

Lubbock's Light

The Newsletter of Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392

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



Attitude in Masonry

By Bro. Carl Brigg

Our attitudes are like our shadows, they follow every thinking individual in his total activities. They are impelling forces in action, they shape our purposes, and they largely determine our policies and practices. They are the very foundation of our many decisions, decisions which affect us personally, our families, our relations to others in society and our actions as citizens. They are to human conduct what gunpowder is to shot, yet how many times do we given them much thought?

Hardly if ever do we bother to ascertain what our attitudes are, how we acquire them, or where they are leading us. That we acquire them is a certainty. We acquire many of them

unconsciously them from the four corners of our existence and are not aware of them unless we are confronted with a problem or a decision. They crystallized in our minds on the basis of what we hear, see, feel and learn by contact with our fellow man. They result from our studies and our search for knowledge. Many of our attitudes are by necessity, transitory, temporary, and fleeting. Many are inherited from friends, parents and associates. Others are created by our environment; some are fundamental and permanent, permeating our entire existence. They stay with us for life, and shape our acts, our thoughts and react upon our personality for good or bad. They may constitute our philosophy whether we realize it or not, and their existence is a part of our approach to every problem or activity we confront. They are of vital im-

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PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Don't miss this month's stated meeting! We will have our first visit from our new District Deputy Grand Master, RW Charles Leatherwood. He will be delivering our message from our new Grand Master Tommy Chapman. Our Grand Master has an

ambitious agenda this year and you won't want to miss this message!

Preparations are starting for Public Schools Week this month. Let us know how you can help out on this important Vanguard require-

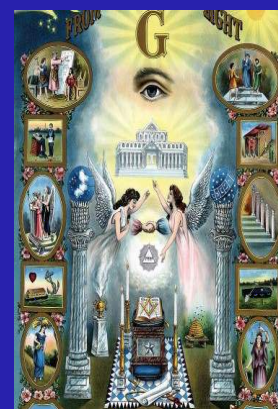
ment.

Plans are shaping up for the Hilltop Gathering on Saturday, May 5. Come and participate in the next planning meeting on Monday, March 26, 6:00pm at Lubbock Lodge. More details next in next month's issue but, there are some new and exciting things coming this year.



“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



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portance of immeasurable importance to us. We cannot conceive the influence they have upon us and those surrounding us. While we cannot trace their source we can and should at least to some extent attempt to analyze our attitudes toward life and direct them in paths that will be most productive of good.

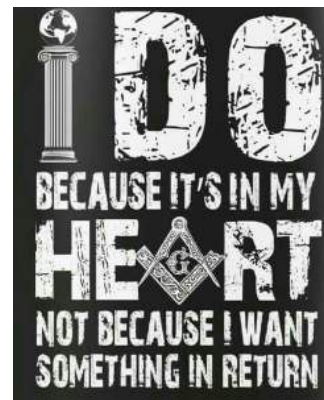


Do we ever stop to ask if our attitudes are proper and wholesome; If they are influenced by our prejudices or if they are tempered by intolerance? Are they based upon unwarranted conclusions and insufficient knowledge of the facts?

It is of course impossible to catalogue all the ingredients of a proper wholesome attitude, but we can point to a few positive qualities that should be a part thereof. They should be the result of careful thought, they should be tempered by moderation and tolerant understanding; they should be composed of the benevolence that readily concedes that practically every human problem has two sides and consequently at least two viewpoints. They should be permeated by morality and seasoned by the spiritual teachings of our religion.



On the other hand our attitudes are often a matter of indifference and complacency. They are steeped in the notion of luck as a substitute for industry of chance rather than planning. They often are influenced by the growing desire among us to cultivate the idea of getting something for nothing. They are influenced by the prevalent notion that it is necessary to eliminate the struggle from life to acquire happiness. When we reflected that, as exercise is necessary to the muscles to acquire physical strength, struggle or degrees of it are strengthening influences in the development of personality and character. Strength and struggle go together physically and spiritually. In that connection it has occurred to me that we are attempting to a greater degree than is good for us to eliminate struggle from life. There is a continued notion now apparently gaining ground that it is the business of Government to provide prosperity for all.



While the attitude of average individuals may not change the course of great events,

they are greatly important. A great many examples could be cited to show that the attitude of one man or woman has changed not only the course of that individual's life, but the course of life for his fellowmen for his or her state or nation.

Attitudes defy description, they are as varied as the thoughts of men; yet they are ever present and determinative of our actions. The assertion or expression of an attitude, no matter how worthy of attainment, sometimes is delayed for years while it takes roots in the hearts of men. But an individual attitude if pervaded by conviction, born of truth, based on morality and right will ultimately prevail. History points to hundreds of examples. We are most fortunate in this country that the great leaders who laid our foundations, were men whose attitudes were sound and founded on great truths, moral principles and cognizance of the worthiness of the humblest of men. Their attitudes were founded first in the grace of God, and second in the inevitability of human progress. The early leaders of this fortunate land assumed that a part of God's divinity actually resulted in man and that he and he alone was fit to govern itself. We gained early the idea of Government by contract and consent, and that is still the basic premise upon which we proceed in all our Governmental actions. Eventually these attitudes implied and expressed under the democratic way of life, have become an integral

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

G. Washington

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part of freedom and we enjoy Government by the consent of the governed. How many peoples of the world yearn for that today?

job in our lives than developing attitudes. The moral and spiritual aspects of these attitudes not only influence us individually but they affect our marriage, our business successes, and our ability to rear families and influence our friends and our neighbors. Let's look at our attitudes; they are much more important than we think. The attitudes we develop as we proceed through life can either become stumbling blocks or great building materials. Which shall they be? With God's help we can make them wonderful building materials.



Who can say in this country that the attitude of equality is not progressing? Wealth is no longer an indication of undue prominence. The wealthy and the average individual may wear identical clothes; the wealthy man drives the same type of automobile as the ordinary citizen. There is a tendency among our people, observable all around us, that distinctions of wealth and class are fast disappearing. People in our land treat each other on the basis of equality whatever their station in life. It is the result of a continuing attitude which we inherited and are carrying on. We should thank God for its presence and do our utmost to preserve and further it. We have come as close as any people have ever come to a classless society.

I know of no more important



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THIS JUST IN! . . . FROM SCOTLAND!

Fraternal Greetings from The Lodge of St. Anthony 154, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, Scotland,

This month's magazine is impressive (Feb 2018). The layout and information clear, concise, and informative.

It's even more heartening to see the spirit of Freemasonry has many different outlets and the co-operation between members of youth organisations being developed and fostered through

freemasonry.

Please convey the Congratulations for a informative newsletter and the fraternal greetings of R.W.M. SEEBro. Brian Morton, Office Bearers and brethren of The Lodge of St. Anthony 154 in Inverurie, Aberdeenshire at your next regular meeting.

Yours sincerely & Fraternaly,
Lodge Secretary,

Bro. Ian R. Cameron (P.M.)
The Lodge of St. Anthony No. 154
Inverurie, Aberdeenshire.

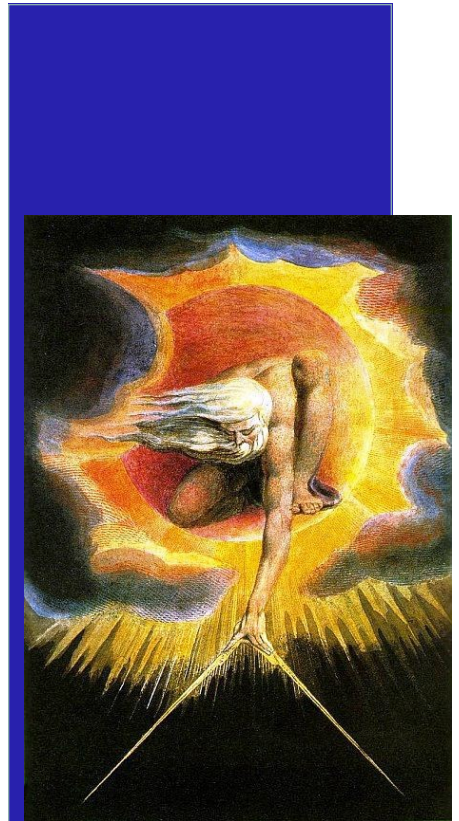
Provincial Grand Lodge of Aberdeenshire West
The Grand Lodge of Scotland.



RWM Bro. Brian Morton



Bro. Ian Cameron (PM)
Secretary



“Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves.”

Rudyard Kipling



WORSHIPFUL MASTER JERRY HENDRICK *From the East*

In Freemasonry, one question that we are facing is how to maintain the interest of our newer members. This is by no means a new question or a new problem. A look back at the minutes of Masonic Lodge meetings from a hundred years ago shows that this is a challenge faced by every generation of Freemasons. Unfortunately, that same look back shows that what worked in the past will not necessarily work today. Society changes and we have to change along with it if we are to remain pertinent to the members of our Craft.

The society that we live in today is an event fueled society. Everything is an event, and then it's over and we're on to the next event. We go to a movie, out to dinner, on vacation. Our jobs are divided into projects that we plan, design, execute and then we start another project. T.V.

time at home is an event; quality time with the kids; our lives are event-full. In most cases we either don't realize or don't see the processes that make those events possible.

We've become so accustomed to our lives being a series of events that we, at best, ignore the processes or, at worst, find them boring and uninteresting. The Masonic society is filled with events: the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason; Lodge meetings, Lodge functions, Reunions, Festivals, Ceremonials, and the list goes on and on. Freemasonry though, is not an event; it is a process. It is what happens in the background and in between and during those events. It is the processes involved in bringing those events to fruition that manifests as Freemasonry.



SENIOR WARDEN HEATH MORGAN *From the West*

Balance. Harmony. Pretty words aren't they? They are also two things I find difficult to achieve. As an EA one of the first lessons we were taught was about the working tool for that degree, which is the twenty-four inch gauge. How long has it been since you have heard that speech given in a degree? How long has it been since that lesson was taught to you or since you really sat down and pondered the lesson? We, as Masons, are to divide our time between the necessities of life like food and sleep, for work and play, and for worship and devotion. All of those things are to be

achieved with equal attention given to each. We must find balance and harmony in our lives if we are to live the way the Creator meant. It seems as if our Ancient Brethren were on to something long before our modern day thinking. However I do wish I could tell you how to achieve that balance. I wish I had some great knowledge that I could pass to you. Unfortunately, I am constantly striving for that balance in harmony in my own life. I can tell you however, that it isn't easy. But then if it was, I guess we wouldn't call it a "WORKING" tool then would we?



JUNIOR WARDEN JUSTIN ROBBINS *From the South*

I would like to conclude our in depth look at Title V by looking at Chapter 21 (relating to Title V Violations by Lodges). Chapter 21 begins with Article 647 dealing with Invasion of Jurisdiction". Article 647 states, "Any Lodge in this jurisdiction which shall invade the jurisdiction of another lodge and make a Mason of a candidate domiciled in another jurisdiction, without the consent of such Lodge, shall pay to the Lodge whose jurisdiction it has invaded the amount of the fees received on account thereof, and be subject to such other discipline as the Grand Lodge may inflict; provided that the territory of Lodges holding concurrent jurisdiction is so invaded, such fees shall be paid to the oldest Lodge, as provided in Art. 465".

Article 648 (dealing with Lotteries, Raffles, Etc.) states, "It is a Masonic offense for any Lodge to raise money by lotteries or other gambling devices, with the exception of legal charitable raffles conducted in compliance with the laws of the State of Texas". Surprisingly, I hear of issues arising with these two articles quite frequently. Most of the issues could easily be avoided if the members of lodges were more familiar with Masonic Law (more especially Title V). Please keep these articles in mind and do not hesitate to refer to them in your lodges law book if necessary. Just a reminder: ignorance of the law does not equal innocence.

"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

On March the 9th 2018, we will be receiving RW Charles Underwood DDGM of Masonic District #93A for his first official visit at Lubbock Lodge #1392. Lubbock Lodge will also be graded on the opening and closing of the lodge. We are asking all brethren who are able to attend, please do so. Dress for the lodge is casual, but the brethren are encouraged to wear a tie this night.

I sent out sixteen notices to brothers who are in arrears on dues. If you are one of the recipients, please send in your dues. Next letters go out in June and those will be Sus-

pension for NPD.

The Grand Lodge of Texas AF & AM has a new look to its website. They still have a few bugs to work out, but for the most part it is impressive. Each brother may register on the site to see his own Masonic information contained in the Grand Lodge Database. This includes regular info such as name, address, email, etc. . . . but you can also see what offices you have held and awards you have received and the dates.



FROM THE SENIOR DEACON BRANDON GOULD
Visiting Brothers and Prospects

We would like to thank the brothers as well as our visitors that attended our stated meeting for the month of February. At our stated meeting, we had the following visitors: WM Bob Clemmons, 33° and PM Bob Lindsey both of Wolforth Frenship Lodge, WM Rolan Pirtle of Yellowhouse, and a special thanks to our first time visitors Jordan Driskell of Lawn Lodge in Abilene and Jason Watson of Standfield Lodge in Denton.

We hope to see you at our next stated meeting on Friday, March at 7:30 pm (dinner at 6:30 pm) and encourage

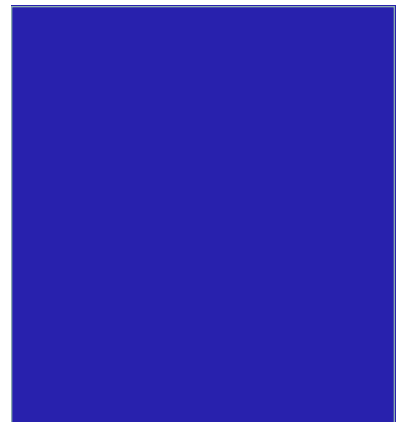
anyone interested in getting involved with the degree team to attend floor practice every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.



FROM THE SENIOR STEWARD LUIS RAMOS
Food, Flowers & Frolic

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 March:

- Menu:
- Chili
- Beans
- Corn bread
- Cookies
- Asst drinks

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

Mark Twain

LUBBOCK LODGE MARCH CALENDAR

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Two candidates were elected to enter on the same lodge night, one was a butcher and the other a sales rep. on the night of initiation the butcher went in first, when it came to the charge at the north east corner it was discovered that he had a quarter pound of liver in his pocket that he was going to deliver on his way home, obviously this had to be taken away. the JD took this to the tyler and said this is the butchers liver ,and to this day we haven't seen the sales rep

“Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind”

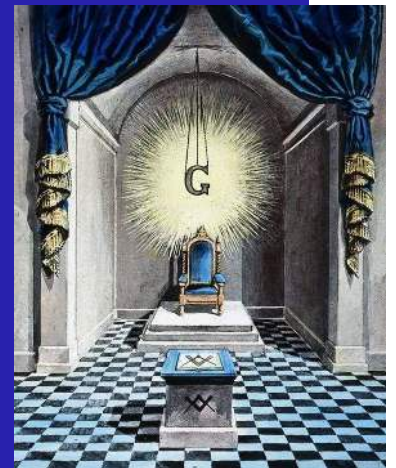
Andrew Jackson

LUBBOCK LODGE #1392 IN ACTION



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**SMOKE ALARMS
SAVE LIVES**

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery



“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



Bro. Roland "Mutt" Martin
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."

Oliver Gable

This Month's Brothers' Birthdays

Clifford Hopping	3/2
Robert Werner	3/2
Richard Maddox	3/5
Brandon Gould	3/11
James Parker	3/12
Finus Branham	3/21

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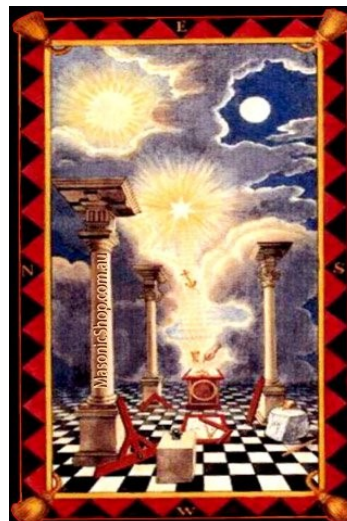
MEETINGS:
SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH
MONTH, 7:30 P.M.
MEAL: 6:30PM
FLOOR SCHOOL:
EVERY TUESDAY @ 7P.M.



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

SYMBOLS OF THE FIRST DEGREE

The symbols, emblems and allegorical ceremonies of the First Degree have each a meaning; taken together these meanings comprise the teaching of the Degree. The time is too brief to give you complete explanations of them, or even to mention all of them, but believe it will be profitable to you to have a few hints and suggestions, especially as they will show that every detail of the Ritual is filled with a definite significance which each



Mason can learn if he applies himself.



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