

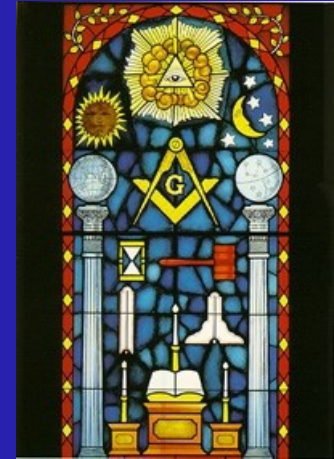
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Lubbock's Light

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



The Great Three Lights of Freemasonry

By: Bro. Marian Mihaila

Within the initiation procedure, I swore an oath by the Three Great Symbolic Lights of Freemasonry. Later, I discovered that it was about the Square, the Compasses, and the Book of the Holy Law, which could just as well be the Bible, the Koran or the Talmud.

The Bible, the Old and New Testament, which I have read in the time of my youth, represented the official Book of my religion, due to the historical aspect that marks the Christian civilization, to me; this represented also the elements of a moral law.

The Compasses, used in the time of my studies and in my work place, therefore with a purely practical utilization, did not seem to have a symbolic significance.

The Square, also an indispensable instrument for drawing or building, for measuring angles, is very useful for work.

Thus did my profane eye see these utensils.

As an entered apprentice, these two objects and The Book of the Sacred Law, which, in the beginning had no connection to the other two objects, appeared under the guise of the Three Great Lights of Freemasonry.

Let us examine the three objects symbolically:

THE SQUARE allows the drawing right angles. Thought takes us to the shape of the cubic stone that the mason apprentice must shape, starting from raw stone, which symbolizes his person; the raw stone which was struck by the hammer in my initiation. Each face of the cubic stone corresponds to a square whose 90 degree angles correspond to one angle of the square.

The entered apprentice, just like the raw material, in a symbolic sense, will be able to make service of

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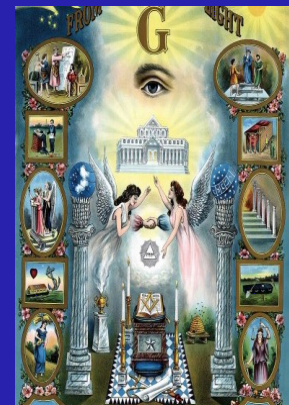
Elections last month yielded the following new slate of officers for 2018-19: WM - Justin Robbins; SW - Heath Morgan; JW - Brandon Gould; Treasurer - Finus Branham; Secretary - Jerry Hendrick; Senior Deacon - Jason Jones; Junior Deacon -

Chad Cohn; Senior Steward - Luis Ramos; Chaplain - Dewain Collins. Be sure and congratulate them and wish them well for the upcoming year.

The first meeting of this Masonic year will be

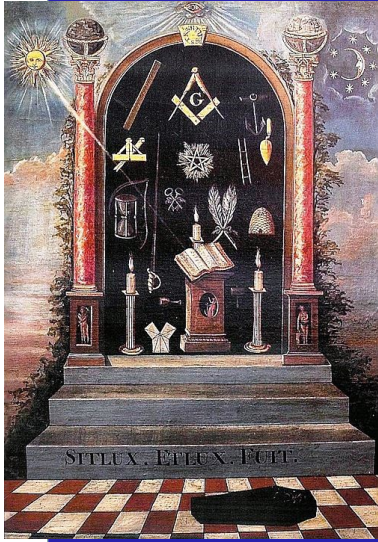
July 13. The annual Briscoe Workshop will held soon. Keep your eyes open for the date. If you are an officer of your lodge or are thinking about being an officer in the future this is a great opportunity to pickup some skills and information . If you are planning on going to the Officers Training later in September or your an EA and just want more knowledge plan on attending this workshop.

We also have a gun show booth Saturday & Sunday, July 7-8. Work assignments will be firmed up at floor practice July 3



“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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the Square to rectify and to order. The Square is thus the action of the initiation on one's own person, in order to adopt a more rigorous shape, passing from the unstructured ensemble, subject to passion and internal disorder, to the ordered and balanced shape, which leads us to two levels of thought.

The first refers to the proper shape of the Lodge, the geographic space. The limits of the Lodge are drawn with the help of the square and this Lodge is built symbolically on the dimensions of the universe. Let us not forget the fact that the old cosmological representations presented the Earth as a square and that in this perspective, the Square has a double significance, and the shape represents at once the symbol of the Earth and the instrument that serves the delimiting and marking of terrestrial space. We must keep in mind also the fact that these cosmological representations of the universe no longer retain a scientific value for a very long time. But they to maintain their symbolic actuality if we wish to reflect on the consequences of the analogist ratio of the dimensions of the Lodge, as a square, as well as of the Earth, as it is presented in the ancient's geography.

The second represents for us the matter and ordering instrument of this matter. This symbolizes the necessary unity that we all must seek, but also the multiplicity of appearances and Freemasons' obligation to resolve tensions in order to be able to build conforming to the norms of universal order. Thus, the square is the instrument that harmonizes tensions, that unifies the passive with the active. For this reason, the square is the sign of the Master of the Lodge, because he conducts the

activities of the workers, of those workers that have as unique ambition the satisfaction of the passions, to develop conforming to the norms of wisdom.

If the square permits the discovery of the perfect angle, in its own turn, the COMPASSES permits the drawing of circles of various dimensions, as well as the measurement and reporting of the measures.

Thus, the compasses will permit the exactness of the shape. This instrument is at the same time a simple one, and a complex one, because its use permits the utilizer to practice all the operations of the craft. This measurement and comparison instrument permits the appreciation of the starting point and the consequences of the acts, which must remain some of them brotherly to the rest of the world, but mostly between freemasons. The compass represents wisdom, for with its helps we can measure anything to its true value.

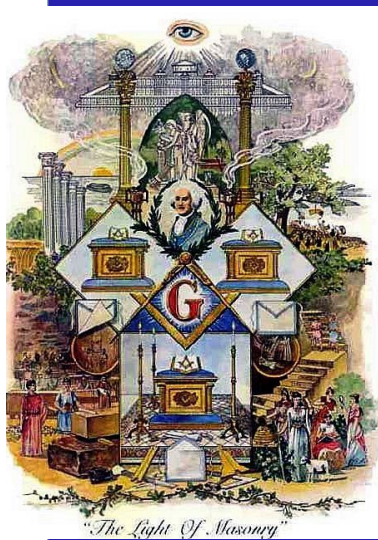
The compasses teaches us to limit our wishes, social rank, in such a way that we can develop through our own merit an acceptable situation, to be respected in the time of our lives and regretted after death. While the square refers to matter and objects, the compasses refers to cause and spirit, to the creative dynamism of thought.

We must not forget that there exists a relation between the square and the compasses. If we do not lose from sight the reciprocal relation of these two instruments, we observe also the limits that must not be overcome. The compasses opened farther than 90 degrees becomes an unstable and inoperative instrument. The balance between the square and the

compasses exists, and this balance indicates the limits that we cannot overcome, limits beyond which we exist, the Masonic Initiation per se.

As I have already specified, these two instruments rely on the BOOK OF THE SACRED LAW. This book does not represent an instrument and does not permit the initiation of a construction, as do the square and the compass, but it demonstrates that the mason through his work of construction situates himself within society, in the world, a place wherein he must respect some general and moral rules, that define the basis of the relations between beings within the "city". Also, it shows us that the mason must not be an atheist. The Mason must integrate in his work the principles of the moral law represented in our Lodge by the Book of the Sacred Law, opened at the Gospel of John.

This Book of the Sacred Law does not represent merely the authentic or more legendary history of the Jewish people, but not the recitation of the passions of Christ; it is not just the dialogue of the human with his creator, but, at the same time, it represents a miraculous writing and discourse, tradition and evolution. This book installs the eternal dialogue of the past with the future. It is the representation of the memories and the prophecies. And it has value, because it describes and suggests. It must be read with the eyes of the soul, not with the physical eyes. Blocking the spirit by dissecting the epistles represents a crime to this Book. It is sufficient to accept and see once again, in a global way, the lyric impulse, for this Book is a song of love and such a song is not analyzed. From the harmony of the notes is music born;



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

Giff Washington

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the arranging of the words give birth to the phrase. The isolation of the notes and phrases would mean forming of sounds without meanings, without echo, without power, without virtue without hope.

The wonderful sound awakens the soul, the common memory of space disappears, relaxed by the depths of the collective unconscious. This Book represents for all men the foundation and connection, the pact of alliance, it is open to the world, it represents a communion with the world, and it is breath and heartbeat. Who knows how to listen to it definitively broken away from solitude, because only liberated from space and time can we participate to the universal life and the path to the light.

To conclude, the expression of three great lights represents the association and presence on the altar of the oath of THE BOOK OF THE SACRED LAW, of THE SQUARE and of THE COMPASSES. This sends us thinking of a ternary symbolic model that does not represent anything from a symbolic point of view, in fact it is a binary model, formed by Square and Compass, placed on a Book that does not represent a symbol.

The square is therefore a solid instrument that forms right angles, but through which the raw stone becomes cubic stone, which becomes apt to be assembled in the frame of a harmonious edifice. The square permits the passing from disorder to order, from the person conceived as a disordered structure and caught by passions to the person that has acquired reason and will. Thus, the person is a symbol of rigor, of correctness, vis-À-vis oneself and the others.

The compasses is the mobile instrument and serves drawing circles, without starting and without finalizing the process. Also, it is used to measure. And, symbolically, it represents measure in all things; it represents the movement that opposes inertia. It is the symbol of the spirit through constructive dynamism.

The Square and the Compasses are always associated and unified in a complementary, even dialectical, reliance. The Three Great Lights cannot be dissociated. They symbolize the Masonic activity. The oath of the initiate is realized only on the three lights. It is them as well that connect in a universal way the activity of freemasons. The opening of activities is realized through the installing of the Three Great Lights.

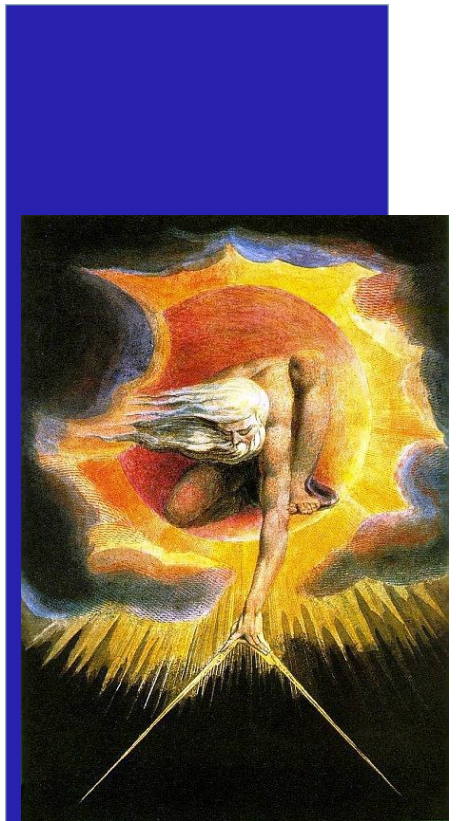
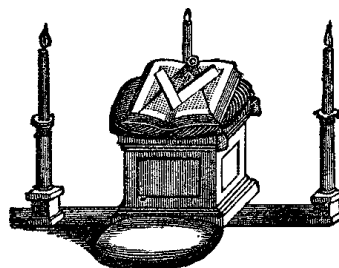
All freemasons must research the rigor and correctness of their reasoning, and action symbolized by the Square that permits drawing the correct angle, as the form of the stone must be correct in order to be used in the construction of the Temple. For this reason, he must, starting from a center, which constitutes his identity, the balance of behavior, and place on this center one arm of the Compass and relate it to the other to discover the correct measures. Finally, this living stone must be integrated in the Masonic edifice after it was finished with the help of the used instruments, to respect the other forms.

The Freemason must thus respect the rules of architecture, for the harmony, beauty of the edifice is integrated in the principles of the moral law that is in the universal and historical principles of the Book of the Sacred Law. The entered apprentice that has received the

light is placed on the path that can lead him to this harmony, to this beauty and to the knowledge and research of the truth. To start the search, he does not receive the dogma, nor the revealed truth, but only the symbolic instruments and the help of his Brothers. The Three Great Lights, present at his initiation must remain in his mind as active and moral principles of reference in his activity as a builder. This activity needs on his part efforts and will, for he is forced to a restatement of his own person and its acquisitions. The presence of the Three Great Lights offers him thus the force and desire to succeed in what he proposes when, as a profane, he passes the threshold of the Temple toward Masonic initiation, which, inevitably, will mark him definitively, of course, in a good way. This good will reflect in time over him, over the brethren, but also over the profane around him.

Bro. Marian Mihaila is Assistant to the Grand Master, National Grand Lodge of Romania

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“Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves.”

Rudyard Kipling



WORSHIPFUL MASTER JUSTIN ROBBINS *From the East*

Brethren, I look forward to serving you as the Worshipful Master for this upcoming masonic year and would like to thank everyone for their help and support. I would also like to congratulate the new officers of Lubbock Lodge and thank those that made our installation possible.

My main focus for the year is on the three areas I believe make up the foundation of a Masonic lodge. The first of these areas is finances. Without money, a lodge simply cannot survive. For this reason, I would like to begin exploring new ways the lodge can make money to support itself. The second area I would like to focus

on is membership. I hope to increase attendance at our meetings by holding brief business meetings and include programs that are both interesting and informative. Additionally, I hope to retain more of our new members and reach out to inactive members by utilizing the lodge mentor program. Finally, I want to improve our ritual work by continuing to utilize our lodge instructors during our regular floor class.

Let us continue to remember what it means to be a mason throughout the many different areas of our lives.



SENIOR WARDEN HEATH MORGAN *From the West*

As we look back at another year we need to examine our actions. What was successful? How do we build upon it? What didn't work as well? Why didn't it? What can we do to make the lodge better for our brethren and their families? Change shouldn't be looked down upon. If we do not change the way we do things we will never better ourselves, our lodge or our craft. Here's to the previous year, thank you to all that made it what it was. Here's to the next year, may the new officers succeed in all they need and or want.

On another note, I have had the greatest opportunity and wanted to share with you some of thoughts that have occurred to me

while I have been at the Grand Assembly of the International Organization of Rainbows for Girls of Texas. I have never seen so many beautiful, talented, and poised young women in one place in my life. Adding to that fact that they are Masonically affiliated only gives me a surge of pride. Brethren, these young people are our future, and the future in Texas looks exceedingly bright. The lessons of charity, patriotism, immortality, hope, and love to name a few instills a truly inspiring attitude in these girls. It is up to you and I to make sure that we keep their path clear. We, all masons, should make every effort to support this and other groups like them. If we succeed, the future of our fraternity will be in good hands.



JUNIOR WARDEN BRANDON GOULD *From the South*

Brethren, I am honored to be seated in the south as Lubbock Lodge 1392's newest junior warden. Over the next year I look forward to serving the lodge as well as being able to communicate via this newsletter things I feel most important to Masonic law. As this is my first article with these duties I just wanted to introduce myself and tell you about me. I have been a master Mason for nearly 6 years now, last year I was the lodges senior deacon and years ago I served our lodge as senior steward. I look forward to this next year and the responsi-

bilities that this seat holds as well as working side by side with our new master Justin Robbins to help grow this lodge and make it better than ever. I encourage all area brethren to please come out and join us for floor practice as well as our stated meetings, I look forward to visiting area lodges and branching out to meet as many new brothers as possible. Thank you for taking the time to read this short article and I hope to give plenty of knowledge through these articles throughout the coming Masonic year!

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

Will Rogers

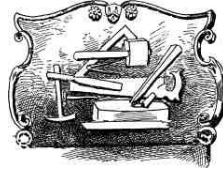


FROM THE SECRETARY JERRY HENDRICK
Taking Care of Business

As we start a new year, we have a lot to look forward to. Dues notices will go out soon, unless they have already been sent. For those who wish to pay early annual dues are \$75.00. We would like to invite everyone to please return to lodge with new ideas on how to keep the doors along with bringing a member who has not been to lodge lately.

There will be an Officer Leadership

Training held September 28-30 in Midland at 1600 West Wall. If you are interested in attending, registration forms are available on the Grand Lodge website or see me. Deadline for registration is Friday, August 31, 2018.



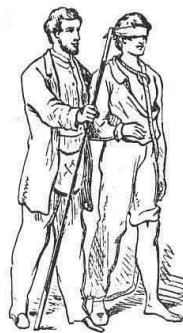
FROM THE SENIOR DEACON JASON JONES
Visiting Brothers and Prospects

Lubbock Lodge's June 8th Stated Meeting and election of Officers was a productive one. I was not in attendance to preparation for the Lsat, however we had 4 visitors present.

Our called meeting June 26th for installation of Officers had 17 Masons present.

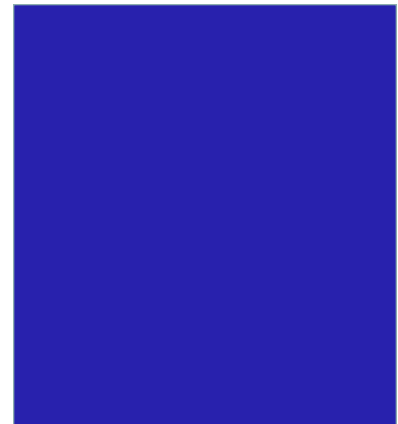
In the last several months, Lubbock Lodge has had the pleasure of welcoming two of the candidates for Grand South this coming year and a third was in attendance at our Hilltop degree earlier this summer. All three are personal friends of mine and I would like to thank them for their dedica-

tion to the masonry and making such a long trip; Bro. Brad Billings, Bro. Clay Smith & Bro. Randall Smallwood



FROM THE SENIOR STEWARD LUIS RAMOS
Food, Flowers & Frolic

God of action, enabler of all life, never let us forget that Masonry is meant to be lived. Show us that Masonry, to be true to its purpose, must be translated into life. Help us to boldly and faithfully live our Masonry. In Your Holy Name, Amen



Upcoming Menu for April:

- Menu:
- Salisbury steak
 - Red potatoes
 - Corn
 - Cream gravy.

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

Mark Twain

LUBBOCK LODGE JULY CALENDAR

 Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392 Masonic Calendar		<h2>July 2018</h2>				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	 FLOOR PRACTICE Wolfforth Stated Mtg		5	 Yellowhouse Stated Mtg	 GUN SHOW
 GUN SHOW	 Emma Lodge	 FLOOR PRACTICE Lubbock OES	11	 Rainbow Girls	 STATED MEETING Lubbock Lodge	14
15	 Crosbyton Lodge	 FLOOR PRACTICE Mackenzie Stated Mtg	 Scottish Rite	 Freedom OES	20	 Daylight Lodge Stated Meeting
17	 Commandery	FLOOR PRACTICE	20	 Council Rainbow Girls	22	23
24	25	FLOOR PRACTICE	27	28	29	30
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A little before Lodge is about to open an old man totters up to the Tyler and says, "I'm here to receive my 2nd degree." Well, they all look at this guy, who really is older than dirt, and they ask him to explain. "I was entered on July 4, 1922. Now I'm ready for my 2nd degree." So they go scurrying for the records, and sure enough, there was his name, entered on July 4, 1922. "Where have you been all these years? What took you so long to be ready for your 2nd?" they ask. Reply: "Learning to subdue my passions!"

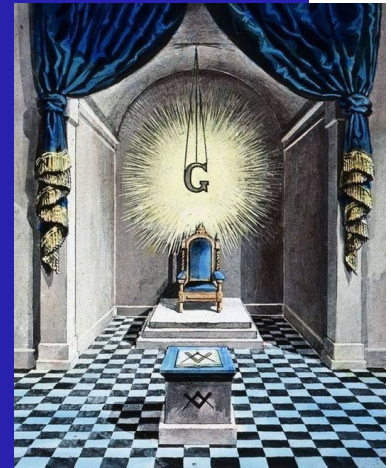
"Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind"

Andrew Jackson

LUBBOCK LODGE #1392 IN ACTION



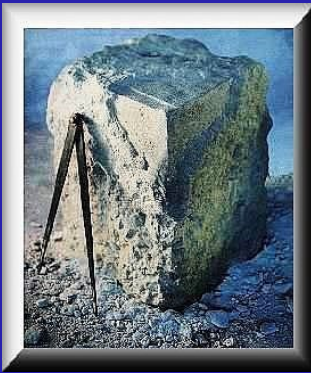
WM Justin Robbins is seen being read the duties of his office by RW Charles Leatherwood, DDGM Masonic District 93 A of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas.



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

Theodore Roosevelt

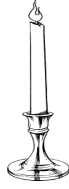
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SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



Leonard Buller, PM
Becca Morgan, daughter of Bro. Heath Morgan
Coke Etgen, 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

Jerry Eastham 7/25
Michael Hooten 7/27

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



Our Esoteric Work By Bro. Coke Etgen, PM

Bro. Etgen has recently been in the hospital and will be back next month.



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