

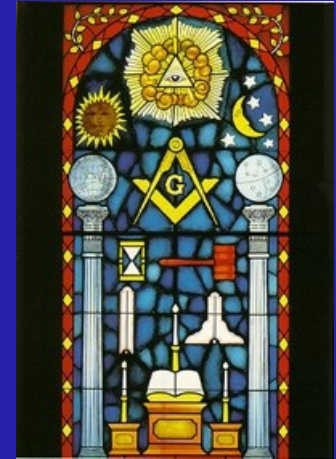
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Lubbock's Light

The Newsletter of Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392

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



Lodge Leaders Are Like Athletes

John Loayza, Assistant Grand Chancellor
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Brethren, the 2018 Winter Olympics ended with champions from around the world. In effect, the best of the best in their respective sports activities. Have you asked yourselves, what sets them apart from the others? This sports question can also be applied to our local lodge leaders or officers. Both the athletes and successful local lodge leaders come to the same conclusion, competition is actually a mental game as much as it is a physical one. We all need to learn how to adopt and emulate success in our lodges, as well as in sports. Let's look at a few of the factors that can turn a sports team or a lodge into champions by considering the following points:

1-Champions & Successful Lodge Leaders Be-

lieve In The Future. In order to achieve a goal, athletes and lodge leaders/officers focus on what needs to be achieved and how to achieve the goal. They picture themselves achieving their goals within specific time parameters. Thus, their actions become a matter of when, not if they will achieve their goals.

2-Champions & Successful Lodge Leaders Embrace Conflict. Many people look for a fast escape whenever they encounter an obstacle or conflict. However, champions or successful lodge leaders look for opportunities to break through any obstacles and improve themselves, others, and their lodges.

3-Champions/Lodge Leaders Remain Focused. Successful lodge leaders or champions understand that in order to win it's necessary to em-

PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



MUCH happening this month!

The 52nd Anniversary Hilltop meeting will be Saturday, May 5. The current Grand line has been invited and we expect some candidates running for the Grand South next year.

At our upcoming Stated Meeting on May 11th we will be presenting scholarships and the Lamar Award. We invite all area Masons to join us in our support toward public education as well as to the scholarship recipients and the Lamar Award winner for 2018.

We will have the annual spring cleaning on the 12th at about 9:30am. We will be cleaning the inside and outside of the lodge. We need as many of the brethren to attend each of the events as possible.

Finally, election of officers is just around the corner on June 8th. Please let the current leadership know of your interest in an office and how you wish to serve your lodge in the upcoming year.

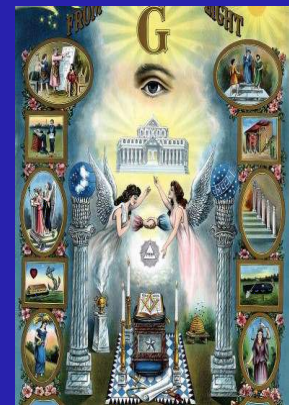


"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting

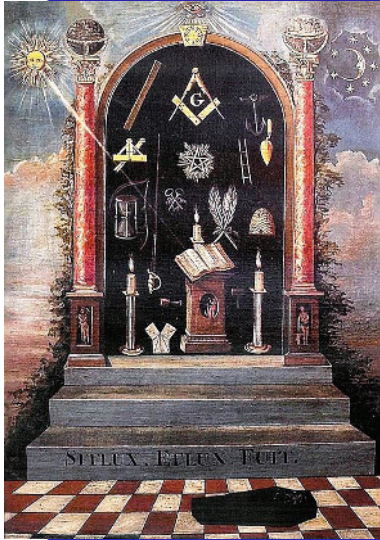
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phasize the fundamentals, continue to make consistent, and incremental improvements.

4-Champions/Lodge Leaders Are Accountable. Athletes have many levels of accountability, such as with their teammates, trainers, and coaches. This is no different within a lodge, district of lodges, and statewide. Therefore, local lodge leaders should be building their own accountability teams to coordinate their best efforts while staying focused on their ultimate goals.

5-Champions/Lodge Leaders Are Risk Takers. There are no guarantees in this world. Therefore, athletes and successful local lodge leaders take calculated risks that can possibly lead them to achieve their goals. However, if they fail, they automatically and carefully analyze what went wrong and they try again.

6-Champions/Lodge Leaders Have Discipline. Although athletes and lodge leaders practice the same exact routines daily with necessary step by step improvements, modifications or innovations, it may seem boring or too challenging to some but they understand the importance of diligence and hard work. This process eventually leads to success.

7-Champions/Lodge Leaders Continually Learn. Athletes are continually studying techniques to improve their abilities, researching their competitors, and searching for information that gives them an edge. They live and

breathe their goals and how to achieve them. The most successful lodge leaders do the same thing, and with that learning process there is no obstacle that cannot be overcome.

8-Champions/Lodge Leaders Are Coachable. Anyone thinking that he knows it all is only fooling himself. Every successful athlete has coaches. Moreover, successful athletes know how to accept constructive criticism and suggestions on how to improve. Successful local lodge leaders have the availability of coaches who can help with improvements if those local lodge leaders avail themselves of the resources within their own lodges and from other lodges. Nothing breathes success like success.

9-Champions/Lodge Leaders Concentration. Any successful athlete or lodge leader will tell you that he fully concentrates on the task at hand. He doesn't let any other personal or work distraction to cause a loss of his concentration in achieving his goal.

10-Champions/Lodge Leaders Dream Big. Any champion or successful lodge leader will tell others that they dare to dream big, and to be the best in the world. They never think small. Therefore, if you want to be a champion athlete or successful local lodge leader, you have to dream big because no one else will. Hopefully, the aforementioned successful traits, if applied correctly, will change the mental process and make local lodge leader champions

around the world.

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The Past Master's Symbol by Bro. Kurt P.M.

The Past Master's Symbol is a often seen but not so frequently explained Masonic Symbol. It commonly consists of The Compass, Sun, and Quadrant (or Protractor), and in most jurisdictions a Square.

The Compass has a familiar interpretations for it is by the Compass that a Mason is reminded to keep his actions within due bounds. The Square also has a familiar meaning, for in Acting on the Square a Mason conducts himself honestly, with morality and virtue. The Square is the Master's jewel (a reminder of how he should govern), and is a part of the Past Master's Symbol as a reminder of the office he held.



The Quadrant is the arc that the compass rests upon, either below or in place of

the square on the familiar symbol of the fraternity. The Quadrant shows what angle the Compass is opened at. Symbolically, as every Mason is supposed to use the Compass to keep his actions within due bounds, it is The Quadrant that measures those due bounds, and it is the responsibility of the Master of the Lodge to ensure that Masons under his jurisdiction are making proper



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

G. Washington

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use of their own Compass. The Quadrant also shows the Compass

to be opened to 60 degrees or the angle of an equilateral triangle, which is a symbol of balance.

The Compass paired with the Quadrant could also be seen as a Sextant a navigation tool used to measure altitude. The Sextant symbolizes that not only did the Past Master have to navigate the course of his Lodge in the past, but also that he is qualified to do so, should his successors require his advice or assistance.

The Sun represents Light and the Master of a Lodge is supposed to be a source of Masonic Light. It also signifies that the Past Master has observed the sun at meridian height (the South), setting (the West), and rising (the East).

In some jurisdictions around the world, The 47th Problem of Euclid Suspended by a Square is used as The Past Master's Symbol. The 47th Problem of Euclid (also known as the Pythagorean Theorem) is used to prove a square a vital skill to ancient builders. Suspended by the Square, the symbol represents the knowledge and wisdom that a Past Master has gained from his service to his Lodge and Masonry in general.

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Freemasonry Is Many Things

Freemasonry is a Story of Life; with all its joys, its heartaches, its failures and its final triumph over all earthly things.

Anyone can read it, in countless books. Its teachings, its symbols, and its ambitions, are open for general observation. They are practiced in the light, and held up for all the world to see.

Freemasonry is not practiced in the dark, neither are its teachings the dogma of some forbidden cult. We, as Freemasons, are required to reflect the light; to practice its teachings and love by their direction. No greater thing can be said of Freemasonry than that it is an ideal way of life.

No other fraternity offers such profound lessons in its Ritual or Work as does Freemasonry. Each word and each act in the ceremonies of the Lodge carries a true lesson to each of us, if we will but open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and hearts to accept.

We can study Freemasonry for years, as we attend its meetings, and each time we stop to think on the things said and done, we get a new meaning and inspiration from them. There is a never-ending source of pleasure in the various shades of meaning that can be read into each line of our work. Each new meaning and interpretation that we put into some word or act will make that passage live for us, and we will begin to see Freemasonry for what it is intended. Great men

have devoted many years of study and meditation to the cause of Freemasonry and when their work is finished they realize that they have only begun to see the light and that they have only started to uncover the true meanings of the work.

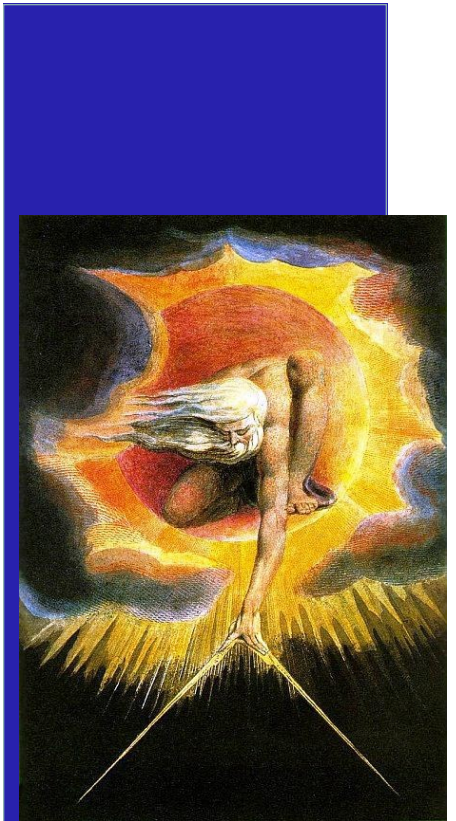
Freemasonry has been talked of and written about by countless men in every country of the world. Its members have been persecuted in all lands at one time or the other, but it still grows and flourishes as no other fraternity on earth today.

There must be something good and great in Freemasonry, for it to stand through the years as a beacon of light to its members and as a symbol of the true way of life for all to see and follow. Its greatness is not due to its secret teachings, its mysteries or fanfare of its deeds, but rather to the profound lessons taught to its members and to the comfort, inspiration and enlightenment brought to all who will but study

Freemasonry frowns on advertising its good deeds, preferring to let those who benefit from them reflect its goodness, that others might have hope and desire the better things of life. Freemasonry offers comfort to those who sorrow, hope for those who despair, wise counsel for those who err, and the joys and contentment of life to all.

Source: Bro. William A. Carpenter

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"Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves."

Rudyard Kipling



WORSHIPFUL MASTER JERRY HENDRICK
From the East

What one symbol is most typical of Freemasonry as a whole? Mason and non-Mason alike, nine times out of ten, will answer, "The Square!" Many learned writers on Freemasonry have denominated the square as the most important and vital, most typical and common symbol of the ancient Craft. Mackey terms it "one of the most important and significant symbols." McBride said: "In Masonry or building, the great dominant law is the law of the square." Newton's words glow: "Very early the square became an emblem of truth, justice and righteousness, and so it remains to this day, though uncountable ages have passed. Sim-

ple, familiar, eloquent; it brings from afar a sense of wonder of the dawn, and it still teaches a lesson we find it hard to learn." Haywood speaks of: "—Its history, so varied and so ancient, its use, so universal."



SENIOR WARDEN HEATH MORGAN
From the West

I last left off with the discussion of our apron and the significance of its innocence. This month we look further into the explanation. We are told that our apron is more ancient than the golden fleece or roman eagle, more honorable than the Star and Garter. Well, the Golden Fleece refers back to the tale of Jason in ancient Greek times, probably around 8 BC. The Roman Eagle refers to the ancient Roman Empire's standard which the Legion carried into battle and was used as a symbol for the

Empire. The Order of the Star and Garter is interesting. It originated in 1348 by England's King Edward III. It was only open the Sovereign, the Prince of Wales, and 24 other individuals. What's more is only the Sovereign could make appointments to the Order. So, our apron is more ancient than the two greatest ancient civilizations, and more honorable than an Order open only to kings, princes, and nobility.



JUNIOR WARDEN JUSTIN ROBBINS
From the South

This month I would take a brief look at balloting. Balloting, a central component of freemasonry, is often conducted incorrectly or the results are misrepresented. Article 415 states that a ballot can only conducted at stated meetings unless a dispensation is issued by the Grand Master. Article 418 describes the effect blackballs can have on the outcome of a ballot. In balloting on candidates for degrees, one or two blackballs (assuming there are not any protests against the candidate) shall be declared favorable. Three blackballs shall reject for one year, four blackballs for two years, and five or more black-

balls for three years. Finally, Article 420 states that, "A ballot on any kind of a petition or application named in Art. 419 may be retaken as many times as necessary to satisfy the Worshipful Master that no mistake has been made, before the result of any ballot is announced by the Worshipful Master, but not thereafter".



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

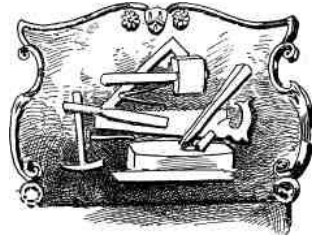
Will Rogers



FROM THE SECRETARY HARROLD LOVELESS
Taking Care of Business

There is a lot going on for the month of May. There will be an EA Degree on the 1st at 7:00pm. Hill Top is on the 5th at the Shoemaker Ranch. We will gather at 11:00am, lunch at 12:00, and the program to start at 1:00pm. At our upcoming Stated Meeting on May 11th we will be handing out scholarships and the Lamar Award. We need a good turnout to show our support toward public education as well as to the scholarship recipients and the Lamar Award winner for 2018. Finally, we will have the annual spring clean-

ing on the 12th at about 9:30am. We will be cleaning the inside and outside of the lodge. We need as many of the brethren to attend each of the events as possible.



FROM THE SENIOR DEACON BRANDON GOULD
Visiting Brothers and Prospects

Brethren, I would like to thank all of our visitors who came out to our last stated meeting, we always love having visiting brethren. I would also like to give a special thanks the brothers who joined us and helped us put on a master Mason degree and welcome brother Chad Conn to the sublime degree.

ship that masonry offers. Lubbock Lodges stated meeting will be on Friday, May 11th with the meal at 6:30 and opening at 7:30 but we also have floor practice every Tuesday at 6:30 and hope to see some new faces around.

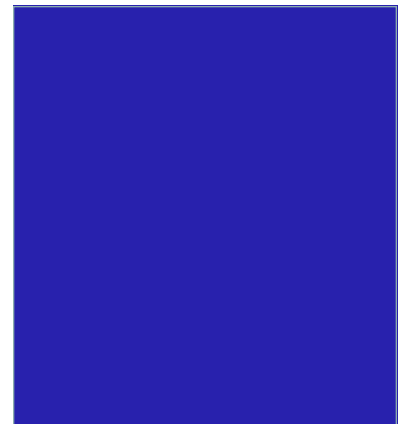


I would like to encourage all area masons to get out and visit the local lodges whether it be their floor practice or stated meetings. Masonry is a brotherhood so why not get out at any chance you have to meet your fellow brethren and enjoy the fellow-



FROM THE SENIOR STEWARD LUIS RAMOS
Food, Flowers & Frolic

Supreme Grand Master, ruler of Heaven and earth, now that we are about to separate and return to our respective places of abode, wilt Thou be pleased so to influence our hearts and minds that we may, each one of us, practice out of the Lodge those great moral duties which are inculcated in it, and with reverence study and obey the laws which Thou hast given us in Thy Holy Word. Amen.



Upcoming Menu for April:

- Menu:
- Deli platter
 - Assorted breads
 - Assorted cookies
 - Assorted drinks

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

Mark Twain

LUBBOCK LODGE MAY CALENDAR

 Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392 Masonic Calendar		<h2>May 2018</h2>				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  Wolforth Stated Mtg FLOOR PRACTICE	2	3	4  Yellowhouse Stated Mtg	5 
6	7  Emma Lodge	8  FLOOR PRACTICE Lubbock OES	9	10  Rainbow Girls	11  STATED MEETING Lubbock Lodge Presentation of Scholarships and Lamar Award	12
13 	14  Crosbyton Lodge	15  FLOOR PRACTICE Mackenzie Stated Mtg	16	17  Freedom OES	18	19  Daylight Lodge Stated Meeting
20	21  Commandery	22 FLOOR PRACTICE	23  Scottish Rite	24  Council Rainbow Girls	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29 FLOOR PRACTICE	30	31		
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Have you heard of the Lodge that was holding its meetings in the ball room of the local hotel while its building was undergoing renovations? One night a traveling salesman asked the desk clerk who all those men going into the room were. The desk clerk replied "Oh, those are the Masons." The salesman said, Oh, I've always wanted to join that lodge. Do you think they would let me in?" "Oh, no," said the clerk. "They're awful exclusive. Why, you see that poor guy standing outside the door with a sword? He's been knocking for six months and they still won't let him in!!!"

"Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind"

Andrew Jackson

LUBBOCK LODGE #1392 IN ACTION



May 5, 2018

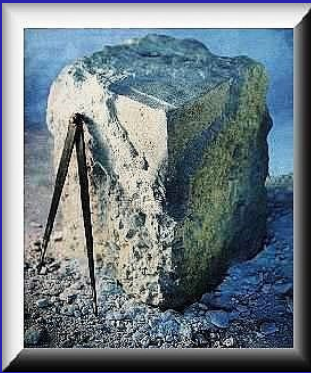
Complete Coverage Next Month



“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



Leonard Buller, PM



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

Christopher Lupton 5/1
Thomas Jackson 5/9
Leonard Buller 5/23
Billy Harris 5/25
Kenneth Olson 5/30

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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 TROWEL

The Working Tools of the 3rd Degree are all the implements of Masonry, but chiefly the Trowel, by which we are taught to lay the cement of Brotherly Love. But Brotherly Love itself has its source and seat in the soul. To love a man above his sins, to cherish him in spite of his faults, to forgive him in all sincerity, to bear with him and to forbear, all this is possible only to us as we live in the spiritual life and have our souls purged of lust and selfishness.



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