

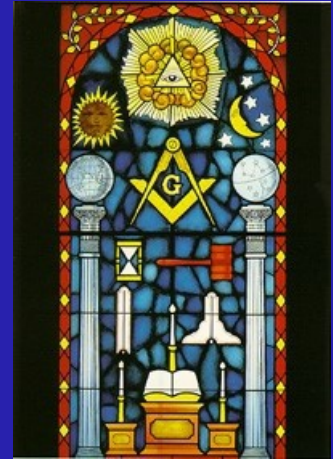
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Lubbock's Light

The Newsletter of Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392

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



Happenings at Lubbock Lodge

Editor's note. Because of the upcoming vote this month on an issue of the utmost importance to the future of Lubbock Masonic Lodge, we are re-running the letter from WM Justin Robbins to the membership regarding the issues before them.

By WM Justin Robbins

Since its beginning, the goal of Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392 has been to have a sustainable and thriving membership. As you probably already know, all membership based organizations, from churches, sports leagues, scouting, professional associations, labor unions, chambers of commerce and other civic groups are all experi-

encing accelerating membership declines with numbers of new members not keeping pace with aging memberships resulting in financial hardship.

If you will recall, I sent out a letter earlier in the current Masonic year detailing some of the financial issues facing our lodge.

I want to inform you that we have received an offer to buy our lodge building from Brother Neal Turner of Daylight Masonic Lodge #1443 in the amount of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000). The sale of the building would be "as is" in its current condition, and the lodge will make no repairs or improvements or give the buyer any credits to do so. A resolution stating

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PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



MUCH happening this month!
Don't forget your taxes are due by midnight Monday, April 15!

Final preparations for the 53rd Anniversary Hilltop meeting will be Monday April 29 and Hilltop itself will be Saturday, May 4.

Lastly, Saturday, April, 27 - April 28 we will be at the Gun Show at the Civic Center. All members wishing to work the booth let us know at the April stated meeting.

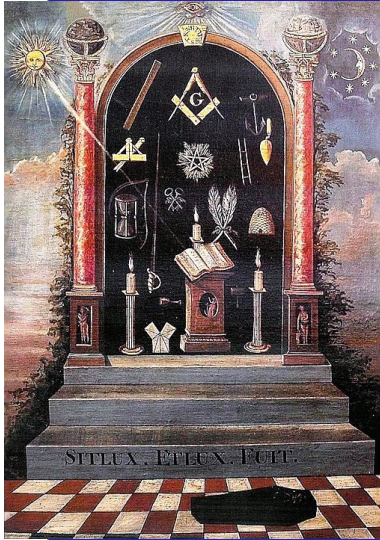
And last but not least, this month's stated meeting on April 12th is our DDGM visit with RW Terry Ewing. All area Master Masons are invited to attend.



"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

Benjamin Franklin

Happenings at Lubbock Lodge — *con't from page 1*



this will be presented at our next stated meeting, Friday, March 8, 2019. The meeting will begin at 7:30pm. This will be a first reading of the resolution with discussions being allowed after. A second reading and vote will be taken at the next stated meeting, Friday April 12, 2019. This meeting will also begin at 7:30pm. Pursuant to Grand Lodge Law, discussion will not be allowed prior to the vote that night.

I strongly urge you to be in attendance for these next two stated meetings so that your voice may be heard and your vote taken. If you live out of town and it is impossible to attend, I invite you to send a letter voicing your concerns and opinions and I will read it at the stated meeting in March so that your voice can be heard. However, you must be in attendance to vote on this resolution in April.

The actual wording of the resolution is on Page 3.

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The Oldest Masonic Lodge in the World

The oldest Masonic Lodge in the world (with verifiable lodge minutes) is Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1, Edinburgh, Scotland.

In July, 1949, it observed its 350th anniversary of its establishment. As of 2016, Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1 is 417 years old.

Oldest Masonic Lodge Minutes - July 31, 1599: Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1 has records to prove its long time existence as the Oldest Masonic Lodge.

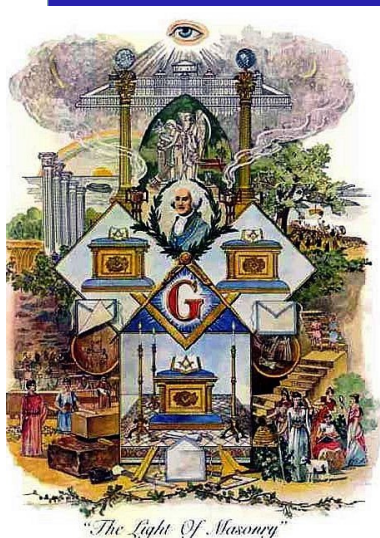
Most impressively, its first 5 pages of minutes incorporate the Schaw Statutes which are dated December 28, 1598.

Six months later, on July 31, 1599, are to be found the minutes which confirm the lodge's claim as having the oldest existing Masonic minutes. It must be noted, however, that from these minutes there exists no conclusive evidence that the lodge was actually constituted on this date nor that it is, in actuality, the oldest lodge.

Schaw Statutes: The Schaw Statutes (part of the Old Charges) are named for William Schaw, who was Master of Work to His Majesty and General Warden of the Masonic craft. In these Statutes, he declared that these ordinances issued by him for the regulation of lodges considered the lodge at Edinburgh to be for all time, the first and principal lodge in Scotland.

Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1 was first called "The Lodge of Edinburgh" and retained this name until 1688, when the Grand Lodge of Scotland confirmed its charter, designating it as "The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1"

Prominent members belonging to the Lodge of



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

Giff Washington

The Oldest Masonic Lodge in the World— con't from page 3

Edinburgh in its very early days were:

- His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales (afterward called King Edward VII)
 - His Royal Highness King Edward VIII
- Both were affiliated with the lodge, taking the obligation on the "Breeches Bible", which was printed in 1587. The pen with which these 2 brothers signed the

roll is still preserved in the Edinburgh Lodge No. 1 museum.

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First Resolution 2018-2019 Masonic Year

**LUBBOCK MASONIC LODGE #1392
LUBBOCK, TEXAS**

Whereas, the goal of Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392 is a sustainable and thriving membership and facing the fact that all membership based organizations, from churches, sports leagues, scouting, professional associations, labor unions, chambers of commerce and other civic groups are all experiencing accelerating membership declines with numbers of new members not keeping pace with aging memberships resulting in financial hardship,

Be it Resolved, that the Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392 agrees to the sale of its Lodge Building located at 4539 Brownfield Drive, Lubbock, TX 79410 to Brother Neal Turner of Daylight Masonic Lodge #1443 in the amount of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000). The sale of the building is "as is" in its current condition, and the lodge will make no repairs or improvements or give the buyer any credits to do so. The sale will be conducted pursuant to all applicable sections of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

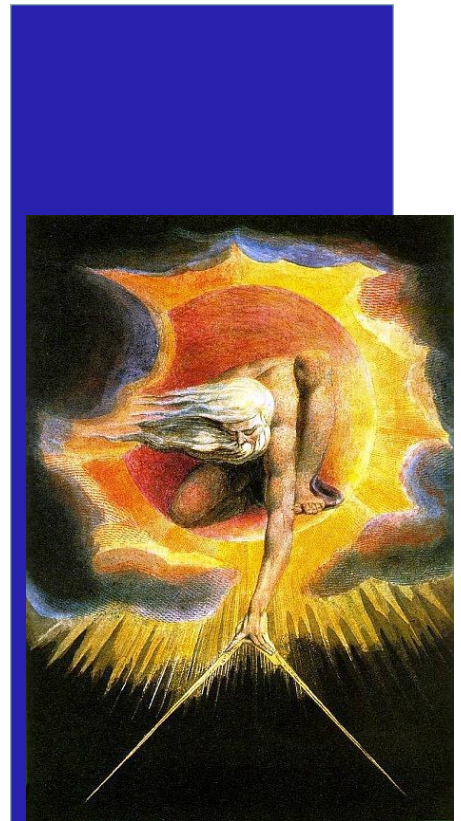
Dated this 12th Day of April, 2019

Justin Robbins, Worshipful Master

(scal)

Jerry Hendrick, Secretary

Date of First Reading: March 8, 2019
Date of Second Reading: April 12, 2019
Ballot: April 12, 2019 -



"Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves."

Rudyard Kipling



WORSHIPFUL MASTER JUSTIN ROBBIS
From the East

Like many of you, I have found myself too busy at times to practice masonry the way I feel I am supposed to. Things like religion, work, family, or even hobbies often interfere with lodge meetings, floor class, and other masonic duties or events. For me, this can lead to guilt or the difficult decision of having to prioritize my wants and needs. Sometimes I need a reminder that taking care of our responsibilities outside of masonry is practicing masonry. One of our very first lessons in masonry is how to divide our time. We were never taught that masonry should be a priority above all else, but somehow, we seem to forget this very simple and important lesson. I hope that we always remember masonry is a way of life,

not something you do. I believe that applying the lessons of life makes a man a mason, not how many lodges they are a member of or how many meetings they attend. Taking care of families, jobs, and ourselves is just as masonic as attending a lodge meeting.

I want to briefly remind everyone that this month's stated meeting on April 12th is our DDGM visit. I would like to invite everyone to attend that is able to make it.

My prayer is that we practice masonry in everything we do, showing the world that we are different, good men who wanted to become better men.



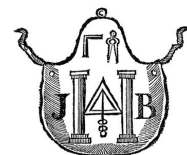
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SENIOR WARDEN HEATH MORGAN
From the West

Brethren, this next meeting we will be making some very important decisions which will affect the future of our lodge. I truly hope as many of you that can do come out and have your voices heard. If nothing else this will be an example of how men with totally different backgrounds and ideologies can come together in harmony and leave in peace. This is the true backbone of our fraternity. It is one of the main reasons I am so proud to belong here. We serve as an example to the rest of the world while it spirals down in it's morals and bickering. To be the light in the middle of darkness is

not easy. It takes good men of strong character to be able to shoulder that burden. I thank the Great Architect for making men like you who fit that bill and for bringing us together into this fraternity.



“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 closer to the next masonic year, we still have members who have not paid their dues. For those of you who have met this obligation, I say thank you. For those who have yet to remit your dues, without your dues we cannot keep the doors open. And just a reminder that if you do not pay your Blue Lodge dues, become suspended, you are automatically suspended from all appendant bodies until you have paid your Blue Lodge dues. If dues are not paid by June 23rd, it is an automatic suspension according to Chapter 18, Title II, Article 319 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge

of Texas. I am hoping this does not happen.

The lodge will also be manning a booth at the Civic Center Gun Show on the 27th and 28th. I also need to remind everyone that this month's stated meeting on April 12th is our DDGM visit with RW Terry Ewing.



FROM THE SENIOR DEACON JASON JONES
Visiting Brothers and Prospects

At our March stated meeting we had several guests from Yellowhouse lodge, as we continued discussing selling our building and where we would move. Our committee is continuing to visit lodges, they're doing a great job and we owe them all a Thank-you.

through the Degrees right now. One in particular is a law student at TTU. We have discussed over the years how to intrigue Tech students. We have a unique opportunity with him. the more he is intrigued by Masonry, the more likely he is to tell others, thus we achieve our goal.

For anyone looking to visit other lodges. To see where they would like to go, Wolf-orth-Frenship lodge meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 for dinner, and Yellowhouse lodge meets the first Friday at 6:30 as well.

Elsewhere throughout Lubbock, we are preparing for the spring 2019 reunion at the Scottish rite. This reunion will be in honor of Brother Gene Schneider of Midland. If you are interested In exploring the appendant Masonic bodies I am happy to help and answer any questions you may have.

We also have several candidates moving



FROM THE SENIOR STEWARD LUIS RAMOS
Food, Flowers & Frolic

For the beauty of the world, for the joy of human companionship in Home and Lodge, for the grace and favour bestowed on our craft during this century, for food and sustenance to strengthen us, we offer our thanks and praise to the Great Architect of the Universe. Amen.
So mote it be













Upcoming Menu for April:

- Menu:
- Chicken Fried Steak
 - Mashed potatoes
 - Corn
 - Cream Gravy
 - Dinner roll
 - Brownies

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

Mark Twain

LUBBOCK LODGE APRIL CALENDAR

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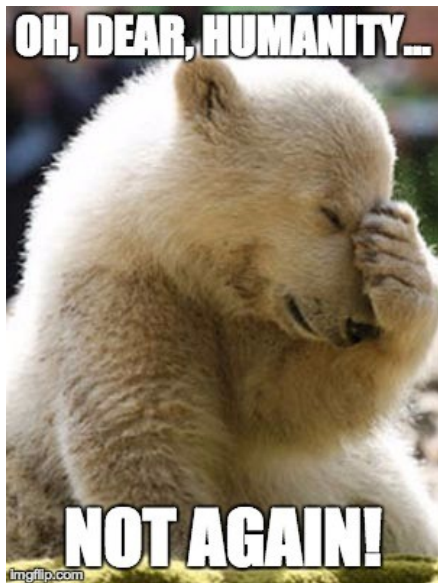
Q - "How many Masons does it take to screw in a light bulb?"

A - Three. You need a Secretary to read the minutes of the last light bulb changing, a Master Mason to change the light bulb, and a Past Master to sit on the sideline and say "That isn't how we did it."

"Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind"

Andrew Jackson

APRIL
FOOLS' DAY
APRIL 1



"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



Bro. Heath Morgan and
family



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.”

Blair Fable

This Month's Brothers' Birthdays

James Owens 4/1
Glenn Fant 4/17

4539 BROWNFIELD DR
LUBBOCK, TX
79410-1721

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



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

INTERPRETATION OF THE
RITUAL OF THE THIRD
DEGREE

Part 2 of 4

The second step is to recognize that the ritual of the Third Degree is, by its nature, and of purpose, such as lawfully to have many meanings; it is not intended to be a lesson written complete, finished, closed up; but rather to be a pointing, out of paths, a new departure, a series of inspirations, an awakening of all the faculties, like a great drama, picture or symphony to

which one may evermore return to find new meanings as in an inexhaustible fountain-head of truth.

For this reason there may be a number of interpretations of the Degree, and they may all be true at one and the same time. It is, for example, lawful to explain it as a drama of old age, with its attendant losses, sorrows, evils, and its final end. It is also lawful to find in it a drama of the immortality of the soul, how in it is set forth the truth that while a man withers away and perishes

there is that in him which perishes not.



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