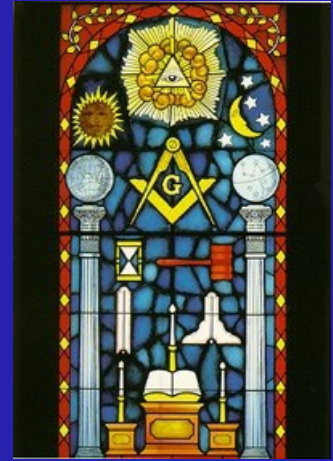


Lubbock's Light

The Newsletter of Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392

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



The Interview

By Bro. Steven M. Hudson

Well, I had my 'Masonic' interview last night, and I'm embarrassed to say how enjoyable it was.

In my mind, I had expected something between a Senate confirmation hearing and the Spanish Inquisition. I guess you could chalk it up to one too many harsh elementary school teachers or perhaps entering the military too young, but my imagination had really worked overtime on "The Interview".

I imagined that two very much older men, with somewhat severe expressions would arrive at my door. They'd both be wearing

1960's era suits -- almost the men-in-black look, but not as cool. Picture Joe Friday with a bit of a paunch. I'd introduce them to my wife and they'd both nod in her direction and say "Ma'am" with a little perfunctory smile.

After drinks and snacks had been served, the older man would open his brief case. "Well, Mr. Hudson", he'd say, "we've got a number of questions for you, so we'd better get started. Do you swear upon your life and the lives of the members of your family that you unreservedly believe in the God of your childhood?"

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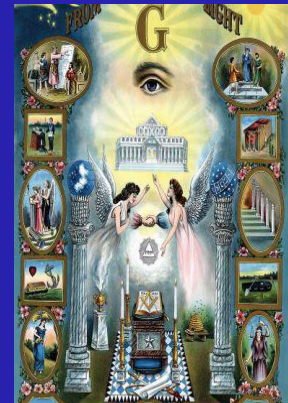
Start making plans now to attend the Grand Annual Conference which will be held in the Grand Lodge Building, in Waco, TX January 17 – 19, 2019. If things hold true to the past, there will be 75-100 rooms reserved in some of the area motels with a likely deadline of December 15th to turn them back. Call Taylor, 254-753-7395, if you need a room (first come basis). If you live too far to travel on a daily basis, please make an effort to attend the Saturday events.

The deadline for pre-registration is December 28, 2018 and a \$25.00 check or money order must accompany the form.

If you are on Facebook you need to check out these three pages and join for the latest local Masonic news and information: Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392, Lubbock Freemasonry and Texas Masonic District 93 A&B.



“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.”



The Interview — *con't from page 1*



Oh, I was prepared for this one. I'd crafted an answer that both expressed my absolute belief in a Supreme Being but still left me plenty of room for doubt, inquiry and growth from the somewhat limited ideas I had about God when I was a kid. Still, I imagined the Senior Official would simply say "I see", while the slightly younger man would take down a few notes.



Then the Senior Official would ask "Do you have any personality faults that would make you a detriment to our Great Fraternity? For instance, do you believe in the theory of Atlantis or the Loch Ness Monster? Have you ever been politically incorrect? Are you a 'good' person?" Ho boy! As a person who's spent way to much time in introspection I could probably confess to a huge list of personal failings. Not the least of which is my tendency to be super critical of myself! Well, let's

see, I eat too much fat, I don't exercise enough, I have an irreverent sense of humor, I've told the occasional inappropriate joke. I enjoy the X-Files more than is probably healthy. I was rude to the clerk at the Radio Shack six months ago. I even worried that perhaps I didn't have enough self-esteem, or what if I have too much!

"I see", said the Senior Official. "Any crimes we should know about?" I was okay there. "I've had a couple of traffic violations but they wouldn't keep me out for that. Right? Oh, and then there was the time I got home from Home Depot and discovered I'd put the package of screws in my pocket instead of the cart. But I took them back the next week. So that won't count either, right? Right?"

"Let's discuss your financial picture. If you were to lose your job tomorrow, how can we be certain you'd never be a burden to the Brothers of our Fraternity?"

Yikes! Once again, I was back on shaky ground. "I can't afford to buy a house right now, but I pay all my bills on time and I have a little money in the bank. I

have some credit card debt, but I'm saving some, though not as much as I should. But I promise, I'll quit before I let myself be a burden!"



"Uh-huh. One more question Mr. Hudson. Why do you feel we should let you become a Mason?" This is the question that holds terror for those of us who think entirely too much. On any interview, whether it's for a job or entering a fraternity, this is the moment of truth. It's your time to list your qualifications for the position and let them grade you. Come up with a sufficient list of reasons and you're in. Otherwise, well, not everyone gets the job they wanted.

"Well Mr. Hudson. That about wraps it up. We're still waiting for the paper-



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

G. Washington

The Interview — con't from page 2

work to come back from the IRS, the Department of Defense and the various State Agencies, but we expect to let you know the results in a few weeks. Thank you for your time." Another perfunctory smile and then they'd be gone.

Man, did I have it completely wrong! Instead "The Interview" was just plain fun. The two men who came from the lodge were open, casual and comfortable. One was a little older than me, but the other was my age or younger. Both were more than polite to my entire family and seemed genuinely pleased to be there. Both were men I'd like to visit again.

Both men had a great sense of humor. At one point one of them asked me "Are you now, or have you ever been an ax murderer?" I joked "Not that I remember" and we all had a big laugh.

We discussed some Masonic historical speculation -- one of my interviewers enjoys, as I do, the legend that the Masonry is descended from the Knights Templar who learned the 'Mysteries' from the builders of the

Pyramids. Although it wasn't specified, I got the definite opinion that watching the X-Files was not a 'failing criterion'. They had no questions about the details of my belief in a Supreme Being - simple belief was enough. And when I brought the subject up, we had a great conversation

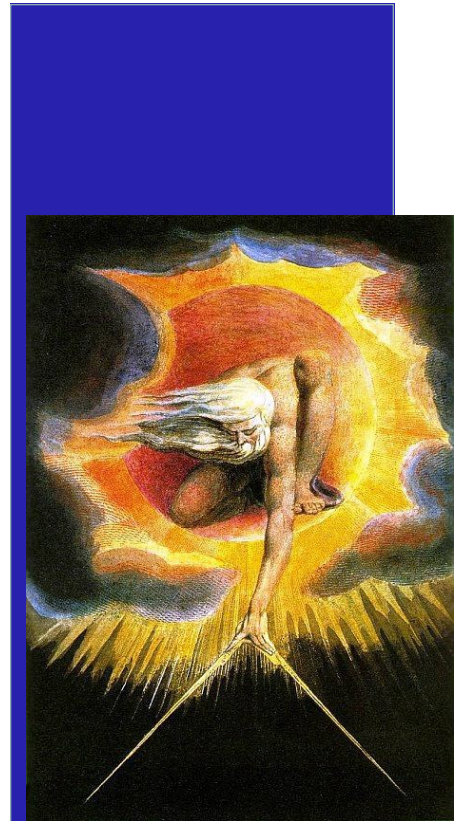


that really left me feeling welcomed, heard and respected. There was an application to fill out but it was only a little more detailed than the petition form I'd filled out earlier. Mostly wanting a few former addresses, some brief work history, and the contact information for my references. The only 'financial' question was whether I knew there'd be dues involved and did I think I'd be able to pay them without burdening my family.

Finally, before they left, they did ask me why I wanted to become a Mason. I told them about my father and my grandfather being made a Mason. I told them about my interests in psychology and comparative religion. But more importantly, I told them that I believe there really is 'something' to the Masonry. Something that could help me to become an even better man that I already may be. And because of that, I really want to give the Masonry a try!

So, finally, the petitioning process is over for me for now. Of course, I can't predict with absolute certainty how the ballot will come out. I feel pretty confident, but as with many human endeavors, it only takes one person to change the outcome. Regardless of this particular ballot, it has been a worthwhile exercise and in many ways has been a gift that I've given to myself. It has been a period of sometimes uncomfortable self-examination but more often of exciting self-discovery. And that, my friends, is my real reason for joining the Masonry!

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"Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves."

Rudyard Kipling



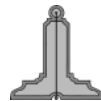
WORSHIPFUL MASTER JERRY HENDRICK
From the East — “Lodge of the Holy Sts. John”

With Thanksgiving coming up quickly, I would like to spend this month focusing on the topic of gratitude. Gratitude is defined as “the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness”. Growing up, I was always taught to say “thank you”, but I must admit that I still struggle with showing true authentic gratitude. Unlike simply saying “thank you”, I think showing gratitude is more of an indication of one’s condition of heart.

We have so many brothers that contribute to our lodges success that rarely receive any form of thanks or gratitude. These brothers do not contribute because they expect any form of thanks, they simply do what needs to be done for the lodge. I could rec-

ognize each of these brothers here but I would like the opportunity to show them my gratitude in person. Let’s work on improving our ability and willingness to show gratitude to those around us in our daily lives.

I pray that each of us will be filled with true gratitude and be willing to express it freely to those that we encounter in our daily lives.



SENIOR WARDEN HEATH MORGAN
From the West

It’s about the time of the year that we start to look at what has transpired over yet another year in our lives. It’s also a time to remember what is important in our lives and be thankful for the gifts we have received. As I look back, I am reminded of all the brothers that I have been in contact with and am amazed by the collective spirit that they exude. It’s one of the things that draws new men to our order. We are different. We have a different mindset, live by a different code. I am truly thankful that Masonry is in my life and that I have it to use to transform myself into something better. I definitely could not achieve this lofty goal without the example and help of all the brethren that have come before me and that I have had the privilege to know and sit in lodge with. I am always struck by a certain line in our Bible Presentation to new Master Masons in

Texas: “..., so long as that light shines upon its alter, so long it illuminates the pathway of the Craftsmen, so long will Freemasonry live and shed its beneficent influence upon mankind.” Brethren, soak in that light, then shine so that others may know. Together will we take this order, our craft, into the new year.

How great and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.



“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 you all know it is about time for annual dues. The notices will be different this year as I try to find a way to keep up with changing time in the electronic age. Once you receive your notice please make any corrections and add your email if you have one. The reason for this is so that I can update the lodge data base. So we can keep all members apprised of the events in the Lodge.



FROM THE SENIOR DEACON JASON JONES
Visiting Brothers and Prospects

The October Stated Meeting was very nice. We had Brother Stephen Brand from Levelland and PM Rolan Pirtle from Yellowhouse, with 14 total present. For dinner we had an excellent meatloaf that was enjoyed by all.

We were glad to have Brother Housour back in attendance with us as well.

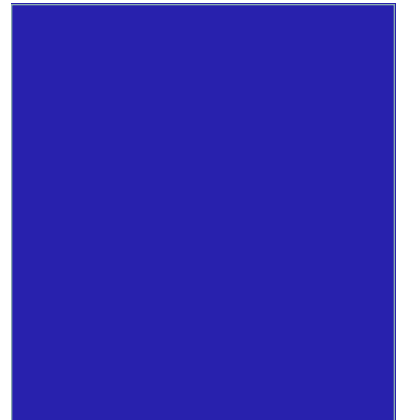
We hope to see you at our next stated meeting on Friday, November 9th at

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.



FROM THE SENIOR STEWARD LUIS RAMOS
Food, Flowers & Frolic

Thy Grace, O Lord, to those of us who are gathered at this table, and bless the gift of food which by Thy bounty is set before us. ... May the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all regular masons. May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us. So mote it be.



Upcoming Menu for November:

- Grilled cheese
- Tomato soup
- Asst cookies
- Drinks

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

Mark Twain

LUBBOCK LODGE NOVEMBER CALENDAR

 Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392 Masonic Calendar		<h2>November 2018</h2>				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		FLOOR PRACTICE		1	2 Yellowhouse Lodge	3 TT vs Oklahoma 
4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	5	6 Wolfforth Lodge FLOOR PRACTICE	7	8 RAINBOW GIRLS	9 LUBBOCK STATED MEETING	10 TT vs Texas 
11 Veterans Day	12 Emma Lodge	13 Lubbock OES FLOOR PRACTICE	14	15 Slaton Lodge Freedom OES Form 990 DUE	16	17 Daylight Lodge
18	19 Crosbyton Lodge	20 Mackenzie Lodge FLOOR PRACTICE ?	21	22 THANKSGIVING	23	24
25	26 Commandery	27 FLOOR PRACTICE	28 Scottish Rite	29	30	
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Two non Masons were passing a lodge after have quite a few drinks. What do you think goes on in there? asks one. I don't know but I am going in to find out, said the other. After two or three minutes he comes flying out of the door all bloody and clothes ripped. What happened to you? asks the first.

Well, after passing through the entryway, I climbed a winding stair. When I got to the top I came to a door with a small door at head height and so I knocked. The small door opened and the person on the inside said Bo, I said peep, and the next thing I knew I was back out here

“Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind”

Andrew Jackson

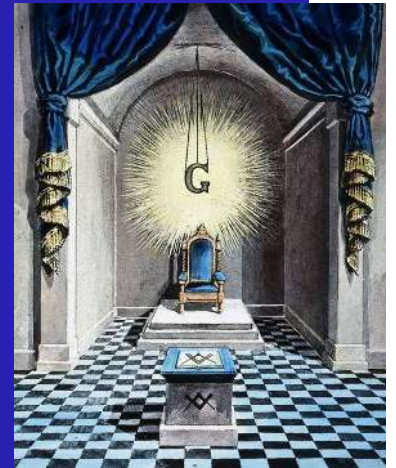


Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way!
- Native American Saying

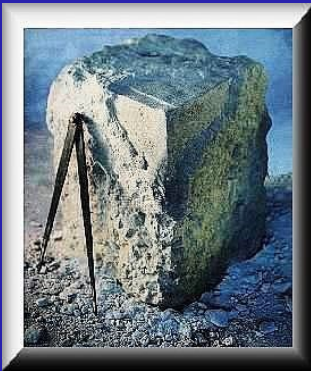


“To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.”

Theodore Roosevelt



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SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



John Rosser
Coke Etgen



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

Justin Robbins	11/1
Anthony Rumpel	11/22

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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

DULY AND TRULY PREPARED

Being duly and truly prepared refers to the wearing of special garments furnished by the Lodge to emphasize our concern with man's internal qualifications, rather than his worldly wealth and honors. By wearing these garments, the candidate signifies the sincerity of his intentions. The symbolism of the Rite of Destitution reverts to those ancient times when men believed that the planets determined human fate and controlled human passions, and

that there were metals by which each planet was itself controlled. In ancient initiations, candidates were compelled to leave all metals behind, lest they bring into the assembly disturbing planetary influences. While with us, this symbolism no longer has an astrological character. However, the old point about excluding disturbing influences remains. The candidate is not to bring into the Lodge room his passions or prejudices, lest that harmony, which is one of the chief concerns of Masonry, be destroyed.

Being duly and truly prepared also refers to the state of a man's heart and soul as he seeks admission into our Order. "Seek and ye shall find. Ask and it shall be given unto you. Knock and it shall be opened unto you."



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