius.

Ancient peoples believed that the hotter temperatures of summer coincided with the convergence of Sirius and the Sun. The word Sirius means a scourge, which describes the effects of this hottest time of the year. The days of the Dog Days usually begins in early July and continues for approximately forty days into late August or early September.



### Ten Reasons to Become a Mason

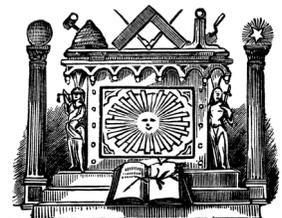


1. A place where you can confidently trust every person and trust your family with them also.
2. A place where, within moral and civil guidelines; free thought, free speaking and the spiritual growth of man, can grow into its fullest potential.
3. A place to meet outstanding individuals from all walks of life, that a person would not

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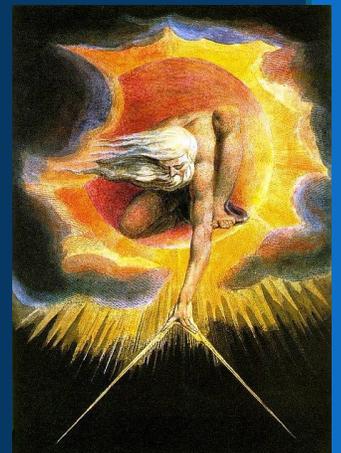
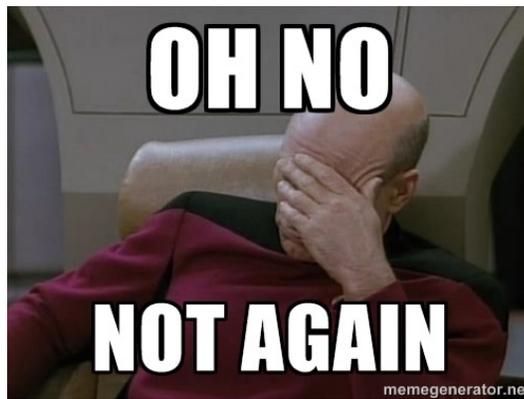
4. A place to be part of an organization which has for its principal tenets – Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.
5. A place that provides self-development opportunities, leadership training and experience, and to improve public speaking skills.
6. A place you can go to seek support as well as give it.
7. A place where moral virtues are taught and through these teachings a regular reinforcement of the moral virtues is experienced.
8. A place to spend time with a group of brothers, who by acting as good men, make me want to become a better man. Not better than others, but better than I would have otherwise been.
9. A place to become better equipped to serve Church and community.
10. A place to meet with established members of the community and to become a part of the community.

Source: PGM Jack Butler and MyFreemasonry.net



Lubbock 1392 in Action

It's our newsletter's  
THIRD BIRTHDAY!



# September 2015 Calendar



Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392  
Masonic Calendar

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

# 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.

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



**Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth**

## This Month's Sickness & Distress



Roland "Mutt" Martin  
PGM Jimmy Willson  
PGM Elmer Murphy  
Family of Brother James H. "Red" Duke, MD



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

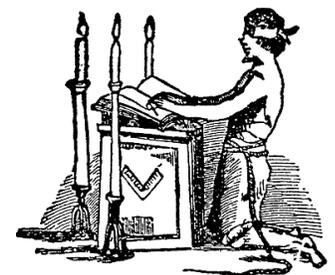
Bobby Day - 9/5  
Elmer "Coke" Etgen - 9/7  
Henry Housour - 9/10  
Bobby Cook - 9/11  
Coy Cooper - 9/17

Joe Sanders - 9/17  
Ata Sagnak - 9/25  
Richard Bruns - 9/25  
Dewain Collins - 9/30

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

### Why do we Require an Obligation?

The Obligation is the heart of the Degree; for when it is assumed by the candidate, he has solemnly bound himself to Freemasonry and assumed certain duties, which are his for the rest of his life. The taking of the Obligation is visible and audible evidence of the candidate's sincerity of purpose. The Obligation has a two-fold purpose. In addition to binding the candidate to Freemasonry and its duties, it also protects the



Fraternity against someone revealing the modes of recognition and symbolic instruction. The candidate should understand that the great truths, which Masonry teaches are not secret, but the manner in which Freemasonry teaches these truths is considered secret.

*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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