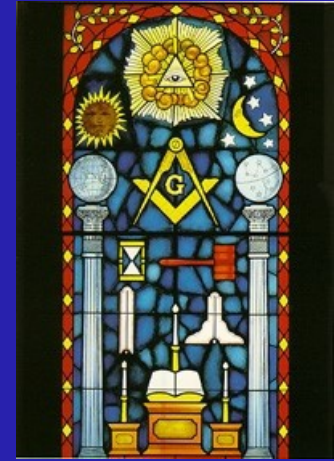


# Lubbock's Light

The Newsletter of Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392

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



## Keeping Brethren Interested

By Brother Ken H. Dennis

I have noticed that often lodges are able to get quite a few new members initiated, but over the next few months or first year their participation wanes and they end up leaving the craft. I have discussed this topic with quite a few brethren in some detail and I'm going to weigh in on what I believe are some mistakes we might be making and offer my suggestions.

### BROTHERHOOD

As a freemason we afford each other a certain implicit trust and friendship knowing that we are all good men who are striving for the same purpose. Being a brother is more than just showing up to meetings or shaking a few hands it's about genuinely taking an interest in your brethren and opening up your life experiences and feelings to each other. True friends are always there for each other, they share their pas-

sions, desires, aspirations and pain knowing you will always be their to support them. Recite to yourself the 5 PoF and you will understand how important and ingrained this should be.

### PARTICIPATION IN LODGE

One thing that really appealed to me at my mother lodge was how the worshipful master encouraged all brethren to participate in the ritual work. We would break up some of the longer lectures, or feed out some small bits such as the lesser lights to brethren that we not in the chairs. This really helped to encourage me personally to be active in lodge, in practice sessions and to feel like I have contributed; it became "my" lodge, not just a lodge that I had joined.

### OUTSIDE OF THE LODGE

## PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our second visit last month from District Deputy Grand Master Charles Leatherwood yielded a very high score for opening and closing!

Don't miss this month's stated meeting as we will be discussing some very important issues dealing directly with the future of our lodge.

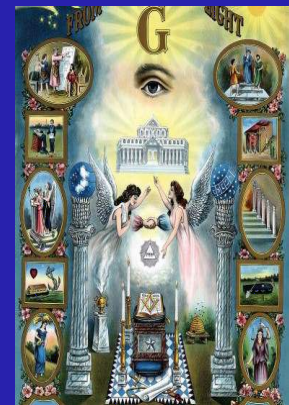
Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 8am-6pm at the Fort Worth Masonic Temple for the first annual MasoniCon.

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.

Read more about MasoniCon on page 2-3.

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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.”***

## Keeping Brethren Interested—*con't*



I have lived in small towns and big cities and one thing which I have noticed is the level of interaction with brethren outside of lodge is drastically different. Small town masonry, like small towns seems to be more of a tight knit group. It wouldn't be uncommon to pop in at a brothers business and chat, to meet for coffee, or share a beer or two (perhaps in a certain brothers' wood working shop). But these niceties are rare indeed for big city masonry. I believe that openness and welcoming nature of small town masonry is a wonderful thing and I hope that we can have more social functions, informal meetings and friendly greetings even in the big city environment.

### EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

We regularly profess to new applicants that we are a society of men who use allegorical and metaphorical stories to pass on great truths, that when studied and put in to action will help us on our eastward journey. But I ask you honestly, do you feel that you have learned our rituals, have you studied our texts; could you do more than merely repeat some ancient scripture verbatim? Many men join for the allure of learning about these lessons and truisms, but how can we teach them if we ourselves are only superficially aware of their meaning? I have heard from numerous brethren and demitted brethren that they thought and hoped they would learn from freemasonry which they haven't been taught elsewhere, but they

were sadly mistaken when time and again their peers did not support, encourage and nurture their interests.

### VISITATION

Perhaps the most amazing aspect of freemasonry is visitation. Being welcomed to a lodge is a wonderful experience, but for the new freemason visiting a strange lodge and not knowing any brethren could be a very daunting idea. Often new brethren will visit lodges that reside in the same building as their mother lodge, but many will not drive to another city or town to visit a totally unfamiliar lodge without support. I suggest that if you are going to visit a lodge that you offer to take the new brother, pick him up from home, or meet him there. This will help to foster that friendship in your own lodge, as well as introduce him to process of visitation and how wonderful an experience it can be.

These are a few topics that I believe could use some improvement in our lodges and I submit them to you for your discussion, consideration and comment.

### WHAT IS TEXAS MASONICON? HERE IS HOW THEY TELL IT:

In their efforts to seek more light, the brethren of Fort Worth Lodge #148 began a tradition of bringing in guest speakers for Masonic educational talks. Talk after talk, our membership flourished and was enriched. After how much we have enjoyed the benefits of this program, we have decided to share this experience with other broth-

ers who desire to seek more light.

Masonic education is a critical component to every brother's journey in the Craft. However, it can be extremely hard to come by, even though our fraternity is filled with extraordinary speakers who will gladly share their research. We felt it was our responsibility to share the results of our educational program and create a Masonic educational event that would benefit the Craft on a larger scale. The location? The Fort Worth Masonic Temple.

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### THEY'RE CALLING IT: TEXAS MASONICON

The last two Aprils Ezekiel Bates Lodge in Attleboro, Massachusetts has held a Masonicon. It is generally an all-day event of Masonic speakers from different parts of the country gathered together to make presentations and includes followup workshops and group participation.

PM of Fort Worth Lodge #148, Rhit Moore, will tell you that this is a team effort. But we know he is one of the driving forces behind this Masonic Conference. We have chronicled the accomplishments of Moore here on Freemason Information before: <http://freemasoninformation.com/2018/02/the-secret-of-a-successful-lodge/> Texas MasoniCon is intended to be an annual Masonic educational conference, and will bring together interested



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

## They're calling it: Texas MasoniCon—con't

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Their keynote speakers for their inaugural convention will be three distinguished Masonic authors: Bro. Michael Poll is the founder of Cornerstone Publishing, V.E. Piers Vaughan is Past Grand High Priest of New York, and Bro. Chuck Dunning is the founding Superintendent of the Academy of Reflection.

is a Past Grand High Priest for New York Grand Chapter. His Masonic membership began in England in 1979, and he joined a number of Orders before joining St. John's Lodge No. 1 in New York. He has traveled extensively across the USA and in many countries abroad giving lectures on a number of topics, ranging from history to talks on the symbols and esotericism of Masonry. An interest in 18th Century French Masonic Ritual led him to translate a number of

Fort Worth Valley in Texas. In 2012 he became the founding Superintendent of the Academy of Reflection, which is a chartered organization for Scottish Rite Masons wanting to integrate contemplative practice with their Masonic experience.

Bro. Dunning has authored *Contemplative Masonry: Basic Applications of Mindfulness, Meditation, and Imagery for the Craft*.

Their guest speakers are experts in Masonic leadership and education. They are:

Brad Billings – PM, Texas Lodge of Research

David Bindel – PM, Jewel P. Lightfoot Lodge

Larry Fitzpatrick – Past Grand Orator, GL of TX

Pete Normand – PM, Texas Lodge of Research

Roberto Sanchez – author *The True Masonic Experience*

John Tolbert – past DDGM

It is events like this one that is educating a new batch of leaders for the Masonic Fraternity of tomorrow. It is also a way of holding first rate Masonic Conferences that seems to be popular and catching on all across the U.S.A. There is a new day dawning on Freemasonry in America. American Masonry is becoming more national and less parochial in its outlook and that is helping it keep up with the 21st Century and the Information Age.

If you haven't been to a Masonicon try it. You'll like it!

**MICHAEL POLL**  
Michael R. Poll is the owner of Cornerstone Book Publishers. He is a Founding Fellow and Past President of The Masonic Society, a Fellow of the Philaethes Society and Fellow of the Maine Lodge of Research. and a contributor to Heredom, the publication of the Scottish Rite Research Society.

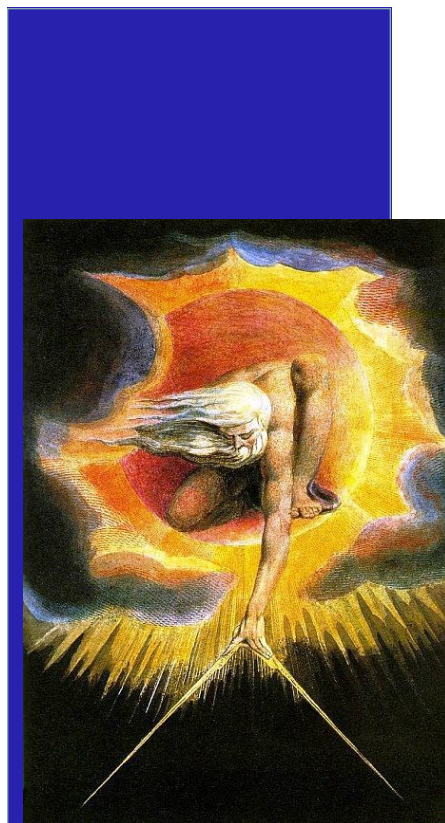
A New York Times Bestselling writer and publisher, he is a prolific writer, editor and publisher of Masonic and esoteric books, having published over 200 titles.

**PIERS VAUGHAN**  
Very Excellent Piers Vaughan

important treatises and rituals into English.

V.E. Bro. Vaughan has written the Capitular Development Course, and Renaissance Man & Mason.

**CHUCK DUNNING**  
Chuck Dunning has been a Master Mason since 1988, is a member of Blue Lodges and Scottish Rite Valleys in both Texas and Oklahoma, and also belongs to a number of Masonic research societies. In the Scottish Rite, Chuck is a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, Director of Education for the Guthrie Valley in Oklahoma, and a Class Director for the



***“Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves.”***

*Rudyard Kipling*



**WORSHIPFUL MASTER JUSTIN ROBBINS**  
*From the East*

With the recent events encountered by Lubbock Lodge, I would like to share some thoughts I have had about the operations of a Masonic lodge. While I admittedly have not spent any time at sea, I like to think of a Masonic lodge as a ship at sea with the crew members being the members of the lodge. Like the crew members of a ship, each member of a lodge has specific duties that promote the operation of the ship. If any one member of the crew fails to perform his duty, the overall operation of the ship may be jeopardized. Similarly, without the help of every member of a Masonic lodge, a lodge may fail.

duties, each member must also remember the primary purpose of the ship being at sea. Without a purpose or direction, the ship is sailing endlessly with no direction or reason to sail at all. We must all remember our purpose for being masons and understand the direction of the lodge. If we do not work together to promote the direction of a lodge, then, as stated before, a lodge will fail.

I pray we stay focused and remember that each of us has a part to play in our lodge, especially in rough seas. If we come together for a common goal, we will prevail, no matter what direction that goal lies.

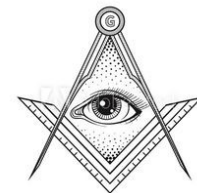
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**SENIOR WARDEN HEATH MORGAN**  
*From the West*

Brethren, I would imagine that if I said that we are passionate about our craft, I would be understating it a bit. We love our craft because of the lessons we learn and the benefits Masonry has on our community. As a craft, our goal is to make the communities we live in a better place. Where we may see things different is in the way we reach that goal. Remember brethren, the Master is one the at the trestle board. He is shaping the way our lodge impacts the world. It is up to the craft to carry those designs and make them a reality, not sub-

stitute their own blueprint. We need to remember the lesson of the compasses, support our Master, and act as the trowel to take Free Masonry outside the walls of the lodge.



**JUNIOR WARDEN BRANDON GOULD**  
*From the South*

Brethren, thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. I am sorry for the lack of a proper article outlining law in freemasonry however I have been going through some trying times and have had my head elsewhere. I would like to take a moment and thank all of the brethren who have thought of me, prayed for me, and reached out to me during this time and hope all of the brothers are doing well. I have also recently accepted a new position within the company I work for that will require me working long hours including weekends. I am so excited for what the future holds and

while it will take a lot of effort I know great things will come of it, but with these new hours I will most likely not be present during our stated meetings but, I will try and make it to others' stated meetings within the area so I can stay connected with masonry in West Texas. I look forward to seeing and visiting brothers throughout our area and I wish happiness and health for everyone. Thank you.



***“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*

The time is getting nearer for dues notices to be sent out, and over the last couple of months when I have done a mass mailings, I have had several notices returned due to an invalid address. The invalid address causes numerous problems the main one being the lack of funds to support the lodge and then those members getting suspended for non-payment of dues. As the membership decreases the cost of running the lodge dose not go down, it gets bigger. So if you do not get a dues notice please remember that the

dues for the lodge is \$75.00 and mail that in prior to the 15th of December along with a current valid e-mail address and physical address. This will help to ensure that I have all current information on file, so that I can make sure that when I do any reporting, that I have accurate information available. If you have any questions you can e-mail me at seclubbocklodge1392@suddenlink.net .



**FROM THE SENIOR DEACON JASON JONES**  
*Visiting Brothers and Prospects*

At our August stated meeting we received District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District number 93 A for his second official visit. Worshipful Master Justin Robins did a great job and the meeting was enjoyed by all. We had a number of visitors present including many from Neighboring Yellowhouse lodge no.841. We would like to thank all our visitors for the support.

Lubbock Scottish Rite Bodies. It was great evening with over 100 in attendance. There were law enforcement officers from six different agencies and three different fire and EMS departments. Lubbock lodge also thanks the South Plains Shrine Club for organizing the fantastic dinner and complied with Grand Master Tommy F Chapman's requests for the 2018 Masonic year.

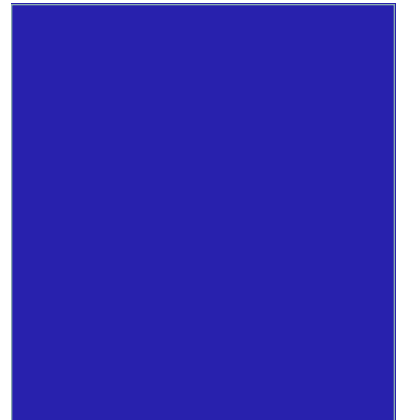
On Monday August 27th I represented Lubbock Lodge No. 1392 at the first responders dinner put on by the Khiva Shrine's South Plains Shrine Club and the



**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 responsi-

bilities which are ours as we assemble here to conduct our business today. In Your Spirit we pray, Amen.



**Upcoming Menu for September:**

- Pizza
- Asst chips
- 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 SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392  
Masonic Calendar

## September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 WOLFFORTH FRENSHIP FLOOR PRACTICE	5	6	7 YELLOWHOUSE LODGE	8
9	10 EMMA LODGE	11 LUBBOCK OES FLOOR PRACTICE	12	13 RAINBOW GIRLS	14 STATED MEETING	15 Texas MasoniCon Ft Worth
16	17 CROSBYTON LODGE	18 MACKENZIE LODGE FLOOR PRACTICE	19	20 SLATON LODGE FREEDOM OES	21	22
23	24 COMMANDERY	25 FLOOR PRACTICE	26 SCOTTISH RITE	27 COUNCIL RAINBOW GIRLS	28	29
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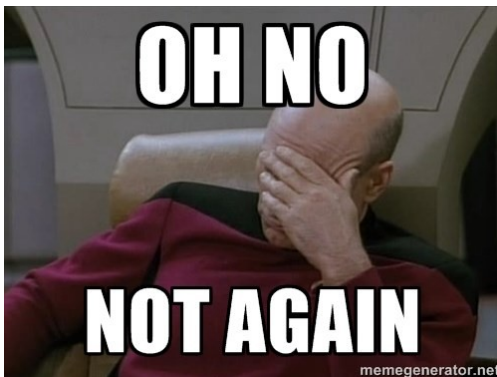
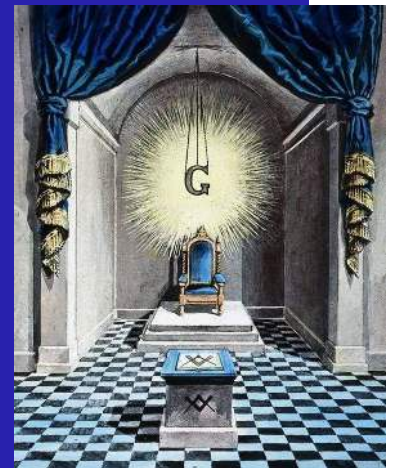
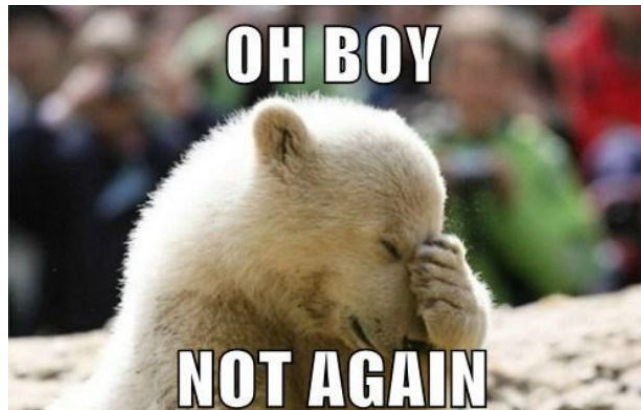
A small Lodge had had a string of bad luck. It was preparing to initiate a candidate on a steamy evening in June and it's air conditioner had stopped working. After sweating their way through part of the work, the Master had asked the candidate what he most desired. The candidate replied "a beer". At this juncture the SW started and whispered "light" to the candidate. "OK", the candidate replied, "a lite beer".

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

*Andrew Jackson*

# LUBBOCK LODGE #1392 IN ACTION

It's our newsletter's  
**SIXTH BIRTHDAY!**



*“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



Gwen Housour , wife of Bro.  
Henry Housour



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

Bobby Day – 9/5  
Elmer “Coke” Etgen – 9/7  
Henry Housour – 9/10  
Bobby Cook – 9/11  
Coy Cooper – 9/17

Joe Sanders – 9/17  
Ata Sagnak – 9/25  
Dewain Collins – 9/30

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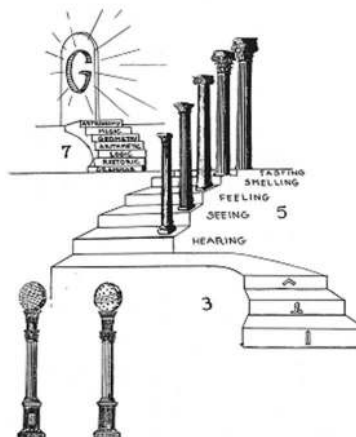
MEETINGS:  
SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH  
MONTH, 7:30 P.M.  
MEAL: 6:30PM  
FLOOR SCHOOL:



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

**THE WINDING STAIRCASE** lowcrafts in the Third Degree.

As we mentioned before, the Winding Staircase is a symbol of ascension. It is described as consisting of three, five, and seven steps. The number of steps has changed over the years. Sometimes there were only five and at others seven. Preston listed thirty-six, dividing them into one, three, five, seven, nine and eleven. The Hemming lectures listed the number at twenty-five. American Masonry has kept to fifteen. Note the connection between this number and the number of Fel-



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