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Passing of Jimmy Willson, Past Grand Master



James M. Willson, Jr. laid down his working tools on April 9, 2016.

Jimmy was born Nov. 30, 1921 in Hale Center,

Texas. His first love was work on behalf of Freemasonry and its charities. Jimmy served as Grandmaster of Texas Masons as well as an officer in four national masonic organizations, including as Grand Treasurer for the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, and as Past Supreme Magus of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis between 1995 and 1998.

Here is a thumbnail sketch of PGM Jimmy Willson's Masonic

History:

Raised a Master Mason in Floydada Lodge No. 712, A.F. & A.M., February 22, 1947.

Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Floydada Chapter No. 27, R.A.M. on May 21, 1947.

Greeted in Floydada Council No. 163, R. & S. M., June 9, 1947.



Knighthood in Plainview Commandery No. 53, K.T., September 22, 1947.

Coroneted Inspector General Honorary 33°, December 16, 1965.

He is a member of the Order of High Priesthood; Order of the Silver Trowel; Super Excellent Master; Life Member and Past Prior of the Knights York Cross

of

Honour; Past Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine, and Intendant General for the Western Division of Texas; Texas York Rite College No. 14 and Dual Member of West Texas York Rite College No. 36, and serving as Deputy Governor, York Rite College of North America for Texas; Past Preceptor, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Life Member of the Royal Order of Scotland; and Life Member of Khiva Temple, .A.O.N.M.S.

Jimmy Willson was one of the few outstanding Masons who have served as the Presiding Officer of the four York Rite Bodies in Texas. He was unofficially designated a Four Star General and will be sorely missed.



Programs & Announcements



Don't want to miss the next stated meeting Friday May 13, as we are honoring our past masters with our annual dinner in their honor before the meeting. **The program will be open to all members, family and friends.**

We will be conducting our business in the Entered Apprentice Mason's degree so that all may attend a short business session after the program.

PLEASE JOIN US FRIDAY MAY 20 7pm TO AWARD OUR SCHOLARSHIPS AND THE LAMAR AWARD!

The Grand Master's conference, was last month at the

Yellowhouse Lodge. We had a strong showing with 7 present to meet some of the requirements for the Vanguard award. Be sure and make the next stated meeting for a full report.

Mark your calendars: Yellowhouse Lodge on August 20, 2016 at 9:00AM will be the site of this year's certificate exams.

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



From the East

Worshipful Master Kevin Rush

Sometimes life seems to move too quickly or too slowly. Nothing so dramatically emphasizes this cryptic hint at the grand design than this lodge's preparation for the end of one Masonic year and the beginning of a new one.

Part of that preparation as we wind down is the recognition of those Past Masters who have helped shape the lodge into what it is today. We are going to have a spe-

cial night at this month's stated meeting honoring those who have accomplished so much. It will be an evening you will not want to miss.

The link that binds the past, present, and future is a difficult point to contemplate. As we transition, I want to encourage you to keep an open mind to all things and to look for unexpected and desirable opportunities to use our tools, both within

and without Freemasonry and continue to move the lodge forward into new opportunities for growth and individual enrichment.



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

Washington

A Message From the West

Senior Warden John Rosser

Through the improvement and strengthening of the character of the individual man, Freemasonry seeks to improve the community. Thus it impresses upon its Members the principles of personal righteousness and personal responsibility, enlightens them as to those things which make for human welfare, and inspires them with that feeling of charity, or good will, toward

all mankind which will move them to translate principle and conviction into action. To that end, it teaches and stands for the worship of God; truth and justice; fraternity and philanthropy; enlightenment and orderly liberty, civil, religious and intellectual. It charges each of its members to be true and loyal to the government of the country to which he owes allegiance

and to be obedient to the law of any state in which he may be. It believes that the attainment of these objectives is best accomplished by laying a broad basis of principle upon which men of every race, country, sect and opinion may unite rather than by setting up a restricted platform upon which only those of certain races, creeds and opinions can assemble.

From the South

Junior Warden Charles Straub

The Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas state in Article 504. Violations of Obligations And Laws: Every violation of a Masonic obligation, every violation of the Constitution, Laws, Resolutions or Edicts of this Grand Lodge, or usages and customs of Masonry, and every violation of the laws of the United States, a State, or of a municipality, involving

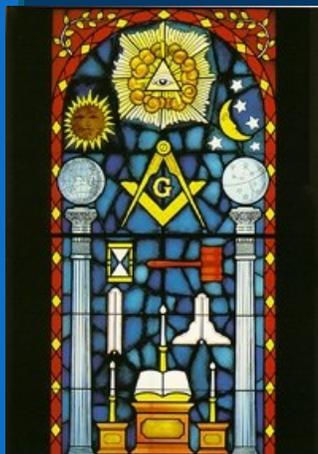
moral turpitude is a Masonic disciplinary violation.

Article 505. Certain Other Masonic Disciplinary Violations: It shall be a Masonic disciplinary violation for a Lodge, a committee or any combination of Masons, or an individual Mason to:

(20.) Possess, or use a cipher/code book on a Lodge premises, or to use a cipher/code book or access a ci-

pher/code book in any form, including electronic access, in the presence of a candidate when instructing the candidate in the esoteric work of a Masonic Degree. (Revised 2013)

I look forward to seeing you at the next stated meeting.



"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 GENTLEMAN

One of the basic ideas of Freemasonry was that all men, whether upper or lower class, met upon the level in the lodge. Given the very rigid class distinction in 18th century society, this concept was truly unique and came from the very history of the fraternity. Noblemen asked to join lodges of skilled laborers who

worked with their hands for a living, not the other way around. It was the exact opposite way elitism usually worked. Upper and lower classes and country and city folks were now meeting together and sitting side-by-side. The concepts of politeness, manners, social graces, better speech, and the value of intellect started to rub off on men who'd never given it much thought before.

fore. This was the origin of the notion that Freemasonry's purpose was to take good men and make them better.



Visiting Brothers & Prospects

Wow, what a month! We had the Grand Masters Conference at Yellowhouse; we had the gun show and our raffle drawing and we had our Hilltop meeting.

At our stated meeting we had several guests! Charles Mire, PM DDGM 93-A, Bob Clemmons, 33°, PM, James Scott, SW, Roland Pirtle, JW, and Glen Ashcraft all from

Yellowhouse Lodge #841; Rod Armstrong, PM and Gary Armstrong PM from Mackenzie Lodge #1327; Bob Chesser, PM Daylight Lodge #1443 and Bob Lindley, PM Wolforth Frenship Lodge #1447.

We raised two brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason! Brother Omar Bogen on April 19 and Brother Karol Kowalek on April 26. with

Brother Bob Chesser visiting from Daylight 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

Can you believe that its May already?!

Through faith in God,
And hope of immortality, we build
A spiritual temple to His name;
Founded on Truth and righteous Charity.
Oh, glorious fellowship! Unshackled by
Mortal interpretation of the

word
Vouchsafed by God to man,
we seek the Truth
In Love, the refulgent essence of all Truth,
Which is of God alone, and God is Love.
He, then, who takes the compasses in hand
To circumscribe his daily life,
will find
The center in that Love to God expressed

In deeds of charity and love to men.



Upcoming Menu for May:

- Chopped BBQ Sandwich**
- Potato chips**
- Pickles & onions**
- Cookies**
- Tea**

Freemasonry & Armed Conflict Our Recent Raffles

Freemasonry & Armed Conflict

by Bro Bob Clemmons

(If you were not present for the program last month you really missed something—here is an excerpt of the program. Bob is also a member of the Sojourners)



Several months ago, the Master of Lubbock Lodge asked me to present a program on Freemasonry and the Revolution. After much thought, I decided to also include several instances in other wars. Since the 1700's in the Colonies, there are two topics that are forbidden to be discussed in Masonic Lodges which are politics and religion. This has been handed down from generation to generation and is still in effect today.

In the Entered Apprentice degree, Fellow Craft degree and Master's degree, each of us has taken three obligations and received three charges. Tonight, I would like to review portions of these obligations and charges and their relationship to wars and uprisings against the government.

In the Master Mason's obligation, it refers to the Grand Masonic words, which are only given in times of deadly peril or pain. In my 55 years as a Mason, I have never seen or heard the phrase given. Until a couple of weeks ago, our DDGM Charles Mire told me of an incident in

New York City. He was walking down the street in Manhattan and passed several vendors showing their goods to be sold. Charles was wearing his coat with a Masonic lapel pin when a black vendor stood up and said "the words of distress!" Charles continued to walk on just ignoring the request. The vendor shouted even louder "the words of distress"! Charles again proceeded and the vendor shouted even louder "the words of distress"! He assumed that the vendor could have been a Mason, but Charles thought he was just crying wolf because he didn't think he was in distress. Do any of you have an incident concerning this situation?

In the Entered Apprentice degree, it states "As a citizen, you are to be a quiet and peaceable subject, true to your government, and just to your country; you are not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority, and conform to the government of the country in which you live". How do you apply this to the Boston Tea Party event which took place on December 16, 1773? This was a political protest by Sons of Liberty in Boston. Some of the members of this secret organization were: Samuel Adams, Paul Revere, John Hancock, Patrick Henry, Benedict Arnold, William Molineux and many others. Most of this group were not masons. These demonstrators, some dressed as Native Americans, were part of a protest in defiance of the Tea Act, destroying an entire shipment of tea. The original protest was not begun in the Masonic Lodge, but in a bar a couple of blocks away. This group of men was protesting the taxing on tea. These men stated that there should be "no taxation without representation."

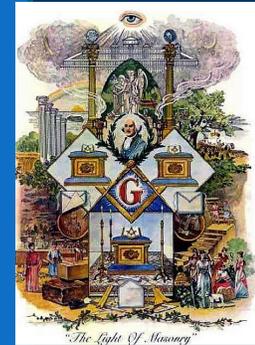
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PREME and SUBORDINATE

"A Mason is a peaceable subject to the Civil Powers, wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concern'd in Plots and Conspiracies against the Peace and Welfare of the Nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior Magistrates; for as Masonry hath been always injured by War, Bloodshed, and Confusion, so ancient Kings and Princes have been much dispos'd to encourage the Craftsmen, because of their Peaceableness and Loyalty, whereby they practically answer'd the Cavils of their Adversaries, and promoted the Honour of the Fraternity, who ever flourish'd in Times of Peace. So that if a brother should be a Rebel against the State. He is not to be countenanc'd in his Rebellion, however he may be pitied as an unhappy Man; and if convicted of no other Crime, though the loyal Brotherhood must or and ought to disown his Rebellion, and give no Umbrage or Ground of political Jealousy to the Government for the time being; they cannot expel him from the Lodge, and his Relation to it remains indefeasible."

Our Recent Raffles By John Rosser, SW

My thanks go out to all those involved in our second raffle here at Lubbock Lodge and especially Bro. Bruce Williams. With his leadership on this project the raffle was a big success raising nearly \$2,000! Our winners were: , Henry .22 rifle; , Damascus blade knife; Bill Moses of Fort Worth, smart watch; and Pablo Garcia, case of ribeye



Lubbock 1392 in Action



Meet our newest Master Masons!

steaks.



I-r PM Coke Etgen, Omar Bogen and PM Henry Housour



Karol Kowalek and PM Henry Housour

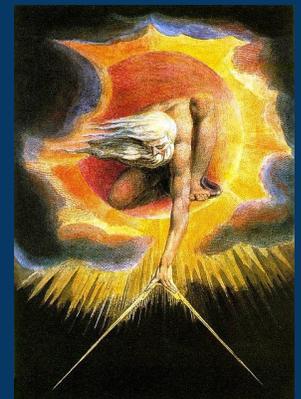
2016 Grand Master's Conference



2016 Grand Lodge Officers in Attendance – GM Wendell P. Miller 3rd from right, front row, to his left DGM Jerry Kirby, to Miller's right GSW Tommy Chapman. Representing the Lubbock Area, DDGM at Large Glenn Fant, back row left, DDGM g3A Charles Mire, back row right and DDGM g3B Ray Copeland , second row, second from right



MW Wendell P. Miller (L) with WM Kevin Rush (R)





Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392
Masonic Calendar

May 2016

Vote on proficiency for incoming officers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
1	2  Hilltop Meeting	3  WOLFFORTH FRENSHIP FLOOR PRACTICE	4	5	6  YELLOWHOUSE LODGE	7																																																																																				
8 Mother's Day	9  EMMA LODGE COMMANDERY	10  LUBBOCK OES FLOOR PRACTICE	11	12  ABERNATHY LODGE COUNCIL	13  STATED MEETING Past Masters Dinner	14  MACKENZIE COMMUNITY BUILDER & SCHOLARSHIPS																																																																																				
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"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles with it."

Winston Churchill

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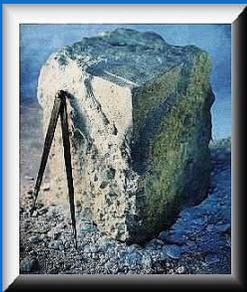
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Meetings:
Second Friday of each
month, 7:30 p.m.
Meal: 6:30pm

Floor School:
Every Tuesday @ 7p.m.

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Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth

This Month's Sickness & Distress



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. Coke Etgen

TRAVEL IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

The term "foreign countries" is used symbolically in Speculative Masonry, and is not meant to refer to a certain geographical location. Freemasonry itself is a foreign country to every new member. To fully appreciate and enjoy the privileges of membership, he must become familiar with its territory. He does this by learning its lan



guage, customs, and history.

Once raised, many of our members continue their journey into the inner recesses of the Craft. This can be a most rewarding experience. Truly, Freemasonry is the journey of a lifetime. We must continue to search for light and truth wherever it may be found, even in foreign countries.



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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