

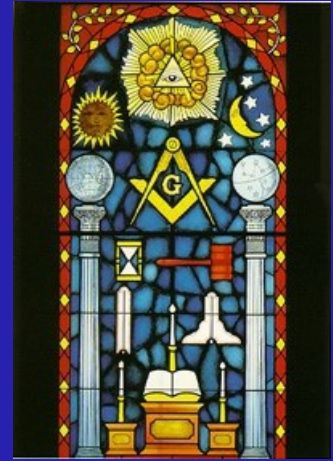
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# Lubbock's Light

The Newsletter of Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392

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



## Freemasonry and the Texas Rangers

In this technological age of the 21st Century, it is difficult for young people to relate to the fewer communication and entertainment avenues of the early 20th Century. Back then, it was Radio which provided news, programming and entertainment. Before television made it possible to convey images, radio-listeners had to create their own mental picture to blend-in and enhance the messages that they heard. Successful radio programs had to use correct language, as well as clear and vivid depictions to keep listeners spellbound. In 1933, a Detroit, Michigan man named George W. Trendle, created a radio program broadcast over radio station WXYZ. He wanted it to appeal to youth, yet be interesting and exciting for adults, too. The setting of the Old West in America provided an interesting theme in which to portray the hardships of the pioneers. Those hardships were deepened by burdens imposed by bad luck, bad choices, and bad men. With any big problem, people look

for 'something' or 'someone' to help lift that burden and help make things right. As you might suppose, the hero would rescue the situation and happiness would prevail.

The program, which began on radio, was eventually brought to television. That is where my first recollections of it began. The character would exhibit genuine virtue, honor, valor, wisdom, compassion and respect for Law. The person in this leading role would be a true gentleman, who sets a good example of clean living and clean speech. He would walk uprightly and promote Justice without regard for personal gain. He would come to the rescue when needed, and he wouldn't be afraid to enlist the help of his faithful companion or a group of citizens to work in concert with him to bring order out of chaos. Restoring the community's peace and harmony was his overriding concern. This character had a past history as a lawman - as a Texas Ranger. He was shot down in an

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## PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



We hope that you will make the stated meeting 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 and there are opportunities for YOU to serve! This is your opportunity to let your voice be heard regarding leadership for the upcoming year.

Don't forget!  
**Father's Day, Sunday, June 17!**



***"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***

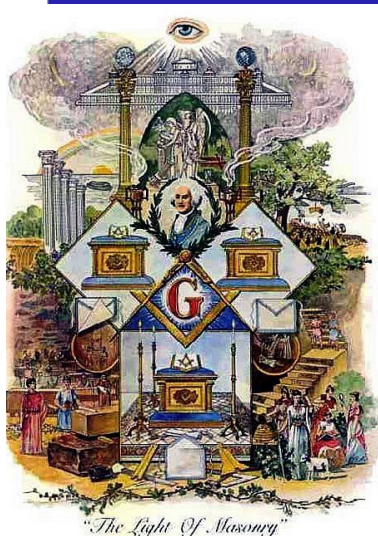
*Benjamin Franklin*



## Freemasonry and the Texas Rangers — *con't from page 1*



ambush, along with five other Texas Rangers. As he lay near death, an American Indian named "Tonto" came across the scene and observed that one Ranger was still breathing, brought him water, and nursed him back to health. Around the Ranger's neck was a necklace bearing a symbol that Tonto had given a young white-boy years earlier. Tonto said, "You are kemo-sabe." (A Pottawatomie Indian word meaning "trustworthy scout" or "faithful friend.") The Ranger, vaguely remembers his childhood nickname. He remembers Tonto and their memories of youth. The Ranger, John Reid, sees his brother (a fellow Texas Ranger) Dan Reid among the five dead Rangers. Together, Tonto and the Ranger dig six graves to make it appear to the outlaws that there were no survivors. As the sole survivor, Tonto makes the astute pronouncement to his friend: "You the Lone Ranger, now."



Before burying his fellow Texas Rangers, the surviving Ranger cut a strip of black fabric from his brother Dan's vest and fashioned it into a mask to put across his face and conceal his identity. As "The Lone Ranger," he vowed: First, to bring to Justice the members of the Cavendish Gang who did the dastardly deed. And, Second, to help bring Law and Order to the rugged American Frontier as well as a level of stability to its citizenry. The Lone Ranger had his trusty horse, Silver, and Tonto had his beautiful paint horse, Scout.

I can almost hear the sounds of the 'Cavalry Charge' finale of Gioacchino Rossini's William Tell Overture, and the booming baritone voice of the announcer, who said, "A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust, and a hearty 'Heigh-Yo, Silver!!'

The Lone Ranger. 'Heigh-Yo, Silver, away!!' With his faithful Indian companion Tonto, the daring and resourceful masked rider of the plains led the fight for law and order in the early West. Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear. The Lone Ranger rides again." Like many people, I would classify "The Lone Ranger" as a true American hero....a larger-than-life personality, worthy of emulation. Growing up, I knew several men who, if wrapped-up-together, would embody most of The Lone Ranger's admirable traits. Upon reaching adulthood and soon thereafter joining Masonry, I can see many of those desirable virtues inculcated in the various Masonic degrees.

It is no co-incidence that Freemasonry helped influence the law enforcement agency, the Texas Rangers. It was Bro. Stephen F. Austin, a Mason, who had the fervent wish to organize a group of hardy men to protect his new colony (which later became Texas). In 1823, Bro. Austin referred to that group as Rangers, because of their duties compelling them to 'range' over the entire vast area. This select group gave rise to what is called now "Texas Rangers." Furthermore, many notable early Texas Rangers were Masons, including Jack Hays, John B. Jones, (who later became the presiding officer of Royal Arch Masonry in Texas) L.H. McNelly, James Gillett, and George W. Baylor (among many others). One of the most dynamic Texas Rangers of the 20th Century was Manuel Trazazas Gonzauillas. His career as a Texas Ranger was notable for his patrolling of the East Texas Oil Fields, near Kilgore, Texas. He was known by the nickname "Lone Wolf Gonzauillas," and he was the only Texas Ranger then

of Spanish descent. He was also a Mason. Bro. Gonzauillas was involved in the control of gambling, boot-legging, bank robbery, riots, prostitution, narcotic trafficking, and general lawlessness from the Red River to the Rio Grande and from El Paso to the Sabine River during the 1920s and 1930s.

In September 2006, I was pleased to have Barry K. Caver, Captain of Texas Rangers - Company "E" tell me, "There was a time that most, if not all Texas Rangers, were Masons; however, I do not know their level of involvement."

The battle of "Good" winning over "Evil," and the struggle from 'adversity and despair' to 'triumph and joy' is a hallmark of real-life adventures that have been memorialized by both works of fiction and non-fiction. In pioneer days, horses were the principal means of transportation. Having a good horse often meant the difference between life and death for not only Texas Rangers, but for ordinary citizens as well.

Animals, as well as humans, sometimes experience adversity. The Lone Ranger and Tonto saved a big white horse from being gored to death by a buffalo. The Lone Ranger and Tonto nursed it back to health, and eventually set it free. The horse later followed them back to camp and The Lone Ranger adopted it. The horse became his trusty steed "Silver."

The Lone Ranger's bullets were made by a retired Texas Ranger in an old silver mine. The silver bullets were to remind the Ranger of how expensive it is to shoot at a man, and conversely, how valuable every person's life is. The Lone Ranger would always shoot to wound -never to kill.

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

*L. Washington*



## Freemasonry and the Texas Rangers — *con't from page 2*

As a Masonic Rosicrucian, I am reminded of the virtues of the element SILVER. It is not only a precious metal used in monetary exchanges as currency, it also has healing properties. I am reminded that pioneers moving west often put silver coins in their water barrels to keep them clean as a bactericide and algacide. Silver is also used today in pharmaceuticals.

The Lone Ranger put on the mask so he could not be identified. This served a two-fold purpose: So he could not be easily recognized by the outlaws who sought to kill him initially. Secondly, any good deeds he would perform later would be done purely for the love of country and the pursuit of justice. Anonymity gives a person a stronger backbone of self-discipline if it is apparent the donor will receive nothing in return. Many Masonic Halls in olden days would have wooden boxes placed in aisles, lobbies, hallways or in rooms adjacent to the Lodge room for members to donate Alms and other money to be directed to the poor. Any selfish person will make a donation if they can brag and boast about it, but it takes a truly selfless person who really cares to contribute in private.

The Lone Ranger rode over a vast amount of territory, which included the Great Plains and several rivers, streams, distant mountains and the occasional canyon. When I was growing up in Kansas, I was amazed to learn that parts of the current States of KANSAS, COLORADO, NEW MEXICO, OKLAHOMA, and even a bit of WYOMING were once part of the Republic of Texas. In that context, it is easy to envision a former Texas Ranger riding the diverse types of terrain which were then ONE REGION. And, Kansas has a Pottawatomie

Indian Reservation. Sometimes works of fiction are based on more reality than a person might imagine.

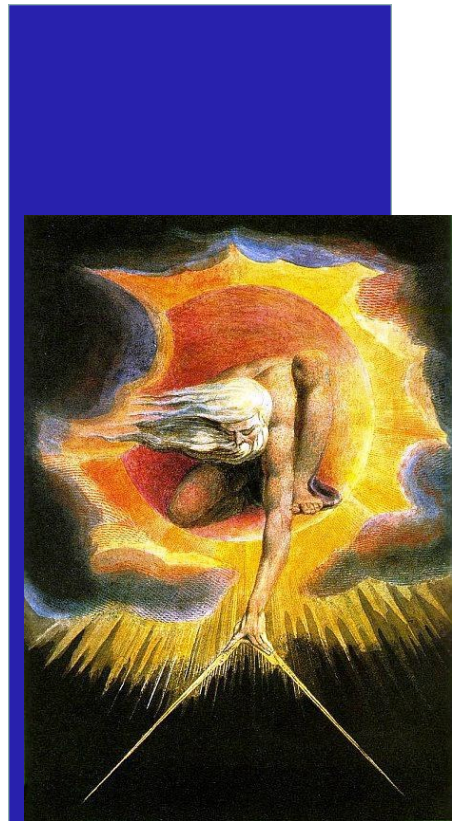
For The Lone Ranger and Tonto, friendships were solid and lifelong. Masonry likewise inspires solid, lifelong friendships. Fr. Christian Rosenkreutz, the founder of the Rosicrucian Society had members go out in the world in pairs. He felt that by going out in the world two-by-two would provide more safety and security than a sole individual dealing with life's struggles alone. Furthermore, life's lessons are often better understood when you have someone by your side to help you see how it has affected them too. Courage doesn't develop instantly. Moral courage goes beyond personal courage or bravery. Moral courage must be cultivated and reinforced. Freemasonry instills an honorable Code of Conduct. Many early Texas Rangers being Masons themselves adopted a code of ethics or integrity that lives on today. The white lamb-skin apron is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason. The 5-pointed Star-within-a-wheel design is the badge of a Texas Ranger, and the badges are generally made from old Mexican five-peso silver coins. Early Rangers sometimes lacked an "official" badge for various reasons: insufficient salary, no real need to display it to Indians or Mexicans, or no need of displaying such a tempting target on one's chest. However, the Masonic influence on the 5-pointed Lone Star has been evident from the beginning. In 1844, George K. Teulon, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas, addressing a gathering of Masons in Portland, Maine said, "Texas is emphatically a Masonic Country.

Our national emblem, the 'Lone Star' was chosen from the emblems selected by Freemasonry, to illustrate the moral virtues--- it is a five-pointed star, and alludes to the five points of fellowship." Badges are nice to have, but we all must strive to aspire to the duties and qualifications that our 'badge' represents.

Along with personal courage comes personal sacrifice. The Lone Ranger had his own blood spilled during the ambush in the pursuit of Justice. His brother (a fellow Ranger) died in the same pursuit of Justice. Having already taken an Oath as a Ranger, he vowed another promise: to continue acting in the interests of Justice.

All of us (as Master Masons) have taken an honorable obligation in the Lodge. And as Masonic Rosicrucians, we have made additional promises to seek further knowledge and continue our honorable and laudable work in the interests of the betterment of all mankind. By making our additional obligations, we have shown that we are willing to personally sacrifice a little more, in order that our Society makes a positive difference in this world.

By remembering those thrilling days of yesteryear and learning from this grand old story of The Lone Ranger...may we all be inspired to "carry-on" and base our actions on the same degree of excellence in ethics. Retaining and displaying a high level of



***"Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves."***

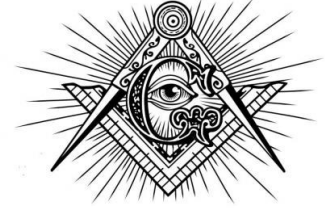
*Rudyard Kipling*



### WORSHIPFUL MASTER JERRY HENDRICK

Ahoy,  
I would like to say thank you for all the support that I have received during my term as Worshipful Master of our Lodge. It has been an eventful year and there is much more to come in the future. Let us remember our that together we can do anything to leave a positive impact on those around us. Fair Winds and Follow-

# Freemasonry



## NAVY

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### SENIOR WARDEN HEATH MORGAN

*From the West*

Our Brother Senior Warden will be back next month.



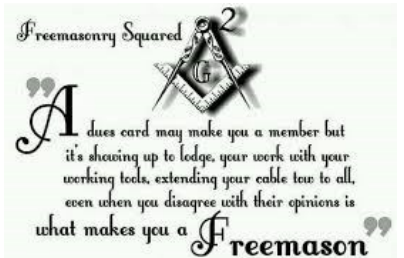
### JUNIOR WARDEN JUSTIN ROBBINS

*From the South*

With our masonic year coming to a close, I would like to briefly touch on Fees and Dues of a lodge. Articles 307 and 308 state that the minimum fee for degrees “shall not be less than thirty dollars for each degree” but a lodge may fix the fees to any amount above this amount. Article 311 states that annual dues “shall never be fixed below a minimum of Fifty Dollars per annum”, but like degree fees, the values are set by each lodge. Finally, article 318 explains that a lodge may require a fee for affiliation, but unlike degree fees and dues, there is no set minimum

amount.

I would like to thank everyone that has read or contributed to the Lubbock Lodge newsletter. I have thoroughly enjoyed learning more about Masonic Law throughout this year. I would like to encourage each of you to continue



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

*Will Rogers*



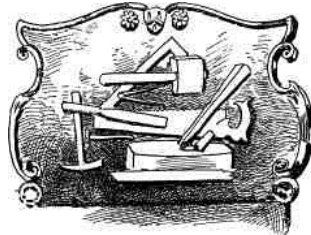


**FROM THE SECRETARY HARROLD LOVELESS**  
*Taking Care of Business*

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day Holiday in remembering those who came before and gave their lives in order that we remain free. To all my brothers who served, I thank you for your service.

On June 8th at our regularly scheduled Stated Meeting will be officer elections. Please make a point to attend as a thank you to the outgoing officers and to vote for new officers. Installation of officers will take place at a future date and time (between June 24th to July 31st).

Also to be announce will be a presentation of the Golden Trowel (date and time still pending).



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

Brethren, I would like to thank all of our visitors who came out throughout the months floor practices and called meetings, we always enjoy having visiting brethren. Thank you to Tim Smith, Bob Lindley, Charles Leatherwood, Bob Clemmons, Steve Sperry, Bob Chesser, Brad Billings, and Rolan Pirtle for joining us at our last stated meeting.

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 fellowship that masonry offers. Lubbock Lodges stated meeting will be on Friday, June 8th with the meal at 6:30 and opening at 7:30 but we also have floor practice every Tuesday at 6:30 and see some new faces around.



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

Creator and provider of all things we thank You for this occasion, and ask your blessing upon the food that has been prepared for us. We thank you also for the fellowship with our brothers. Enrich us in our time around these tables, that through our conversations and sharing we may become more committed to understanding and supporting one another in words and actions which are consistent with Your laws and the principals of our Craft. Amen..



**Upcoming Menu for April:**

- Menu:
- Chili
- Pinto beans
- Cornbread
- 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 JUNE CALENDAR



Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392  
Masonic Calendar

## June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  Yellowhouse Stated Mtg	2
3	4	5  FLOOR PRACTICE Wolfforth Stated Mtg	6	7	8  STATED MEETING Lubbock Lodge ELECTIONS!	9
10	11  Emma Lodge	12  FLOOR PRACTICE Lubbock OES	13	14  Rainbow Girls	15	16  Daylight Lodge Stated Meeting
17	18  Crosbyton Lodge	19  FLOOR PRACTICE Mackenzie Stated Mtg	20  Scottish Rite	21  Freedom OES	22	23
24	25  Commandery	26 FLOOR PRACTICE	27	28  Chapter Rainbow Girls	29	30
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Pat & Bill had been Lodge Brothers for many years. They had promised each other long ago that the first to go to the Celestial Lodge above would return to tell the other whether there really were Lodges in Heaven and what they were like. By and by, it came to pass that Bill went first. One day shortly after, Pat was working in his garden when he heard a whispered voice, "Pssst Pat!" He looked around but saw nothing. A few moments later he heard, now quite clearly "Pat! Its me, Bill!" "Bill" Pat exclaimed, "are you in Heaven?" "Indeed I am" said Bill. Pat paused for a while to get over the shock and then said "Well, Bill, are there Lodges up there in Heaven?" "There certainly are, Pat. There are Lodges all over and they are quite magnificent; equal or better to Great Queen Street. The meetings are well attended, the ritual is word perfect, the festive board fantastic and the spirit of Masonic Fellowship is all pervasive." "My goodness, Bill," said Pat, "It certainly sounds very impressive but for all that you seem rather sad. Tell me old friend, what is the matter." "Well, Pat, you are right. I have some good news and some bad." "OK, what's the good news?" "The good news is that we are doing a 3rd this coming Wednesday" "Great" said Pat. "What's the bad news then?" "You're the Senior Deacon!"

*"Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind"*

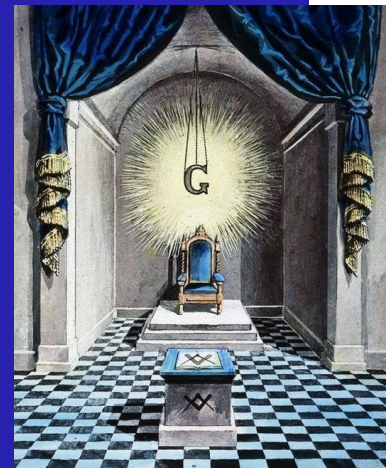
*Andrew Jackson*



# LUBBOCK LODGE #1392 IN ACTION



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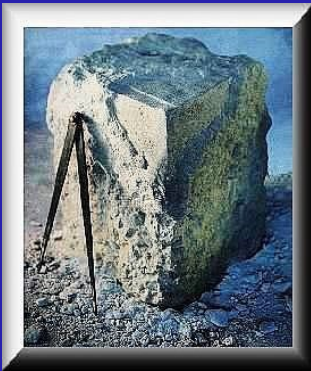


*"To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society."*

*Theodore Roosevelt*



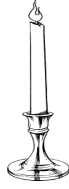
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## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



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.”*

*Blaise Pascal*

## 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 SPRIG OF ACACIA

Hebrew people used to plant a sprig of acacia at the head of a grave for two purposes - to mark the location of the grave, and to show their belief in immortality. Because of its evergreen nature, they believed it to be an emblem of both immortality and innocence. The true acacia is a thorny plant, which abounds in the Middle East.



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