

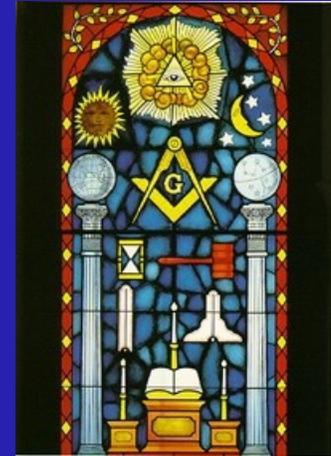
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Lubbock's Light

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



The Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, Burns Institute in Galveston, Texas by Megan Seaholm

The Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, Burns Institute in Galveston, Texas, is one of three children's burn centers in the United States supported by the Shriners of North America. In 1962 the Shriners allocated \$10 million to establish three institutes for the care and rehabilitation of burned children, related research, and the training of medical personnel. At that time thermal injury was a major cause of death and disability among children, and there were no special facilities for treating these burn victims. After visiting twenty-one university medical schools, the Shriners decided to locate the first pediatric burn unit in Galveston in affiliation with the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. Galveston was selected because of the prestige of Truman G. Blocker,

Jr., then chairman of the Department of Surgery at UTMB, and the impressive burn service that he and his colleagues had developed. The Shriners Burns Institute-Galveston Unit began operation in a seven-bed ward in John Sealy Hospital, the teaching hospital for UTMB, on November 1, 1963. In 1966 the institute moved to a new facility on the medical school campus, and in 1992 the Galveston Burns Institute occupied a new building connected to the Child Health Center of John Sealy Hospital. Patient care is provided in thirty private rooms, fifteen for acute burns and fifteen for reconstructive care. Other expanded and improved facilities include three operating rooms, six recovery beds, an outpatient department, playroom and schoolroom areas, a 163-seat auditorium, and

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PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



We have a spaghetti supper coming up Saturday November 4, 2017 at 6PM at the York Rite. The address is 5625 Villa Drive, just south of the Copper Caboose on Ave. Q

The Rainbow girls will be trying to qualify for their permanent charter on Thursday November 9, 2017 at Yellowhouse Lodge, 5015 Gary Ave . Dinner begins at 6:30 and the grading of opening, closing and the conferral of the initiation. All Masons are encouraged to come out and show their support.

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.

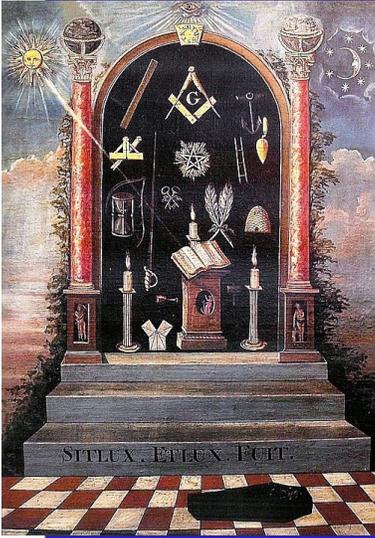
The deadline for pre-registration is December 28, 2017 and a \$25.00 check or money order must accompany the form.



“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 Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, Burns Institute in Galveston, Texas – *con't from page 1*



laboratory and research areas. Four rehabilitation-status living units for families and



children preparing for discharge are also provided in the new building.

The Shriners of North America sustain the institute financially; no payment is required from patients for any of the services provided. UTMB provides the medical and scientific staff. The institute also receives grant monies for research from private foundations and governmental agencies. The institute is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals and employs more than 300 people. The physicians and scientists at Shriners Burns Institute in Galveston have made significant contributions to the field of burn therapy, including the development of special splints and pressure gar-

ments to reduce disability and disfigurement. It was also largely due to their efforts that the Texas legislature enacted the nation's first law requiring children's sleepwear to be flame retardant in 1972. The Shriners Burns Institute in Galveston is one of the largest burn centers in the United States. As of 1991 more than 8,500 children from forty-three states and thirty-seven foreign countries had been treated at the institute. In 1991, 186 acutely burned children were admitted; 31 percent had burns covering 20 percent or more of the total body surface area. Also in 1991, 406 children were admitted for reconstructive surgery. The mortality rate at the institute has consistently been lower than the national average. In 1967 the mortality rate was 14 percent, remarkably lower than the national average of 20 to 25 percent for acutely burned patients. In 1991 the mortality rate was 1.6 percent.

From the Texas State Historical Association



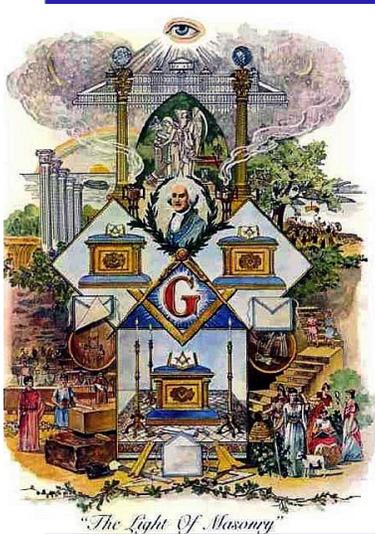
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Masonry Today

by Bro. Jason Jones, Sr. Deacon of Wolforth-Frenship Lodge #1447

The Masonic fraternity has been in a decline for the last four decades and continues this trend today. This issue is constantly addressed by all Grand bodies, but has yet to come up with a prescription to this problem. I believe this issue to be something that has no blanket solution, but can be improved on in many ways and can begin with a single Mason.

It does not take a membership initiative to grow your lodge's roster. In fact could be quiet counter productive to the ultimate goal of restoring Masonry to the golden days it once saw post World War two. I believe a Lodge can improve their membership with a few simple tactics. One of the most important aspects is fellowship in your lodge. In 2016 the most prosperous lodge in the State of Texas was not in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex or Houston but the Panhandle's own Palo Duro Lodge No. 1236 (See Grand Lodge Membership statistics below). This lodge alone raised twenty-four Master Masons in a year, not through membership initiatives but an incredibly strong bond amongst those brothers. The members of



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

G. Washington

Masonry Today—con't from page 2
Rebirth and Reflection

Palo Duro 1236 get to know every petitioner and treat him like family from day one. I encourage you to do the same in your lodge, but keep in mind that the West Gate should remain guarded.

Making someone feel at home in your lodge should not pertain to the petitioner alone, if there is not a strong bond amongst the brethren in your lodge, its time to make change. Try to make an attempt to get to know your brethren outside of lodge, play golf, have dinner, or go on a road trip. A petitioner will never feel a bond among brothers if they hardly know each other, and this task starts with you. It is also productive to your cause to make Masons from other lodges feel at home as well, within your lodge you want to create an environment that an individual wants to come back again and again.

For our next aspect, think about how Masonry is and has been viewed over the years. Years ago, you could find public figures and the pinnacles of society proudly displaying their Masonic affiliation; they conducted themselves well and created a mystery of the lodge room. Today, the little Masonry might be viewed by the public it is arguably in an increasingly unfavorable way and I'm sure without much thought you can think of an instance where you have seen this. You can not stop the actions of other but I encourage you to conduct yourself well in your travels and

proudly display your Masonic affiliation. If you can impress upon one person that Masonry is full of good men, you have done a service to the craft.

Rebirth and Reflection

by Dr. David Harrison

We are charged during the third degree that the Lord of Life will enable us to trample the King of Terrors beneath our feet, and lift our eyes to that bright Morning Star. The degree thus teaches us to ask that famous question - what is life all about? We experience both the light and dark, we experience the con-



trast, and we henceforth see the value of life. We are reborn into the light; a new world where things are forever different and we realize we live not only for ourselves, but for the world as a whole.

We get to feel what it is like to see our own grave, and we get shown what it is like to be reborn. It is a personal experience, and it is also a shared experience, an experience to reflect on deeply. It is a climax to our new life as a Mason, and for a short while, we die and are resurrected - something that the magicians, alchemists and natural philosophers of the seventeenth and eight-

eenth centuries desired, men like Dee, Ashmole, Desaguliers....



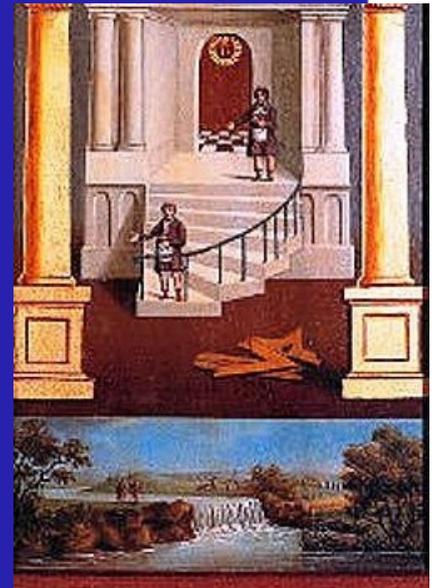
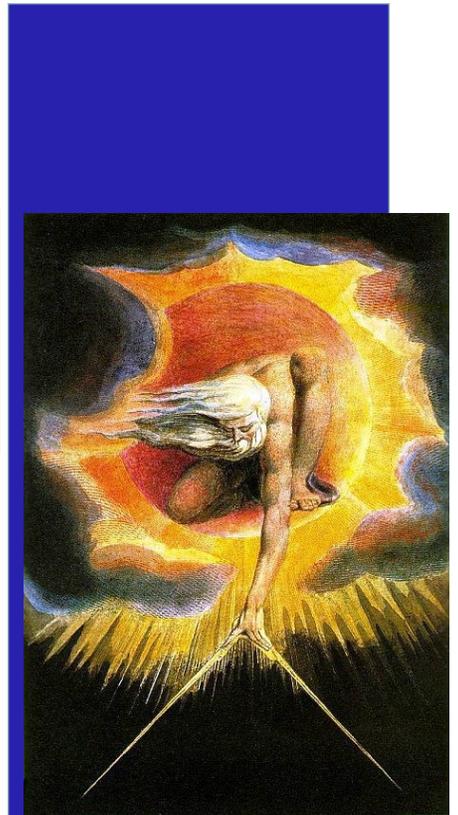
ers....

There is also an element of primeval fear in all of us when we see human bones; we know one day that is what we will all become.

Like the Vanitas themes of renaissance art, skulls and symbols of mortality such as the hourglass and the scythe, remind us that time is ticking away, and we really do not have that much time on



Earth, and we should try our best to be good and benefit society as much as possible. This is why charity should be part of Freemasonry, and Masonry makes good men better.



“Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves.”

Rudyard Kipling



WORSHIPFUL MASTER JERRY HENDRICK
From the East — “Lodge of the Holy Sts. John”

What is the Lodge of the Holy Saints John of Jerusalem?

Why am I said to be from that Lodge.

Many a Mason has been puzzled when called upon to answer this simplest and most natural of questions. There is every reason for confusion, for there is not now and never was such a Lodge.

Originally, Lodges were dedicated to King Solomon. They are still so dedicated in the British Isles. Late in the 16th Century, Masons began to connect the name of Fraternity with that of St. John the Evangelist. Other organizations were dedicated to the Saints John as early as the third century, when the Church adopted the two pagan celebrations at the time of the summer and winter solstices and made them St. John’s day in Summer (June 24) and St John’s day in Winter (December 27).

It was wholly natural for operative Mason, having dedicated their Craft to the Holy Saints John, to begin to believe the both Johns were themselves Freemasons. he next step was to start thinking about the Lodge to which the two, Saints John belonged. Where could it have been, but in Jerusalem? Hence, out of pure imagination and no more, came the reference in ritual to the Lodge of the Holy Saints John of Jerusalem.

But there is a thought back of the question-and-answer. We come from an ideal or dream Lodge into an actual workaday world, where our ideals are to be tested. We use the phrase in the Entered Apprentice degree as the starting point for a Masonic career. In doing so we mean only that our Craft is dedicated to these two holy men, whose precepts and practices, ideas and virtues, teachings and examples, all Masons should try to follow.



SENIOR WARDEN HEATH MORGAN
From the West

Can you remember what was asked you after you were brought to light the last time you knelt at the altar? How many of us keep that lesson in mind after the third degree? What does it even mean? As Mason’s we are charged to be different, better, to push ourselves away from mediocrity to be the best man we can be. We should always be in search of more. So what should we concentrate on to shape ourselves as a living stone for the Builder? I think the simple answer is everything. Academic knowledge, spiritual and moral maturity,

communal harmony, and worldly benevolence. In essence, not just to make ourselves better but he communities and world we live in as well. We should strive as Mason’s to remember that we were charged with these duties and no think of Masonry as a pastime or hobby. We don’t just wear the rings and regalia or go to meetings just for the fun of it.

Go and take Masonry out of the four walls and guard well the west gate.



JUNIOR WARDEN JUSTIN ROBBINS
From the South

The law book of The Grand Lodge of Texas, while critical to individual masons and lodges alike, is often avoided due to its complex nature and many masons believe it has little relevance to their own lives. Out of all of the sections of the law book, Title V pertaining to discipline is probably the most avoided and misunderstood because it can be difficult to understand and can appear intimidating.

Due to Title V’s complexity, I would to begin by recommending that every mason read through this section of the law book (possibly more than once). The topic of discipline applies to every single mason under The Grand Lodge of Texas and ignorance of the law can-

not be used as an excuse for innocence. There are a couple changes that have been made in Title V that are worth noting. The first of these is that the power to discipline has been returned to individual lodges (Art. 494.). Another change is that the term “Masonic Offenses” has been changed to “Masonic Disciplinary Violations” (Art. 506.).

It is my hope that everyone will have a chance to read through Title V by next month. I will begin discussing important articles within this section in more detail. Have a great month and I look forward to exploring Title V in more detail with you in the future.

“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

Dues for the 2017 -2018 Masonic year are coming up in December and are \$75.00.

We had an EA Degree on October 24th. If you have not met our candidate, please do so and give him support for the endeavor he has now embarked upon.

Three items of note are coming up in November: First, Lubbock Lodge will be having a spaghetti supper on November 4th at the York Rite Lodge starting at 6:00pm. Cost is \$10/plate and is open to all Masons and their families. Second, Hope Chapter of the Rainbow Girls will have an inspection

by their Grand Deputy on November 9th at Yellowhouse Lodge with a dinner at 6:30pm followed by inspection at 7:00pm. All Masons may attend. These young ladies have been working hard for this inspection, so please attend and show your support. Finally, Yellowhouse Lodge will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner on November 13th at the Scottish Rite at 6:00pm. Yellowhouse Lodge will supply the meats. A sign up sheet for the needed side dishes is at our lodge.



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 October as well as those who attended our recent degree. As always we are extremely grateful to share in brotherly fellowship with everyone and love meeting new brothers from around the country. We encourage all brethren who have not been to lodge recently to come on out and visit with us as you are missed and we would like to catch up with yo!

We hope to see you at our next stated meeting on Friday, November 10th 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.



FROM THE SENIOR STEWARD LUIS RAMOS
Food, Flowers & Frolic

We know, O God, of the metaphors for building found in the symbolism of our Craft. We know of rough and perfect ashlar, the Tabernacle of Moses, the cornerstone, the northeast corner, the oblong square, angles, parallel lines, the five orders of architecture, the working tools, and the erecting of King Solomon's Temple. Remind us, Father, as these symbols are meant to do, of the importance of the spiritual life and of character building. Show us how to use the proper materials, methods, and influences in shaping

our lives in harmony with Your will and way. Guide us in our deliberations in this hour, that that which we construct may stand the test of time. For Your honor and to Your glory we pray. Amen.



Upcoming Menu for October: Cream gravy

- Chili
- Corn bread
- Dessert
- Asst drinks.

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		<h2>November 2017</h2>				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3  Yellowhouse Stated Mtg	4
5	6	7  FLOOR PRACTICE Wolfforth Stated Mtg	8	9   Abernathy Stated Mtg Rainbow Girls	10 STATED MEETING 	11
12	13   Emma Lodge Commandery Yellowhouse Thanksgiving - SR	14  FLOOR PRACTICE Lubbock OES	15  Scottish Rite Form 990 & Proxy Certificates are due in the GS Office	16   Slaton Stated Mtg Freedom OES	17	18   Daylight Stated Mtg Masonic Community Dinner
19	20  Crosbyton Lodge	21  FLOOR PRACTICE Mackenzie Stated Mtg	22	23 THANKSGIVING	24	25
26	27	28 FLOOR PRACTICE	29	30		
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“Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind”

Andrew Jackson

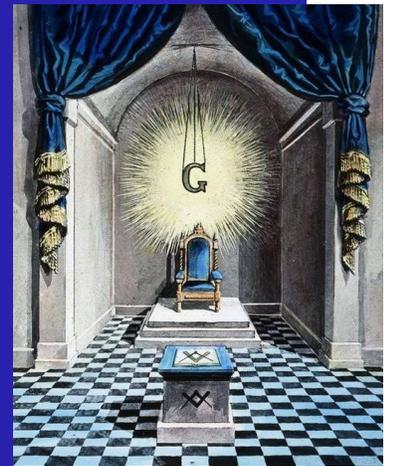
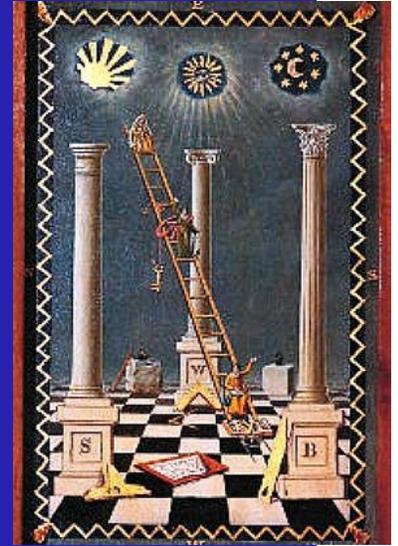


Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way!
- Native American Saying

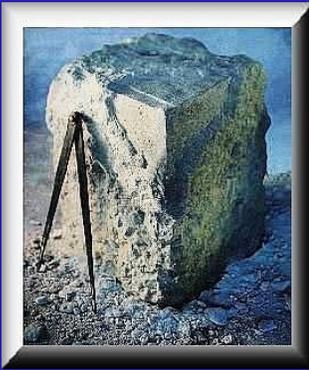


“To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.”

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.”

Blaise Pascal

This Month's Brothers' Birthdays

Justin Robbins	11/1
Anthony Rumpel	11/22

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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

NUMBER, ORDER, SYMMETRY AND PROPORTION

The great teachings of the Fellowcraft Degree revolve around the importance of the Masonic study of number, order, symmetry and proportion. The Masonic use of the term Geometry includes all of these. Nature is the true temple of the Deity. If this is so, then cosmic and natural laws are like the Trestleboard. These laws are discovered in the practice of the Seven Arts (they were called liberal arts because their practice lib-

erated the mind). The ancient philosophers considered Geometry to have the power to lead the mind from the world of appearances to the contemplation of the divine order. Further study would most certainly include a detailed study of Pythagorean number philosophy, the Golden Mean, Plato's work, the Neoplatonists, and Qabalistic gematria.



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