

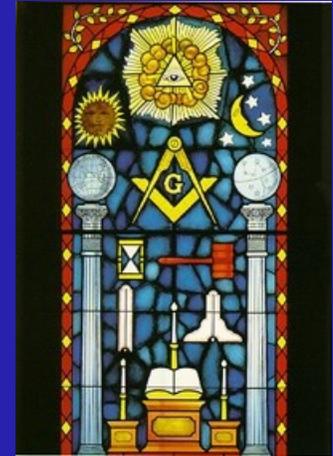
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Lubbock's Light

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



The Black Cube



Unfortunately, no hard and fast rule can be laid down on the use of a Black Cube when balloting. There is no way to explain "this is a good reason, but that is not a

good reason" for casting a black cube. Each Mason has to judge the reason for himself. Yet some suggestions may be given.

We know a man we dislike. He has different ideas from ours. He belongs to a different "set." He is not the type that we admire. Our dislike does not amount to hatred, nor is it predicated

upon any evil in the man's character. He and we are antipathetic; we rub each other the wrong way. When he applies to our lodge we must decide this question: will the unpleasantness to us, in having him as a member, be greater than the good to him which may come from his reception of the Masonic teachings? Are we sure that we cannot accept him as a brother merely because we "have never liked him?"

We all know cases like this; the president of the bank turns down Johnson's application for a second mortgage. Johnson makes the matter personal. He "has it in" for the president. The president applies for the degrees. Someone casts a black cube. It may or may not be Johnson. No one knows. But later perhaps we hear Johnson's boast "I got even with that son-of-a-gun who turned down my loan!" He doesn't say

PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you haven't made plans to attend the Grand Annual Conference which will be held in the Grand Lodge Building, in Waco, TX January 18-20, 2018, you are behind the curve. 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.

We also have a gun show this coming weekend, Saturday and Sunday, January 6 & 7.

REMINDER: The launch party for the Fantastic Teeth program is slated for January 30, 2018 at Lubbock High School at 6:00 with a meal to follow (probably around 6:30).

We are going to need all the help we can get this year as we have over 6,500 dental kits to assemble in record time. Thank you again, brothers for making this event the biggest and best in Texas. Please share with your lodge and other brothers.

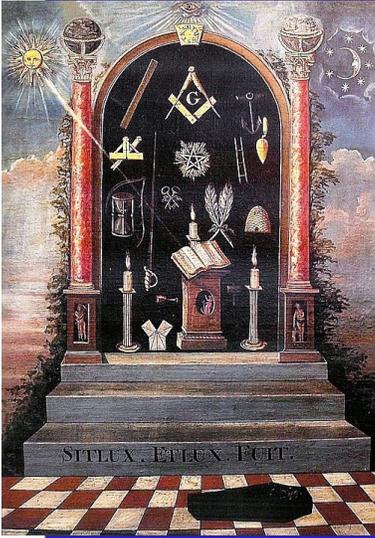
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“Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.”

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how he "got even," of course. But we are pretty sure we know. Such a use of the black cube is, of course, utterly un-Masonic. It is a misuse of a great power. We might as well turn down the minister of the Baptist church because he doesn't agree with our minister, who is a Methodist! Or turn down the automobile dealer because he refused to give us a larger allowance on our old car! To turn the Masonic black cube into a secret dagger for personal revenge is un-Masonic and indefensible.



Freemasonry works some curious miracles. A self-made man applied five times for the degrees in a certain lodge. The man was rather uneducated, yet a commercial success. He had, literally, raised himself by his bootstraps from the poverty of the streets to a business position of some prominence. Yet he was rather raw, rough and ready, even uncouth. No shadow of personal unworthiness rested upon him; he was honest, upright, a good citizen. In this lodge a certain Past Master (as was discovered in after years) voted four times against this applicant. The Past Master left the city. On the fifth application the petitioner was

elected. Something in Masonry took hold of his heart. Through Masonry he was led to acquire some of the education that he lacked; through Masonry he was led into the church. In time he made such a reputation for himself as a Mason that he was put in the officers line, and finally achieved the solemn distinction of being made Master of his lodge. He is still regarded as one of the best, most constructive and ablest Masters that lodge has ever had.

In the course of ten or twelve years the absent Past Master returned. In the light of history, he confessed (which strictly speaking he should not have done!) that it was he who had kept this man out for what he really believed were good reasons. He thought the "rough neck" would detract from the dignity and honor of the Fraternity. Yet this same "rough neck," through Masonry, became educated, a good churchman, a fine Mason and an excellent officer.



Had the Past Master, whose black cubes were cast with honest intention to benefit the Fraternity, not left town the blessings of Masonry might forever have been de-

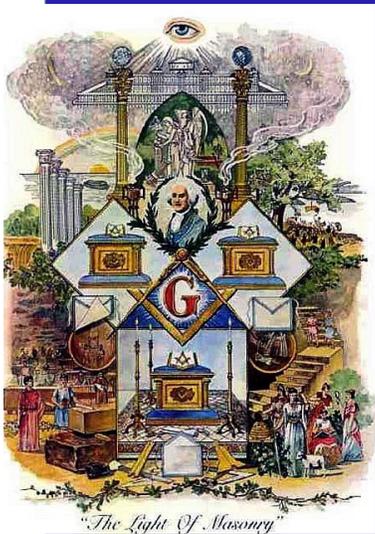


nied to a heart ready to receive them and society, the lodge and the church been prevented from having the services of a man who gave largely of himself to all three.



The black cube is the great protection of the Fraternity; it permits the brother who does not desire to make public his secret knowledge, to use that knowledge for the benefit of the Craft. It gives to all members the right to say who shall not become members of their lodge family. But at the same time it puts to the test the Masonic heart, and the personal honesty of every brother who deliberates on its use.

The black cube is a thorough test of our understanding of the Masonic teaching of the cardinal virtue, justice, which "enables us to render to every man his just due without distinction." We are taught of justice that "it should be the invariable practice of every



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

G. Washington

The Black Cube — con't from page 2



Mason, never to deviate from the minutest principle thereof."

Justice to the lodge requires us to cast the black cube on an applicant we believe to be unfit. Justice to ourselves requires that we cast the black cube on the application of the man we believe would destroy the reputation of our lodge.



Through justice to the applicant we are taught to render justice to every man, not merely to Masons. To symbolically cast no black cube for little reasons, small reasons, mean reasons. And justice to justice requires that we think carefully, deliberate

slowly, and act cautiously. No man will know what we do; no eye will see, save that All Seeing Eye that pervades the innermost recesses of our hearts, and will, so we are taught, reward us according to our merits.

Shakespeare said, "O, it is excellent to have a giant's strength, but it is tyrannous to use it like a giant!"

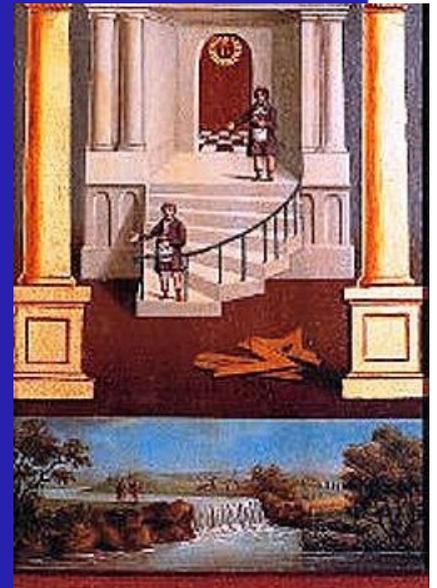
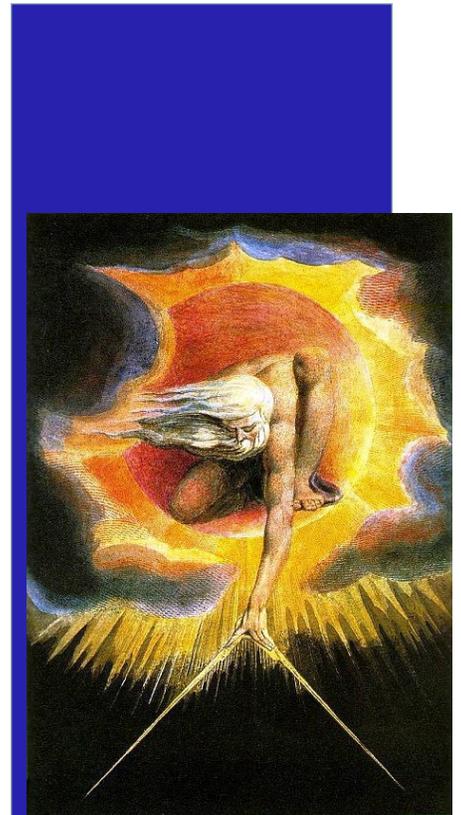
The black cube is a giant's strength to protect Freemasonry. Used thoughtlessly, carelessly, without Masonic reason, it crushes not only him at whom it is aimed but also him who casts it.

A well-used black cube goes into the ballot box. Ill-used, it drops into the heart and blackens it.

Remember: Always vote for the good of the Fraternity.

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"Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves."

Rudyard Kipling



WORSHIPFUL MASTER JERRY HENDRICK
From the East

Why does a man seek admission to become a Mason? This question has many answers. More than I can count, so here is my take on that question. I became a Mason partly because of my family history and all the things that I was told. But as I started my journey I realized that I had to do this because I wanted to, and not because of what I had been told. I believe that this was my best decision, for this journey has made me a better man. I have been places and seen masonry work in many different ways, and the main thing that I have seen is giving to others in many different ways from encouragement, mentoring, and time just to name a few. Let us all take time to remember why we became Masons. In this new year let us be a helpful ear, advisor and a better

Brother and Man to those around us. Let us remember those who cannot help themselves and be there for them, and give them the helping hand they deserve.



SENIOR WARDEN HEATH MORGAN
From the West

It's a time of new beginnings, of resolutions. It would be easy for me to expound on the reasons why you should come back to lodge, or to get invested in what your lodge is doing. However, instead I want to encourage all of us to remember what it means to be a Mason. Men, we need to be a part of the world, or our communities. We should be actively making the world a better place with whatever talents and blessings we have been given. It is not the part of good men to stand on the sidelines accept the status quo. Be a part of the world

around you. Make it better. Love one another as we are loved.

Peace, Love, Happy New Year!



JUNIOR WARDEN JUSTIN ROBBINS
From the South

Chapter 3 of Title V specifically addresses allegations of masonic violations and is especially important as it describes how a mason makes allegations and the procedures a lodge must follow.

tainty; and time, place and particulars distinctly specified. A general allegation of un-Masonic conduct without specifications shall not be entertained". Article 511 makes it clear that allegations must be detailed and specific. A mason must be sure they are not speculating or acting on hearsay. Article 511 further states, "In case of an allegation of violation of national, state or municipal law, the crime itself should be alleged, rather than the conviction".

Article 511 dealing with necessity of allegations and specifications states that, "No penalty can be inflicted upon a Brother without allegations, specifications, notice and Masonic disciplinary procedure in due Masonic Form, except as provided in Title V hereof". This statement indicates exactly why it is important to be familiar with the Title V in its entirety before making allegations of a masonic violation. Article 511 continues, "Allegations shall be made in writing (so far as proper to be written), signed by the accuser, or be approved by the Grand Master, and filed with the Secretary of the Lodge. The Masonic violation must be alleged with cer-

A mason must be aware of the severity and importance of making allegations. He must also be certain of their allegations and able to provide the appropriate details. If these requirements are not met, the allegations may not be entertained and the mason could themselves be violating masonic law.

"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

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Dues notices reminders were mailed out to all members in early December. The good news is only 3 have been returned due to the brothers moving and having no forwarding address. Bad news, I have been informed by family that two of our Brothers have passed away, one affiliated to another lodge, which leaves 25 still due back. All who have paid dues for the upcoming year have had their membership cards mailed to them. I have also mailed all Endowed and

50 Year Exempt cards.

Just a reminder, our next scheduled floor practice is January 9th, our next Stated Meeting is January 12th, and Grand Lodge Communication is January 18th - 21st.



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 the month of December. At our stated meeting, we had the following visitors: Jason Jones from Alvin Lodge, Rolan Pirtle of Yellowhouse, as well as Bob Von Schwedler from Madison lodge. Although it was a short meeting we are always grateful for visiting brethren and encourage everyone to invite someone to lodge in our new year!

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.



We hope to see you at our next stated meeting on Friday, January 12 at 7:30



FROM THE SENIOR STEWARD LUIS RAMOS
Food, Flowers & Frolic

Gracious God, remind us of the importance of keeping the promises we have made to each other and to You. Teach us that the obligations we have taken upon ourselves cannot be forgotten or overlooked. Show us that the only way to honor our obligations is to live in harmony with them on a daily basis. Keep us faithful in living with, living in awareness of, and living up to or Masonic Obligations. Guide us in the responsibilities which are ours as we assemble here to conduct our business today.

In Your Spirit we pray, Amen.



Upcoming Menu for January:

- Pizza
- Chips
- Cookies

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

Mark Twain

LUBBOCK LODGE JANUARY CALENDAR



Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392
Masonic Calendar

January 2018

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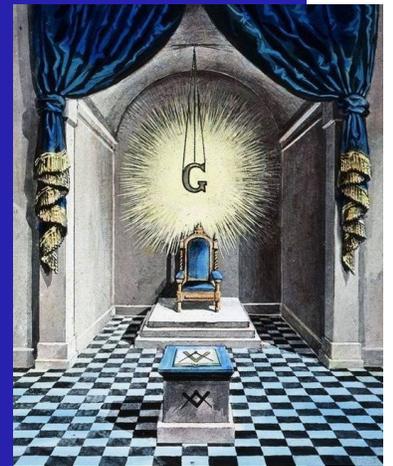
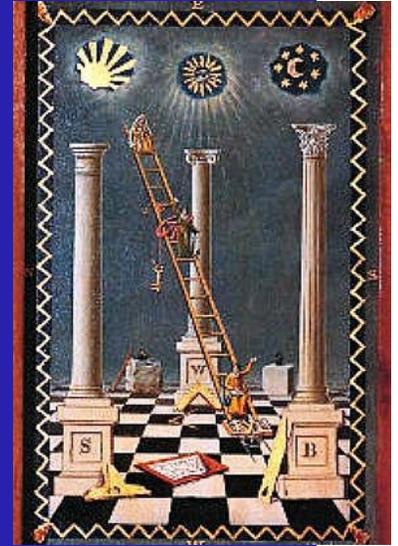


The convict was being brought to the gallows. The hangman puts the noose around his neck. The convict says: "I really can't understand this! The policeman who caught me was a Mason, the prosecutor was a Mason, the judge was a Mason and you're the bloody Senior Deacon in my Lodge!" The hangman replies: "Calm down Brother and step off with your left foot . . ."

"Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind"

Andrew Jackson

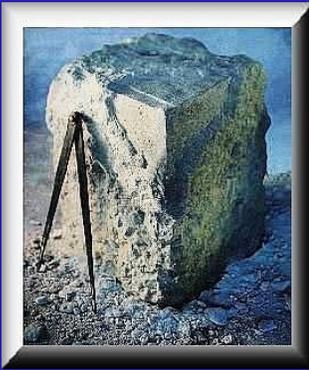
LUBBOCK LODGE #1392 IN ACTION



“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



Joyce Branham, wife of PM
Finus Branham

Betty Etgen, wife of PM Coke
Etgen



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."

Blair Gable

This Month's Brothers' Birthdays

Bill D. Hart 1/9
Bobby Claud Cook 1/15
John L. Cross 1/18
John J. Osborn 1/25
Ravi Dani 1/29

George R. Flickinger 1/31

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



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

THE PILLARS ON THE PORCH

Some researchers have thought that the two pillars before Solomon's Temple represented the Pillar of Water and the Pillar of Fire, which led the Israelites through the desert to the Promised Land. It was their guide in the light as well as in the dark. These pillars were designed and cast by Hiram out of Tyre, a widow's son from the tribe of Naphtali. (Reference: 1st Kings 7: 13-14)



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