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



THE LAWS OF MASONRY

by: Unknown, presented by Bro. JW Brandon Gould

Every Master Mason is obliged to abide by the laws, regulations and edicts of his Grand Lodge; the by-laws of the particular lodge of which he is a member, and to maintain and support the Landmarks and Ancient Usages and Customs of the Fraternity.

It is impossible to abide by any laws if we do not know what they are. The American automobile driver who attempts to negotiate a London street without knowing the peculiarities of English law will be arrested in the first block; he must there drive on the left and pass on the right; not drive on the right and pass on the left, as in this country.

The laws of Masonry, like the laws of nations, are both the unwritten - Common Law - and written. The written laws, based on the General

Regulations and the Old Charges, are the Constitution and By-Laws of his own Grand Lodge, its resolutions and edicts; and the By-Laws of his particular lodge. The Ancient Landmarks are written in some Jurisdictions; in others they are a part of unwritten law.

In a foreign Jurisdiction, a Mason is amenable to its laws, as well as those of his own Jurisdiction. In this duality of allegiance Masonry follows civil law; thus, an American residing abroad is amenable to the laws of the nation in which he lives, but is also expected to obey the laws of his own nation; for instance, an American residing abroad is not exempt from the United States income tax laws. Neither is a Mason from California exempt from the laws of the Grand Lodge of that State, merely because he happens to be sojourning in Maine, or some

PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our District Deputy Grand Master Charles Leatherwood will deliver his second message from the Grand Master this month.

A reminder to echo the thoughts of the Grand Master. Proper dress for a stated meeting is business casual at the minimum. PLEASE, no shorts, worn out jeans, flip-flops, etc. It is a sign of respect for our institution to be properly dressed at our stated meetings and degree conferrals.

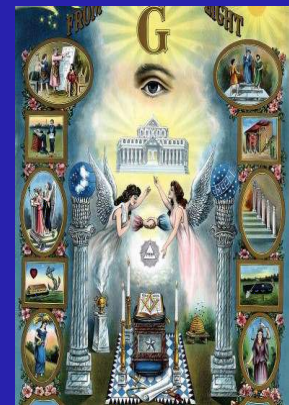
Much happening this month with Certificate Exams at 9am and the Briscoe Workshop at

7pm on Saturday, August 11 both at Wolfforth Frenship Lodge. On Saturday, August 25 at 9 am Wolfforth will again be the host site for a District School of Instruction.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 8am-6pm at the Fort Worth Masonic Temple for the first annual MasoniCon. Texas MasoniCon is intended to be an annual Masonic educational conference, and will bring together interested Brothers looking for more light in Masonry with knowledgeable authors and dignitaries from around the country. More to come.

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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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foreign country.

The General Regulations as set forth in Andersons Constitutions of 1723 have a curious history, into which it is not necessary to go here; suffice it that they were adopted shortly after the formation in 1717 of the First or Mother Grand Lodge in England. The work was first published under the date of 1723. Unquestionably it embodied the laws of Masonry as they were known to the members of the four lodges which formed the first Grand Lodge, and hence have the respectability of an antiquity much greater than their printed life of two hundred and six years (in 1929).

In general, it may be said that the Old Charges are concerned with the individual brother, and his relations to his lodge and his brethren; the General Regulations with the conduct of the Craft as a whole. The General Regulations permit their own alteration by Grand Lodge - the Old Charges do not!

The Old Charges very evidently deal with both the operative and speculative sides of Masonry; some of the phrases are concerned with The Lords Work. The context shows that it is not the Lord God who is here meant, but the particular nobleman for whom building construction is undertaken

Law in Masonry is so much more a matter of the heart than of the head, so much more concerned with setting forth conduct than in assessing penalties, that, to

thoroughly comprehend it, we must be willing to revise our ideas of law, as we understand the enactments of legislatures.

Many civil laws are provided with measures of enforcement and penalties for infringement. Masonic law knows but four penalties; reprimand, definite suspension, indefinite suspension and expulsion or Masonic Death. These Masonic penalties for serious infractions of Masonic Law may be ordered after a Masonic trial and a verdict of guilty; but the punishment is usually made to fit the crime, and mercy is much more a part of Masonic than civil law. Infractions of Masonic Law resulting in trial and punishment are rare, compared to the number of Masons, the vast majority of whom are so willing and anxious to obey the laws that enforcement is seldom required. There is no universality in Masonic law in all Jurisdictions.

Different latitudes, different characters of people, different ideas have all left their marks upon our forty-nine Grand Lodges and their enactments. In the majority of essentials, they are one; in some particulars, they hold divergent views. A very large majority of Grand Lodges in the United States adhere to the spirit of the Old Charges, and - so far as modern conditions permit - to the sense of the General Regulations.

It is, therefore, of real importance that Masons desir-

ing to understand the law by which the Craft is governed, and the legal standards by which Grand Lodge measures its laws, resolutions and edicts; should read both the Old Charges and the General Regulations of 1723. When he reaches the last (thirty-ninth) of the General Regulations, he will read: Every Annual Grand Lodge has an inherent Power and Authority to make new Regulations, or to alter these, for the real benefit of this Ancient Fraternity; provided always that the Old Landmarks be carefully preserved, etc.

The Old Landmarks or the Ancient Landmarks as we customarily call them, are thus stated to be the foundations of the law of Masonry which are not subject to change. Had the Grand Lodge which first adopted these General Regulations formulated the Ancient Landmarks it would have saved much trouble and confusion for those newer Grand Lodges which came after. Apparently, however, the unwritten law of Masonry - the common law - was so well understood and practiced then that it was not thought necessary to codify it. There is still a great body of unwritten law which Masons customarily observe - our ancient usages and customs - which are not specified in print now, any more than they were then. But the Landmarks have been reduced in print and made a part of the written law in many Jurisdictions. Mackey's list of twenty-five Landmarks (thirty-nine



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

L. Washington

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in Nevada) has been adopted as official in many American Masonic Jurisdictions; others have condensed his list into a lesser number, still keeping all his points; a few Jurisdictions have a greater number, including some not specified on Mackey's list. Those Jurisdictions which do not include a printed list of the ancient Landmarks in their written law, usually follow and practice them as a part of their unwritten law. In a few instances, some of the Landmarks as listed by Mackey are not recognized as such; for instance, Mackey's Eighth Landmark, the inherent right of a Grand Master to make Masons at sight was specifically abrogated by an early Grand Lodge in California. In general, however, whether written or unwritten, Grand Lodges adhere to the spirit of Mackey's entire list!

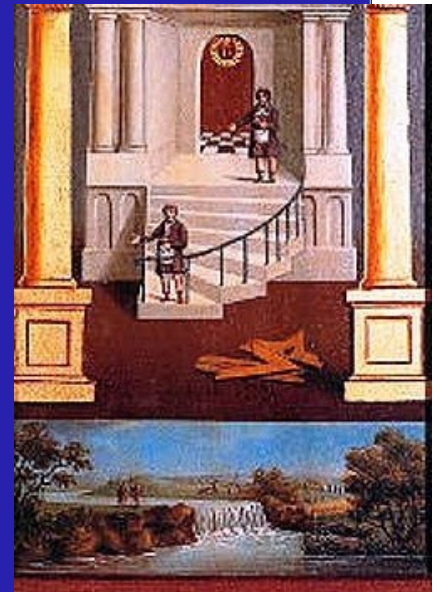
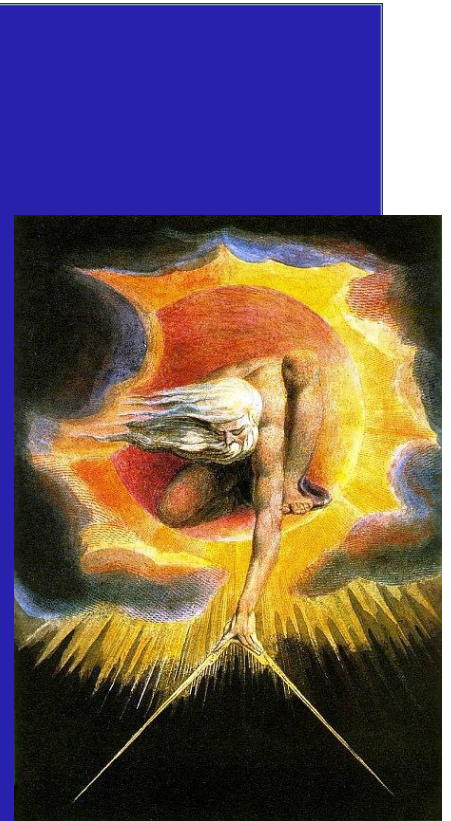
The Landmarks may be regarded as bearing the same relation to Masonic law in general, including the Old Charges and the General Regulations, as the provisions of the Magna Charta bear to modern constitutional law. Just as the Magna Charta specified some of the inherent rights of men which all laws of all governments should consider and respect, so the Landmarks crystallize in words the inherent characteristics of Masonry - those fundamentals which make Freemasonry, and without which it would be something else.

Mackey's explanations of

several of the Landmarks are too long for inclusion here, but his twenty-five statements are short and are here-with printed. His list is chosen to appear here because it is the most universally used. Juris-dictions which have lesser, or a greater number, with very few exceptions, include all of Mackey's points.

Mackey states that the Landmarks are:

1. The modes of recognition.
2. The division of Symbolic Masonry into three degrees.
3. The legend of the Third Degree.
4. The government of the Fraternity by a Grand Master.
5. The prerogative of the Grand Master to preside over every assembly of the Craft.
6. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for the conferring of degrees at irregular intervals.
7. The prerogative of the Grand Master to give dispensations for opening and holding lodges.
8. The prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight.
9. The necessity for Masons to congregate in lodges.
10. The government of the Craft when congregated in a lodge, by a Master Mason and two Wardens.
11. The necessity that every lodge, when congregated, should be duly tiled (tiled).
12. The right of every Mason to be represented in all general meetings of the Craft.
13. The right of every Mason to appeal from his brethren in lodge convened, to the Grand Master.
14. The right of every Mason to visit and sit in every regular lodge.
15. That no visitor, unknown to the brethren present, or some one of them, as a Mason, can enter a lodge without first passing an examination according to ancient usage.
16. No lodge can interfere with the business of another lodge.
17. Every Freemason is amenable to the Laws and Regulations of the Masonic Jurisdiction in which he resides.
18. A candidate for initiation must be a man, free born, un mutilated and of mature age.
19. A belief in the existence of God as the Grand Architect of the Universe.
20. Belief in the resurrection to a future life.
21. A Book of the Law constitutes an indispensable part of the furniture of every lodge.
22. The equality of all Masons.
23. The secrecy of the institution.
24. The foundation of speculative science upon an operative art.



“Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves.”

Rudyard Kipling



WORSHIPFUL MASTER JUSTIN ROBBINS
From the East

This time of year is often one of the busiest and most stressful times for a lodge. Between installations, new officers getting used to their newly installed positions, DDGM visits, and the annual audit (among other things), a lodge can be a busy and stressful place. For this reason, I want each of us to ask ourselves two simple questions: Why did I become a mason and what is the purpose of freemasonry? I frequently have to ask myself these questions because I often find myself caught up in routine lodge business and other issues while forgetting why I am even here in the first place.

We must remember that masonry is much bigger than ourselves. Masonry is much

bigger than our stated meetings or weekly floor class. Masonry is bigger than our programs and presentations. We must remember the awe and wonder that was masonry before we were ever installed. We must remember the lessons taught us during each of the degrees. We must remember that moment we were raised as a master mason. Finally, we must remember what it means to be a freemason. If we forget any of these things, then masonry will surely die.

My prayer is that each and every one of us remember why we are here, even during the most difficult of times.

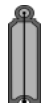
God Bless,



SENIOR WARDEN HEATH MORGAN
From the West

Recently I was given the honor and pleasure of participating in a degree at a lodge other than my home lodge. These were men whom I didn't know, never met, but none the less still brothers. As the degree was progressed I really started thinking about the occasion we were all enjoying. I've seen and played a role in countless degrees now and I couldn't tell you why this one seemed different for me. It's as if I disconnected myself from the world and immersed myself

in nothing but was going on around me. For the first time in years I felt like it was I taking that obligation for the first time. When was the last time you reconnected with our craft? Do you simply sit back and watch? Do you just go through the movements and words as the degree progresses? I invite you to erase all the years between you and your raising. Go see or participate in a degree without thought of the outside world and see where it might take you.



JUNIOR WARDEN BRANDON GOULD
From the South

Brethren, thank you for joining us again for our monthly newsletter. I wrote to you this month to speak on Masonic law, an important staple in our fraternity. We are taught that we are to observe the laws rules and regulations of our grand lodge or any grand lodge whose jurisdiction we might be under. I encourage all masons to pull out their law books, dust them off, and read up on them. Over the next several months I will select passages of law to discuss and apply my interpretation to them in hopes of sparking a up a conversation with brethren I meet through my time in the south. Thank

you to all of the Masonic brothers who join us each month whether it be at our floor practice or our stated meeting and I look forward to talking with all of you and discussing the laws our grand lodge has set forth.



“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 get ready for another year, we find our Bank Account running next to empty. Annual Dues, is not keeping the doors open, barely ajar. With the dividends from our investments being received only twice a year, and the dividends from endowed members only once a year, it getting harder to operate the business of the Lodge. One of our Brothers has asked via social media for IDEAS as to the different types of Fund Raisers we could work on to put funds in the coffers. That way we will be able to keep the doors open. Brethren,

I will leave it up to you on how we as a lodge, can provide for our longevity and to prosper without having to raise our DUES or Degree Fees.



FROM THE SENIOR DEACON JASON JONES
Visiting Brothers and Prospects

Thank you to the brothers and visitors that attended our stated meeting for July. At our stated meeting, we had the following visitors: DDGM Tim Spence of masonic district 93-B, Bob Clemmons, 33°, PM, Rolan Pirtle, PM, and from Yellowhouse Lodge #841; Bob Lindley, PM of Wolf-forth-Frenship, and Brother Ray Ramirez who joined us from Yoba Linda lodge no. 469 in Yoba Linda, California.

We hope to see you at our next stated meeting on Friday, August 10th 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. Our new Worshipful master Justin Robbins did a great job and the meeting was enjoyed by all.

August 15th at 7pm our DDGM will hold a Briscoe Workshop at Wolf-forth Lodge and on August 25th at 10 am there will be a district school of instruction at Wolf-forth lodge at 10am. We should have a good crowd to show up support area Masonic ac-



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FROM THE SENIOR STEWARD LUIS RAMOS
Food, Flowers & Frolic

O God, Divine Architect of the Universe, We bow with gratitude to thy Omnipotence. We acknowledge Thee as the Creator and Preserver of all things.

We thank Thee for Thy daily blessings conferred on us in all our undertakings, more particularly, O God, we crave Thy presence at this meeting. Do Thou preside over us in the spirit of Peace, Love and Charity,

and to Thy Holy Name be power and Dominion, forever, Amen.



Upcoming Menu for August:

- Build your own sandwich
- Cookies
- Asst chips
- Asst drinks

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

Mark Twain

LUBBOCK LODGE AUGUST CALENDAR

Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392 Masonic Calendar		July 2018				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Yellowhouse Stated Mtg	4
5	6	7 FLOOR PRACTICE Wolfforth Stated Mtg	8	9 Rainbow Girls	10 STATED MEETING Lubbock Lodge	11 Certifiate Exams 9A Wolfforth Lodge Briscoe Workshop 7P Wolfforth Lodge
12	13 Emma Lodge	14 FLOOR PRACTICE Lubbock OES	15	16 Freedom OES	17	18 Daylight Lodge Stated Meeting
19	20 Crosbyton Lodge	21 FLOOR PRACTICE Mackenzie Stated Mtg	22 Scottish Rite	23 Chapter Rainbow Girls	24	25 District School of Instruction 9A Wolfforth Lodge
26	27 Commandery	28 FLOOR PRACTICE	29	30	31	
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One day a Doctor was asked to give a Jewish fellow a physical. The fellow informed the Doctor that "I will only allow myself to be examined by someone with Kosher hands". Realizing how much this meant to the fellow, the Doctor asked the staff if there were any Jewish Doctors on any of the floors of the hospital. He was told that there was a Jewish Doctor that worked on the 8th floor. The Doctor called him and explained his situation and asked if he could come to the 2nd floor and perform the examination for him. The Jewish Doctor exclaimed "I have my own problems here to take care of; I have 5 Catholics who won't pee in a mason jar!"

"Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind"

Andrew Jackson

LUBBOCK LODGE #1392 IN ACTION



School starts August 15 for LISD,
Lubbock Cooper, August 20 for Frenship,
South Plains College & Texas Tech
School starts August 27 for LCU
—August 20

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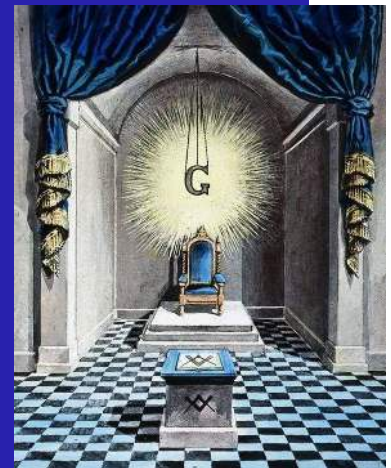
25. These Landmarks can never be changed.

With these as a foundation, the Old Charges for precedent, the first General Regulations for organic law, Grand Lodges write and adopt their Constitutions and by-laws, which are usually subject to approval by the Grand Lodge, a Grand Lodge Committee or the Grand Master, Grand Masters, ad interim, formulate and issue edicts and make decisions; often these are later incorporated by the Grand Lodge into the written law of the Jurisdiction. All of these together, except where they conflict (as some of the early General Regulations necessarily conflict with later enactments made to supersede them) form the legal structure of Freemasonry.

Undeniably it is looser than the similar body of law for the government of a nation. If Masonic Law were interpreted wholly by the letter - as is necessarily the case of civil law - the government of the Craft might often be as loose as its statutes. But as a matter of fact, the Craft is well governed. Its Ancient Usages and Customs so soon win their way into the hearts of new brethren that there is a great resistance to any attempt to change the old order, unless ne-

cessity shows that it is inescapable. Masons much prefer to whisper good counsel to an erring brother, rather than subject him to Masonic trial, whenever the gentler method can be made effective. The Fraternity in this nation deals, yearly, with very large sums of money. The Craft erects and maintains numbers of expensive Temples, and Homes for the helpless Mason and his dependents. The Institution disburses a very large amount in charity. The vast majority of its executives and officers serve long and arduous apprenticeships, giving their services for love, not money. These very practical matters are all conducted in accord with a more or less loosely woven body of law - and yet the Fraternity as a whole can take great pride in the undoubted fact that it is orderly, well governed, almost completely law abiding and very reluctant to make any more new laws for itself than are absolutely necessary.

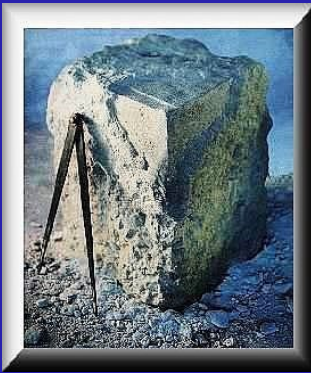
The reason, of course, is found in the answer to the classic question: Where were you first prepared to be made a Mason?



“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



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

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



This Month's Brothers' Birthdays

Eric Martin 8/1
Billy Dyess 8/7
Luis Ramos 8/9
Brian Harrison 8/11

Tom Lusk 8/23

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

What is the purpose of Masonry?

One of its most basic purposes is to make good men even better. I try to place emphasis on the individual man by strengthening his character, improving his moral and spiritual outlook, and broadening his mental horizons. I try to impress upon the minds of our members the principles of personal responsibility and morality, encouraging each member to practice in his daily life the lessons taught through

symbolic ceremonies in the lodge.



One of the universal doctrines of Freemasonry is the belief in the “Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God”. The importance of this belief is established by each Mason as he practices the three principle

tenets of Masonry: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.



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