



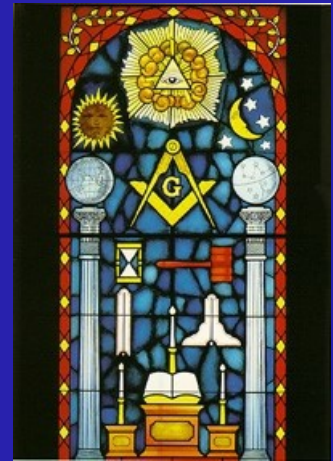
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# Lubbock's Light

## The Newsletter of Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392

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



### Lodge Leaders Are Like Athletes by John Loayza, Assistant Grand Chancellor, Grand Lodge of Illinois, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren, the 2018 Winter Olympics ended with champions from around the world. In effect, the best of the best in their respective sports activities. Have you asked yourselves, what sets them apart from the others? This sports question can also be applied to our local lodge leaders or officers. Both the athletes and successful local lodge leaders come to the same conclusion, competition is actually a mental game as much as it is a physical one. We all need to learn how to adopt and emulate success in our lodges, as well as in sports. Let's look at a few of the factors that can turn a sports team or a lodge into champions by considering the following points:

**1-Champions & Successful Lodge Leaders Believe In The Future.** In order to achieve a goal, athletes and lodge leaders/officers focus on what needs to be achieved and how to achieve the goal. They picture themselves achieving their goals within specific time parameters. Thus, their actions become a matter of when, not if they will achieve their goals.

**2-Champions & Successful Lodge Leaders Embrace Conflict.** Many people look for a fast escape whenever they encounter an obstacle or conflict. However, champions or successful lodge leaders look for opportunities to break through

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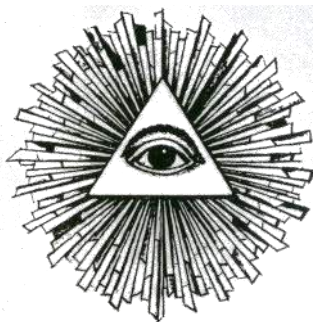
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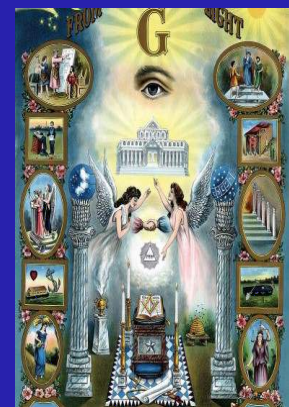
Start making plans now to attend the Grand Annual Conference which will be held in the Grand Lodge Building, in Waco, TX January 17 –19, 2019. There are rooms reserved in some of the area motels. Call Taylor, 254-753-7395, if you need a room (first come basis). If you live too far to travel on a daily basis, please make an effort to attend the Saturday events.

We also have a gun show to staff for next month.

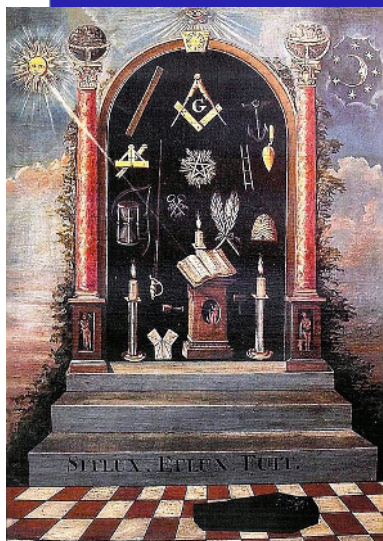
The deadline for pre-registration is December 28, 2018 and a \$25.00 check or money order must accompany the form.



***“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.”***



## Lodge Leaders Are Like Athletes by John Loayza— *con't* from page 1



any obstacles and improve themselves, others, and their lodges.

**3-Champions/Lodge Leaders Remain Focused.** Successful lodge leaders or champions understand that in order to win it's necessary to emphasize the fundamentals, continue to make consistent, and incremental improvements.

**4-Champions/Lodge Leaders Are Accountable.** Athletes have many levels of accountability, such as with their teammates, trainers, and coaches. This is no different within a lodge, district of lodges, and statewide. Therefore, local lodge leaders should be building their own accountability teams to coordinate their best efforts while staying focused on their ultimate goals.

**5-Champions/Lodge Leaders Are Risk Takers.** There are no guarantees in this world. Therefore, athletes and successful local lodge leaders take calculated risks that can possibly lead them to achieve their goals. However, if they fail, they automatically and carefully analyze what went wrong and they try again.

**6-Champions/Lodge Leaders Have Discipline.** Although athletes and lodge leaders practice the same exact routines daily with necessary step by step improvements, modifications or innovations, it may seem boring or too challenging to some but they understand the importance of diligence and hard work. This process eventually leads to success.

**7-Champions/Lodge Leaders Continually Learn.** Athletes are continually studying techniques to improve their abilities, researching their competitors, and searching for information that gives them an edge. They live and breathe their goals and how to achieve them. The most successful lodge leaders do the same thing, and with that learning process there is no obstacle that cannot be overcome.

**8-Champions/Lodge Leaders Are Coachable.** Anyone thinking that he knows it all is only fooling himself. Every successful athlete has coaches. Moreover, successful athletes know how to accept constructive criticism and suggestions on how to improve. Successful local lodge leaders have the

availability of coaches who can help with improvements if those local lodge leaders avail themselves of the resources within their own lodges and from other lodges. Nothing breathes success like success.

**9-Champions/Lodge Leaders Concentration.** Any successful athlete or lodge leader will tell you that he fully concentrates on the task at hand. He doesn't let any other personal or work distraction to cause a loss of his concentration in achieving his goal.

**10-Champions/Lodge Leaders Dream Big.** Any champion or successful lodge leader will tell others that they dare to dream big, and to be the best in the world. They never think small. Therefore, if you want to be a champion athlete or successful local lodge leader, you have to dream big because no one else will.

Hopefully, the aforementioned successful traits, if applied correctly, will change the mental process and make local lodge leader champions around the world.

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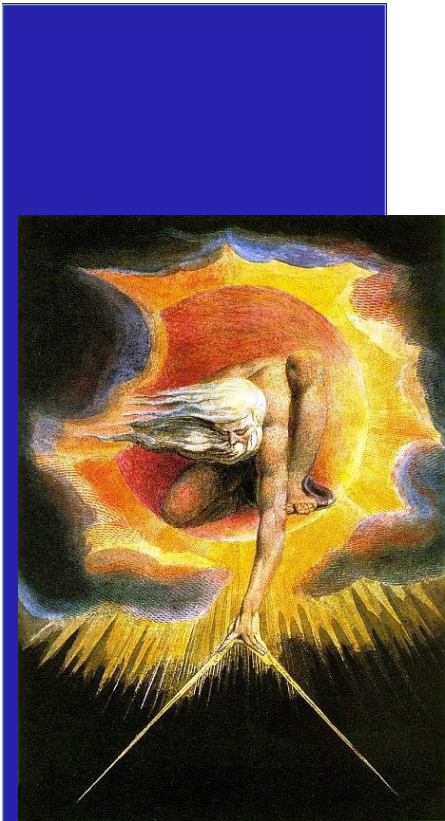
***“The grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race”***

*Washington*

# HAPPY Hanukkah!



Congratulations to Brother Nathan Shrode - Sr. Deacon Yellowhouse Lodge #841 for "In Remembrance", the First Place Winner in the Altar category in the 2018 Grand Lodge of Texas Photo Contest



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

*Rudyard Kipling*



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

When asked about masonry, I often hear the phrase that “masonry takes good men and makes them better”. This widely used statement about masonry sounds good, but what does it really mean? What defines a good man? How does masonry make them better? I certainly do not have all of the answers to this question but I would like to provide you with some of my thoughts on this topic.

Many new masons specifically list wanting to become better men as a reason for joining masonry. However, I have witnessed these same masons wondering if they missed something because they don't “feel” like a “better

man”. I believe the issue here lies with new masons' expectations that they will somehow become better men automatically once they have completed all three degrees. It is our responsibility not only to teach younger masons the importance of practicing what we have learned in our daily lives, but to also practice these same principles in our own lives. Ultimately, I believe masonry “takes good men and provides them the tools to become better men”. It is my prayer that we apply each of the lessons of masonry to our own lives and constantly seek to become better men in all aspects of our lives.



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

Happy Holidays Brethren,

It's hard for me to believe that another year is about to pass us by. As I think back on the year I truly am thankful to be part of an organization such as ours. Brethren, we truly are apart of something meaningful. I urge each and every one of you to think about your Masonic experience too. What was meaningful to you?

If you wanted to, what did you achieve, who did you meet, what did you learn? Think over these things and then think about how we can make the craft even better next year. Most of all I want to thank all the members for a great year and hope that 2019 brings even more blessings to each of you and our lodge.

Peace, Love, Happy Holidays



***“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*

Remember that membership is something we need. As the older the Lodge gets the thinner its membership becomes, Dues Notices will be going out shortly, so please return your Dues, ASAP. We cannot afford to suspend a member for non-payment of dues. Because it is those dues who help keep our doors open. For members with the Endowed Membership, any contributions for per-capita will also help keep the doors to our Lodge open. Remember, annual dues are \$75.00 and per-capita is \$22.50. With Christmas on the horizon please put this in your budget. – Just a

reminder that Fantastic Teeth is just around the corner so plan accordingly. And Grand Lodge is getting closer.



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

Our November meeting was held the chilly night of November the 9th. We had 16 total in attendance with 5 visitors, including RW Charles Leatherwood DDGM from Crosbyton Lodge, Rolan Pirtle Pm, Robert Kelly, and Bob Chester from Yellowhouse. We also had Brother Bob Robertson, PM lodge of journeymen Masons no. 8 of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Brothers as the Holidays come around many lodges and appendent bodies are holding Holliday celebrations, I believe it is important that we take the initiative to attend some of these events and represent

our lodge.

In recent months we have discussed finding a new home, whether temporary or permanent. I would encourage all to attend the stated meeting of Wolfforth-Frenship lodge Tuesday December 6th

We hope to see you at our next stated meeting on Friday, December 14th 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*

As we gather round the social board for the last meeting of this season, let us give thanks for the food, drink and Good Companionship we have enjoyed. 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 December:**

- Grilled ham
- Mashed potatoes
- Green beans
- Dinner rolls
- Asst drinks



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

*Mark Twain*

# LUBBOCK LODGE DECEMBER CALENDAR



Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392  
Masonic Calendar

Get list of members in arrears

December 2018

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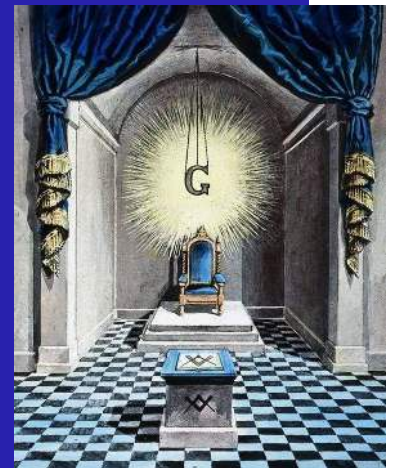
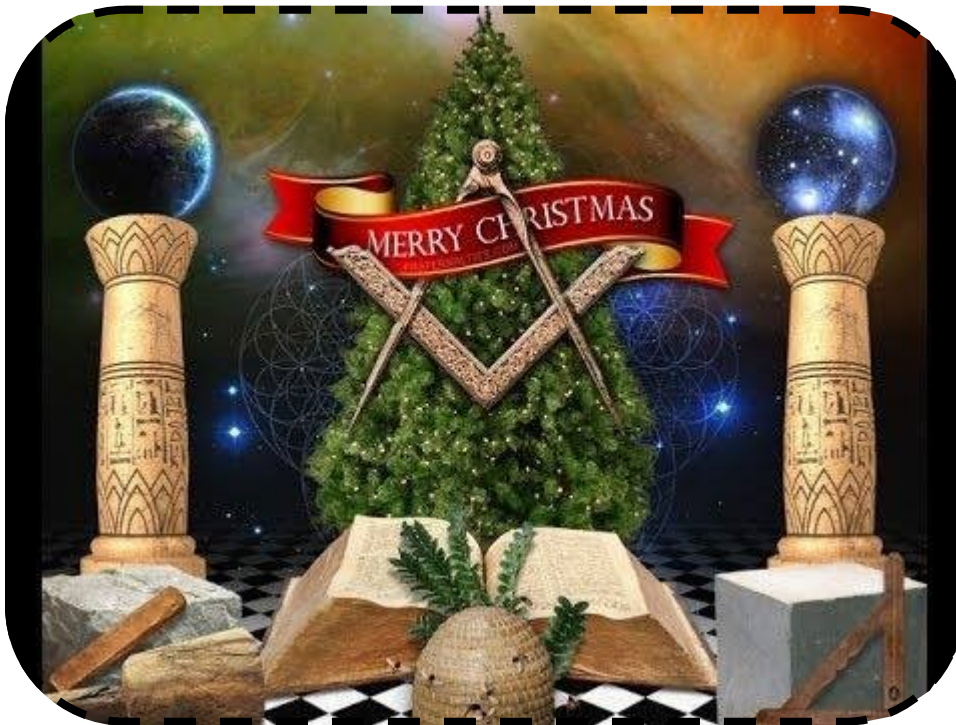


A little before Lodge is about to open an old man totters up to the Tyler and says, "I'm here to receive my 2nd degree." Well, they all look at this guy, who really is older than dirt, and they ask him to explain. "I was entered on July 4, 1922. Now I'm ready for my 2nd degree." So they go scurrying 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*

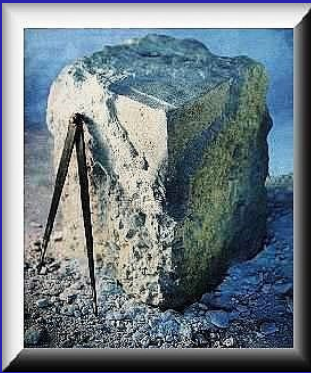
*Season's Greetings*



***“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 Joe Buller was born May 23, 1943 in Halstead, Kansas to Jonas D. Buller and Bertha Buller. He passed away in Lubbock, Texas on July 23, 2018.



Leonard graduated from Halstead High School and went on to study at Axtell Hospital X-Ray School in Newton, Kansas and trained further at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, KS, in Nuclear Medicine. He was a registered Nuclear Med Tech and retired from Covenant Hospital in Nuclear Cardiology.



He leaves to mourn his wife of 49 years, Carol; son, Scott Buller of Lubbock, TX; daughter, Amy DeVoge of Lubbock, TX; brother, Jerry Buller of Wichita, KS; sisters, Joan Unruh of Rio Verde, Brazil, Janice Stubby of Newton, KS, and Julie Becker of Halstead, KS; and many nieces and nephews.

Leonard loved adventure and learning new things. He was a pilot, ham radio operator, and bicyclist, as well as being very active in the Nazarene Church over the years. Leonard served on the "Harvey County Right to Life Board" in Newton, Kansas; and the "Night to Honor Israel" committee in Lubbock, was a member of the Masonic Lodge and volunteered at Covenant Hospital in the surgical waiting room for several years.

He will be missed by all who knew him for his positive attitude and his zest for life.

*"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."*

*Blair Gable*

## This Month's Brothers' Birthdays

Alvie Ivey 12/6

Norris Rumsey 12/31

Alton Utsey 12/18

Clyde Hildebrand 12/20

Christopher Yeoman 12/20

Randy Henson 12/26

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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 LOST WORD

#### Part 1

In the search for "That Which Was Lost," we are not actually searching for a particular word. Our search is a symbol for our "feeling of loss" or "exile" from the Source of Life. What we are searching for is Divine Truth, which should be the ultimate goal of all men and Masons.

when "God said." The utterance of the Word is also closely connected with the idea of Light, and therefore knowledge. Having the power of speech is perhaps the noblest attribute of man, because he can communicate his thoughts to his fellows.



The Book of Genesis gives us a clue to the power of speech. In it, we learn that the first Act of Creation occurred



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