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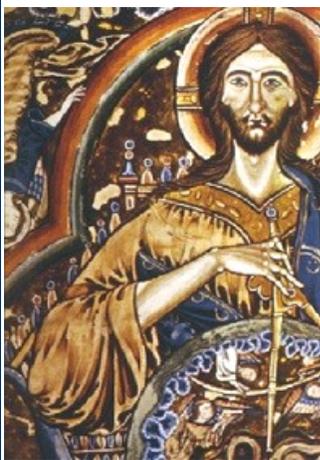
**August 1, 2016**

**The Masonic Sermon**

Masonic conduct is to adore the Grand Architect of the Universe. Love thy neighbor. Do no evil. Do good. Suffer man to speak. The worship most acceptable to the Grand Architect of the Universe consists of good morals and the practice of all the virtues. Do good for the love of goodness itself alone. Ever keep thy soul in a state so pure as to appear worthily before the presence of the Grand Architect, who is God.

Love the good, succor the weak, fly from the wicked, but hate no one. Speak seriously with the great, and prudently with thy equals, sincerely with thy friends, pleasantly with the little ones, and tenderly with the poor. Do not flatter thy

Brother, for that is treason. If thy Brother flatter thee, beware that he doth not corrupt thee. Listen always to the voice of conscience.



Be a father to the poor. Each sigh drawn from them by thy hard-heartedness will increase the number of

maledictions which will fall upon thy head. Respect the stranger on his journey and assist him, for his person is sacred to thee. Avoid quarrels and forestall insults. Ever keep the right on thy side. Respect Woman, never abuse her weakness. Die rather than dishonor her.

If the Grand Architect hath given thee a son, be thankful, but tremble at the trust He hath confided to thee. Be to that child the image of Divinity. Until he is ten years old let him fear thee. Until he is twenty let him love thee and until death let him respect thee. Until he is ten years old, be his master, Until twenty his father and until death his friend. Aim to give him good principles rather than elegant man-

**Programs & Announcements**



We will be conferring an Entered Apprentice degree on Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00PM. All area Masons are invited to attend and participate. Our District Deputy Grand

Master Charles Mire will deliver his second message from the Grand Master in September.

A reminder to echo the thoughts of the 2015 Grand Master. Proper dress for a stated meeting is business casual at the minimum. PLEASE, no shorts, worn

out jeans, flip-flops, etc. It is a sign of respect for our institution to be properly dressed at our stated meetings and degree conferrals.



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



**A Message From the East**  
*Worshipful Master John Rosser*

Quote from George Washington:

Flattering as it may be to the human mind, and truly honorable as it is to receive from our fellow citizens testimonies of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare, it is not less pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society whose liberal principles must be founded in the immutable laws of truth and justice. To

enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the great object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.



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

*Washington*



**A Message From the West—The Price of Being a Joiner**  
*Senior Warden Jerry Hendrick*

To understand just how being a member of a fraternal organization in the United States was after the Civil War, looking at a few statistics is useful. By 1899, more than 6 million out of 21 million adult men in the United States were members of one or more of the country's 300 fraternal organizations, which conferred about 1,000 degrees on 200,000 new members a year. The average fraternal lodge member spent

\$50 a year on dues and insurance, another \$200 on initiations fees, ritualistic paraphernalia, banquets, and travel. Bear in mind that the average factory worker at that time earned just \$400 to \$500, a year. In 2005, those \$50 dues would be equal to \$1,108. And that \$200 budget for initiation, paraphernalia, banquets, and travel in 1899 would cost \$4,431 today, on an adjusted salary of between

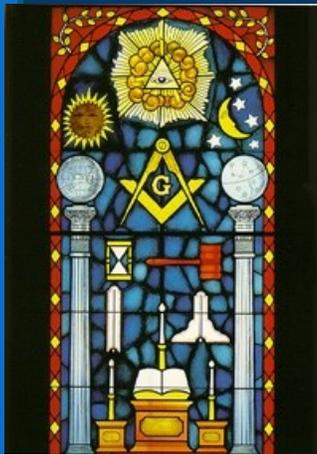
\$8,862 and \$11,078 a year. Bottom line: These guys were paying about 50 to 60 percent of their yearly salaries just to be members of fraternal organizations.



**From the South — Concerning God and Religion**  
*Junior Warden Coke Etgen*

A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid Atheist, nor an irreligious Libertine. But though in ancient times, Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation, whatever it was, yet, it is now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that religion in which all

men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good men and true, or men of honor and honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished; whereby Masonry becomes the center of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance.



*"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 Harrold Loveless**  
*Taking Care of Business*

Greetings Brethren,  
There will be a Grand Secretaries Instruction Forum on August 6, 2016 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm at Floydada Lodge #172." Lodge Secretaries should attend one of the annual forums and bring their WM, Wardens, and Treasurer with them". (hint, hint) All Master Masons are welcomed to attend.

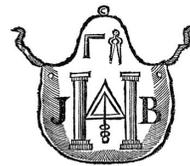
All Lodge members are encouraged to attend the next

Stated Meeting on August 12, 2016. A resolution concerning the future of Lubbock Lodge #1392 will be voted on and we shall be receiving the District Deputy Grand Master as well.

A reminder that dues are right around the corner and will be \$75.00.

As most of you know I have been hospitalized recently. I wish to extend my gratitude

to all the texts, emails, telephone calls and visits from my brothers wishing me a speedy recovery. Obviously despite the doctors best efforts, I pulled through and will be around a little longer.



**From the Senior Deacon Justin Robbins**  
*Visiting Brothers & Prospects*

Brethren,  
As always, we would like to thank the brothers and visitors that attended this months stated and called meetings for their continued support. At our stated meeting we had the following visitors: Bob Chesser, PM of South Plains Daylight Lodge #1443; Bob Clemmons, 33°,

PM; and Glenn Ashcraft, both from Yellowhouse Lodge #841. On July 12 we had a called meeting to confer an entered apprentice degree on a candidate.

We hope to see you at our next stated meeting on Friday, August 12th at 7:30 pm (dinner at 6:30 pm) and encourage anyone interested in

getting involved with the degree team to attend floor practice every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.



*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*

Greetings brethren,  
Giver to all things, as we gather for this banquet, we give thanks that we are again permitted to gather in this fellowship. May our friendships be strengthened and our lives be broadened. We give thanks for this food. Please bless it to our use and guide us so that we may help others be the best they can be. Amen.

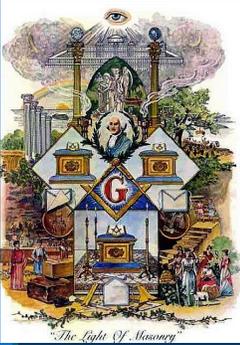
As we say goodbye to our past Worshipful master and thank him for all of the good things he has done for Lubbock Lodge, we are also blessed with new leadership as we move forward to new and better knowledge.



**Upcoming Menu for August:**

- Chicken strips**
- Mashed potato**
- Cream gravy**
- Whole green beans**
- Dessert**

## The Masonic Sermon *Con't from Page 1* What is the Tiler?



ners, that he may have enlightened rectitude, and not a frivolous elegance. Make of him a honest man rather than a man of dress.

If thou blushes at thy condition it is pride. Consider that it is not the position which honors or degrades thee, but the manner in which thou dost fill it.



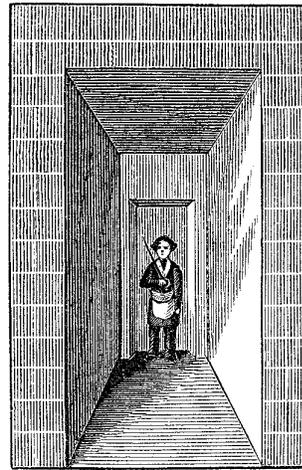
Read and profit, see and imitate, reflect and labor. Do all for the benefit of thy Brethren, that is working for thyself. Be content in all places, at all times, and with all things. Rejoice in justice, despise iniquity, suffer without murmuring. Judge not lightly the conduct of men, blame little, and praise still less. It is for the Grand Architect of the Universe who searches the heart to value His work.

Grand Orient of Belgium  
December 1838 from  
myfreemasonry.net

### WHAT IS THE TILER?

Historically the medieval operative craft guilds guarded

their trade secrets by posting a sentry outside the meeting place. From a Masonic perspective the Tiler continued this "guarding" tradition. In the 1723 Constitution he was referred to as "another brother to look after the door, but shall not be a member of it." The English Grand Lodge in 1728 described him as an "officer who kept the door.



The early tilers wore very colorful clothing. The Grand Lodge Tiler of 1736 was described as wearing a red waist coat under a dark blue coat trimmed with gold lace, yellow trousers and a large triangular hat, which he wore in public, as when delivering summonses or in processions. The Tiler is a Master Mason, usually a Past Master, who is respected and well-informed in Masonic law and custom. He need not be a member of the Lodge, but if so, has the right to debate and vote. He is a one-man welcoming committee for visitors, giving them the

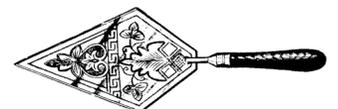
first and most important impression of his Lodge. He assures that members and visitors sign the "Tiler's Register."

His classic duties included the preparation and service of notices and summonses. He had the key to the apron box and was in charge of the Lodge's possessions, arranging them properly for upcoming meetings and securing them afterwards. The special "Tilers knock" signals the Lodge already in session that a qualified Brother requests admission. He will refuse entry to anyone whom he does not personally recognize or who cannot be properly, vouched for by another Brother. Since we learn the value of proper preparation and the virtue of caution from the Tiler, then each of us should, in a way, be our own tiler. Let us not forget to tile our own selves when we are recommending and investigating candidates.

Let us tile our discussions about the ritual. Let us tile the business discussed in Lodge, especially that which relates to our members and candidates.

Let us tile our words and actions to foster harmony, as this will not only preserve our own integrities and reputations, but also that of our beloved.

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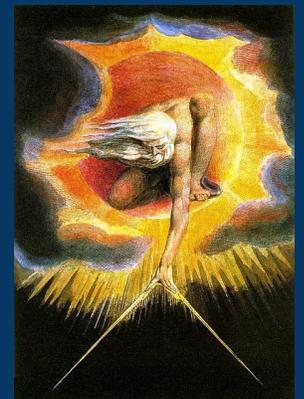
### Lubbock 1392 in Action



School starts August 22 for LISD, Frenship, Lubbock Cooper, LCU  
South Plains College & Texas Tech—August 29



The Horsehead Nebula is a dark nebula in the constellation Orion.





Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392  
Masonic Calendar

# August 2016

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

*Wisdom. Churchill*

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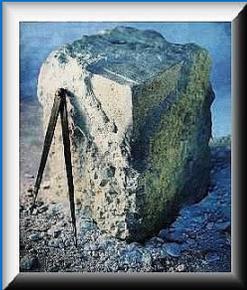
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Meetings:  
Second Friday of each  
month, 7:30 p.m.  
Meal: 6:30pm

Floor School:  
Every Tuesday @ 7p.m.

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**Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth**

## This Month's Sickness & Distress



**Harrold Loveless  
Glenn Fant**



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

Eric Martin 8/1  
Billy Dyess 8/7  
Luis Ramos 8/9  
Brian Harrison 8/11

Tom Lusk 8/23

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

### THE PILLARS ON THE PORCH

Two pillars were placed at the entrance to King Solomon's Temple, which are symbolically represented within every Masonic Lodge.

These pillars are symbols of strength and establishment - and by implication, power and

control. One must remember that power and control are placed before you, so you might realize that power without control is anarchy, or that control without power is futility.



Man must have both if his life is to be successful.

*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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