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# Lubbock's Light

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



## 10 PROPOSITIONS FOR TEXAS FREEMASONRY

This month, we will wrap up Brother Lance Kennedy's 10 Propositions for Texas Freemasonry.

10. Put your money where your heart is. "The dues of a Lodge should be set at a level which allows the Lodge to not only support and sustain itself, but enjoy a quality of experience which tells the brethren that their assemblies are opportunities to rise above the ordinary. Good meals, served at proper festive boards, are essential. The festive board conveys the sense of conviviality that helps build true brotherhood, and it is historically established in the Craft as not merely a simple dinner, but quite honestly the second half of a Lodge meeting. An observant Lodge cannot forego it. A Lodge must decide that Masonry is a thing of value, and properly determine that value in such a way that it allows the Lodge to work and assemble in a manner that clearly establishes that value.

Our dining and social events should reflect the worth we place on ourselves. Excess is not the objective; quality is. The problem is that so many of us have forgotten what quality is to the extent that we consider any expenditure on ourselves to be pretentious. But if Masons are to be men of inner distinction, then we are fully justified in treating ourselves to the best we can afford in life. We cannot expect less from the Craft or ourselves."

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## PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our District Deputy Grand Master Kevin Rush will deliver his second message from the Grand Master at our next stated meeting on Friday, October 13, 2017.

Junior Warden Justin Robbins attended the Officer Leadership Training held at the Scottish Rite and he will report on what he learned.

Gun show this month Oct 14-15!

Start making plans now to attend the Grand

Annual Conference which will be held in the Grand Lodge Building, in Waco, TX January 18-20, 2018. There are 75-100 rooms reserved in some of the area motels with a deadline of December 15th to turn them back. Call Taylor, 254-753-7395, if you need a room (first come basis). If you live too far to travel on a daily basis, please make an effort to attend the Saturday events.

The deadline for pre-registration is December 28, 2017 and a \$25.00 check or money order must accompany the form.



***"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."***

## The Masonic Ring

### The Masonic Ring

By Brother Jason Jones

As a Mason, we are taught that it is not the external qualifications that determine whether or not a man is fit to be a Mason. However, the Masonic ring is one of the most distinguishable physical characteristics to identify a Mason today. So what makes this ring so special? What does it stand for? Why does it matter at all? Some might answer these questions differently, I however believe that as goes with everything else in Masonry there is deeper meaning to the Masonic ring, we are after all society that places great importance on symbols.

you and done good in the world and obligate yourself to strive for greatness and to do the same in your lifetime as they have done before you. You are showing others that you are a trustworthy human being and that your honor is something you hold very dear.

Mason. It is another symbol of your commitment to the obligation you took at the altar of your lodge, and the vows you swore to uphold there. This ring a symbol of your vows to Masonry and your Masonic family which you should always strive to uphold, as your brothers will do the same for you. However it is also a symbol to the other commitments in your life of which you should also be faithful and which Masonry should never interfere, a symbol that your faith and family are precious to you.



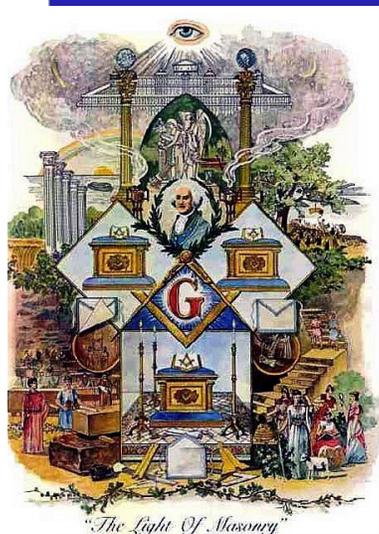
This ring also tells a story of your life. A Masonic ring is unique; it fits the brother wearing it just perfectly, not only in size, but strength. Whether yours is full 18-karat gold with ornate symbols engraved all around or just a conservative stainless steel with only the square and compass on the top, your ring represents you more than you think. Whether the stunning gold heirloom has been passed down for generations, the stainless steel to withstand the abuse of daily wear, or the ring you just happened to pick out, to start your own family legacy in our order, your ring is yours for a reason.



Many brothers wear rings of the appendant Masonic bodies, which are just as symbolic as the traditional square and compasses ring. The traditional Masonic ring with the emblematical square and compasses prominently displayed on the face of the ring I would argue has great importance in the daily life of a Mason. It serves as a reminder that no matter what appendant body you are involved in, that your activity would not be possible without blue lodge Masonry. Without our blue lodge, we are not Shriners, Scottish Rite Masons, York Rite Masons,



The choice whether or not a brother wear a Masonic ring is all his own and many do not wear anything distinguishing themselves as Masons at all. However, when wearing a Masonic ring you are distinguishing yourself as a gentlemen and an upstanding member of society. When you wear your ring you are aligning yourself with the generations of outstanding men that have come before



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

*By Washington*

## 10 Propositions for Texas Freemasonry—con't

Prophets of the Enchanted Realm of Grotto, etc. There is great debate on which way a brother should wear this ring, whether the points of the compass face inwards or outwards; I believe that the points of the compass are a symbol of the light you as a Mason shine into the world that we live. This light should ever shine bright and guide other as you live as a role model for others.



As a Mason we know to look for the deeper meanings and symbols in life. Your ring is a circle, it has no beginning or end, and the symbolism of a circle has been thought to represent life or the life cycle. Circles have a free sense of movement that represents energy, power, and integrity. There is a good chance that surrounding the square and compasses on the top of your ring is a piece of Black Onyx, which should remind the Mason that death is coming for all of us and that one day soon we shall all be called home to the Celestial Lodge above where the Supreme Architect of the Universe forever presides.



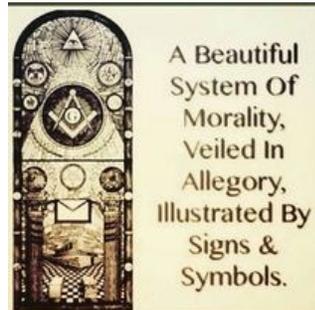
### Your Behavior

By Bro. Wm. R. Fischer

Masonic behavior is a subject, if taken into the Lodge for debate, could take up a lot of time. Behavior changes with attitude and the ever shifting social structure.

In the old charges behavior was divided into six sections:

1. Behavior in Lodge.
2. Behavior after Lodge with members who did not attend.
3. Behavior when brethren meet outside the Lodge.
4. Behavior in the presence of non-members.
5. Behavior at home and in your neighborhood.
6. Behavior toward a strange brother.



Behavior is generally affected by two means:

1. By those around you.
2. By age.

Normally, we are respectful of the people around us, more now than when we were younger. We also have much more tolerance, mainly because of those who tolerat-

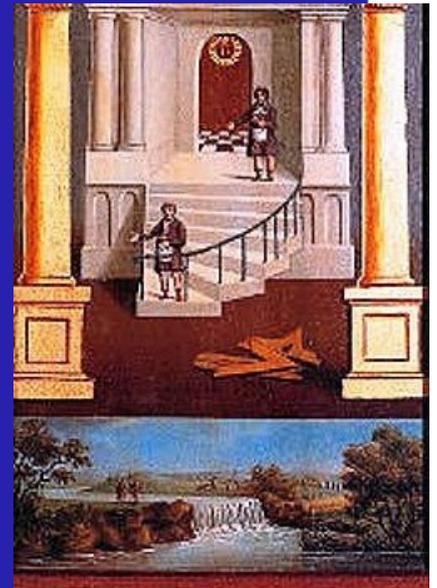
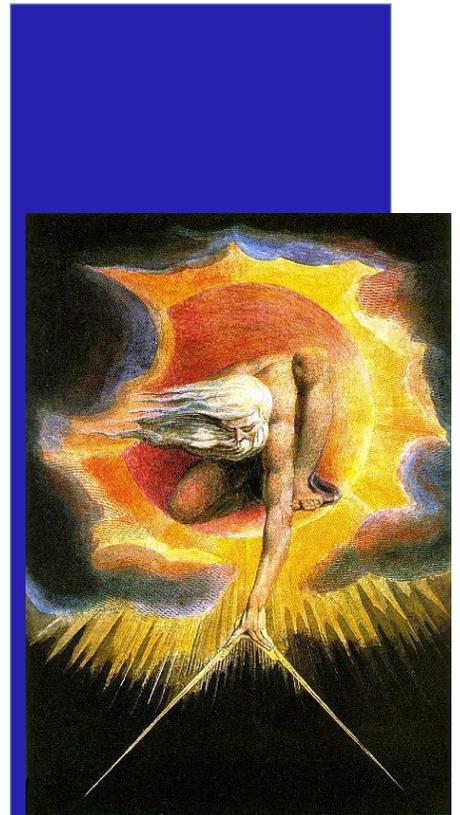
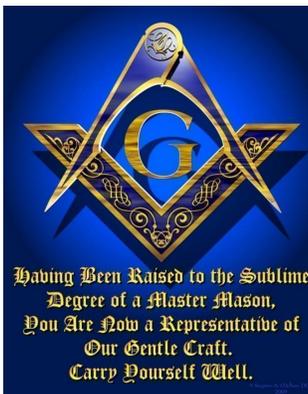
ed and respected us.



Our behavior is a reflection of who we are and as a Mason this image either improves or taints our institution. To be a considerate member of the Lodge and to our brethren is easy. To be a person of integrity to strange brothers, non-members, and even those who would seek to discredit the fraternity, is the most important act of brotherly love one could do for his Lodge and its members.

A Lodge is only as good as its worse member, therefore strive to be a better person.

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***“Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves.”***

*Rudyard Kipling*



**WORSHIPFUL MASTER JERRY HENDRICK**  
*From the East*

As I sit here contemplating what to write about this month, I look back upon where I have been. Before I was raised, I had already traveled to many places. Once I was raised and went in other appendant bodies more light was revealed to me, and I traveled in a different light. I have seen how masonry has grown thought-out the years, I have also seen the decline of the membership from one state to another. With the turmoil that is going on today. It is hard for Masonry to compete with the electronic world, when there are those that have put out so much disinformation. As one tries to answer and ex-

plain what is real and what is false, you still have those who believe that Masonry is just a secret society for those who can afford to pay. My brothers we all have the knowledge to share with those who are willing learn, lets no turn them away because we do not have the answer, let's get the answer together so we may all be more knowledgeable than yesterday. So as you travel upon your journey in life make the most of it by imparting wisdom, and strength to those around you, lifting up as many as possible. Remember that Knowledge and wisdom is one of the many foundations of Masonry.

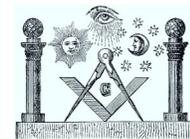


**SENIOR WARDEN HEATH MORGAN**  
*From the West*

If you look around the country and the world, there are several things that are disturbing. From devastating hurricane damage to unprecedented violence, it's enough to concern anyone. How do we as Masons respond to the world when it seems to be falling around us? It's by staying true to the tenets of Freemasonry, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, that we will make the greatest impact. Brotherly Love we treat all as family, loving one another as the Great Architect loves us. To the greatest of our

abilities, Relieve the burdens of our neighbors so that they breathe that much easier. By being True, we stand up for what is right, keep the faith, and stand as pillars for the rest of the world.

Guard well the West Gate



**JUNIOR WARDEN JUSTIN ROBBINS**  
*From the South*

One of the greatest privileges granted to a Master Mason is the ability to visit other lodges that are recognized by the Grand Lodge of Texas. For this reason, it is important to be knowledgeable about the laws pertaining to visitors, avouchment, and examination.

Lodge showing that his dues are current at the time of said visitation along with photo identification..." (see exceptions in Art. 382) (Grand Lodge of Texas, 2017, p. 115).

Article 380. (416) states that with the approval of the Worshipful Master, a member of a lodge under the Grand Lodge of Texas may visit any other lodge under the Grand Lodge of Texas "without the avouchment and or examination process providing that he is in good standing and presents a receipt from his

Article 380. makes visiting other lodges in Texas simple and convenient assuming the brother has a current dues card and photo ID. However, a brother visiting other lodges not under the Grand Lodge of Texas should be prepared for the examination process (depending on the lodge's jurisdiction) and should review the examination process with members of their own lodge before visiting the lodge outside of their jurisdiction.

***"Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip."***

*Will Rogers*



**FROM THE SECRETARY HARROLD LOVELESS**  
*Taking Care of Business*

We are honored to have the DDGM for Masonic District 93A, RW Kevin Rush, making his first official visit to Lubbock Lodge at our October 2017 Stated Meeting. He will be presenting the Grand Lodge communication for this month. As a reminder, all business and discussions will take place prior to turning the lodge over to the DDGM, after that, no business or discussion will take place. This is protocol.

Just a friendly first reminder that dues are coming up in December and are \$75.00.



**FROM THE SENIOR DEACON BRANDON GOULD**  
*Visiting Brothers and Prospects*

We would like to thank the brothers and visitors that attended our stated meeting for September. At our stated meeting, we had the following visitors: Rolan Pirtle and Bob Clemmons both of Yellowhouse lodge, Jason Jones from Alvin Lodge; and Lelan Freer of Whitewright Lodge.

every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.



We hope to see you at our next stated meeting on Friday, October 13th at 7:30 pm (dinner at 6:30 pm) and encourage anyone interested in getting involved with the degree team to attend floor practice



**FROM THE SENIOR STEWARD LUIS RAMOS**  
*Food, Flowers & Frolic*

Almighty Father, Thou who understandest our thoughts afar off, knowest that individual Freemasons belong to various creeds, yet each and every one believes in Thee; that all believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man; that Holy Script is the rule and guide of their conduct; that though Masons hold various political beliefs, yet they believe in equal treatment for all before the law, and Thou knowest that these fundamental beliefs make for com-

plete Harmony. Inspire us, therefore, Gracious Father, to instill these gentle precepts of Freemasonry in the hearts of all men, so that Brotherly Love may prevail throughout the World. Cast Thou the Light of Thy Wisdom on our labors in the quarries of the Craft, that we may the better shape the stones of Faith, Hope and Charity for the erection of that house not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens. Amen.



**Upcoming Menu for October: Cream gravy**

- Chicken fried steak with cream gravy
- Mashed taters
- Mix veggies
- Dinner roll
- Asst drinks
- Cookies

**Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.**

*Mark Twain*

# LUBBOCK LODGE OCTOBER CALENDAR



Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392

Masonic Calendar

## October 2017

Proxy Certificates are due the GS Office NLT November 15

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3 FLOOR PRACTICE Wolfforth Stated Mtg	4	5	6 Yellowhouse Stated Mtg	7	
8	9 Emma Lodge	10 FLOOR PRACTICE Lubbock OES	11	12 Abernathy Stated Mtg Rainbow Girls	13 <b>STATED MEETING</b>	14 Gun Show	
15 Gun Show	16 Crosbyton Lodge	17 FLOOR PRACTICE Mackenzie Stated Mtg	18	19 Slaton Stated Mtg Freedom OES	20	21 Daylight Stated Mtg Texas Tech vs Iowa State	
22	23 Commandery	24 <b>FLOOR PRACTICE</b>	25 Scottish Rite	26 Chapter Rainbow Girls	27	28	
29	30	31 <b>FLOOR PRACTICE</b>	27	28	29	30	
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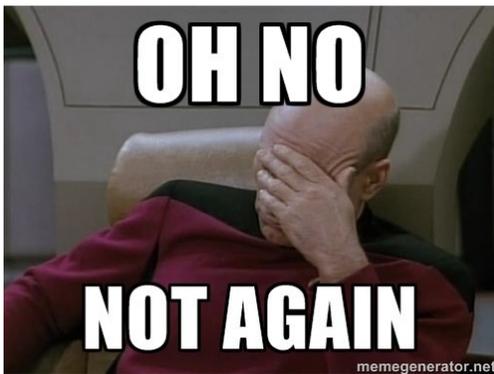
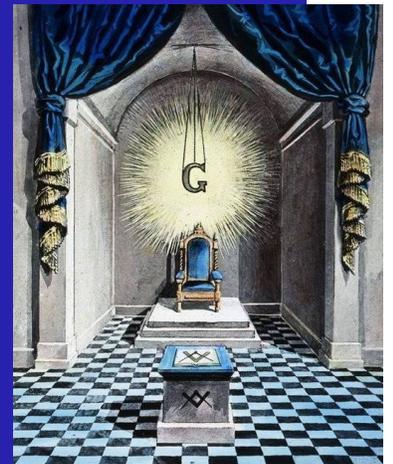
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*“Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind”*

*Andrew Jackson*

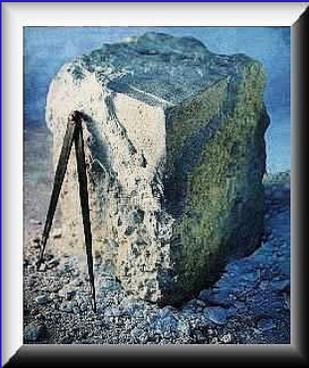
This is getting old . . .



*“To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.”*

*Theodore Roosevelt*

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## SICKNESS AND 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.

*“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.”*

*Blaine Fable*

## This Month's Brothers' Birthdays

Jim Bob Merritt —10/14  
Ricky Dean Spinks —10/15  
Anthony Earle Bliss—10/15  
Eugene Frank Caldwell—10/15  
Kenneth Brownfield—10/18

John Andrew Klattenhof— 10/19  
James R. Mears—10/22  
Kevin Rush—10/25  
Arven Jerry Townsend—10/29

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MEETINGS:  
SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH  
MONTH, 7:30 P.M.  
MEAL: 6:30PM  
FLOOR SCHOOL:



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

DRAMA OF THE THIRD  
DEGREE

You were made to participate in order to impress upon you that it was your drama, not another's, there being exemplified; because no man can ever be a mere spectator of that drama, since it takes place in his own soul; and because it was intended that your participation should itself be an experience to prepare you for becoming a Master Mason by teaching you the secret of a Master Mason, which is that the soul must rise

above its own internal enemies if ever a man is to be a Mason in reality as well as in name, for the reality of being a Master Mason is nothing other than to be the Master of one's self.



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