

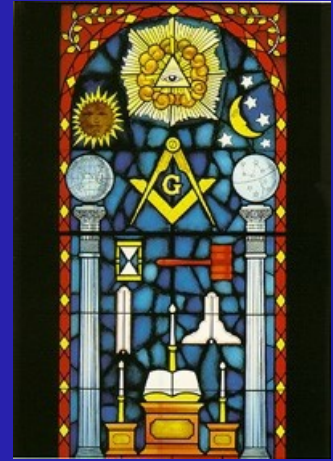
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Lubbock's Light

The Newsletter of Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392

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



Our Upcoming Masonic Year

By: Bro. Henry Housour, PM

Brothers, This is the time of the year that we elect and appoint the officers of our lodge for the upcoming masonic year. You may be asked to accept a nomination or a request that you accept an appointment position . I pray that you will be willing to help the lodge by accepting that chair and the responsibilities that go with it. We will try to teach you the words and responsibility that go with it.

You should also know that as an officer, that when the lodge doors are open for stated or work nights that you should do your utmost to be there to learn your part and help to teach our brothers who need help in gaining the proficiency they need . We also need brothers to learn the esoteric work and traditions of the lodge so they can help with incoming candidates. They need to have a knowledgeable

brother to serve as a mentor so that they bond as a friend and advisor to help them to gain self-confidence and interest in performing our ritual work. I hope that you will work to get a certification of proficiency to teach newly incoming candidates.

The Officers of a Lodge

(This paper was written more than twenty years ago and has been presented within nine different Masonic jurisdictions. It details the origins of the duties and of the very names of a South Australian Lodge's Officers, which is somewhat universal. It will be presented in multiple parts.)

INTRODUCTION

When a prospective Candidate applies to join Freemasonry, the first Masons with whom he is

PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



We hope that you will make the stated meeting on June 14th. Please let the current leadership know of your interest in an office and how you wish to serve your lodge in the upcoming year and

there are opportunities for YOU to serve! This is your opportunity to let your voice be heard regarding leadership for the upcoming year. This is your opportunity to be a leader!

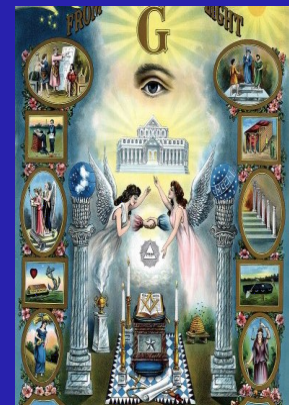
Don't forget!

Father's Day, Sunday, June 16!



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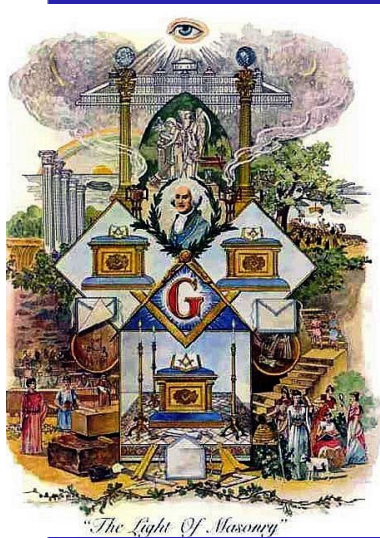
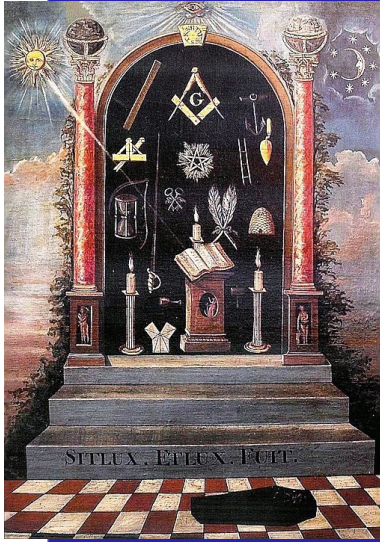
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“Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting

Benj. Franklin

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familiar are his Proposer and Second. That is not to say that he would not know other Masons but, generally, his Proposer and Second would be closest to him, either as relatives or friends. Shortly thereafter, he would be contacted by the Secretary of the particular Lodge into which he would like to be Initiated. He may also receive a visit from the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, often accompanied by a Past Master, so that he may be further assessed as to his suitability. The day of his Initiation approaches and the Candidate, accompanied by his Proposer and Second arrive at the Lodge, where the Treasurer quickly makes himself known and relieves him of certain monies to cover his fees, etc. The Lodge opens, visitors are admitted and the Candidate is left to the tender mercies of the Tyler, who instructs and prepares the Candidate for the ceremony of Initiation. Blindfolded, the Candidate is admitted into the Lodge by the Inner Guard, who places him in the care of the Deacons, who in turn present him to the Wardens and the Worshipful Master. By this means, the newly-Initiated member has come into contact with the Officers of the Lodge. When the Entered Apprentice next attends his Lodge, he learns, during the opening ceremony, the duties of each of the progressive Officers. More of those duties are come to light during the Investiture of Officers at an Installation ceremony as well as recognition of the various Jewels worn by those Officers. However, little

of the origins of the Offices, or the distinguishing Jewels, are ever mentioned.

There are two "classes" of Office in a Masonic Lodge; progressive and administrative, or advisory. The Offices deemed to be progressive, from most junior to senior are: Tyler, Inner Guard, Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden and finally, Worshipful Master. The administrative Offices, in order of seniority are: Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Almoner, Organist and Steward. All of these Offices are filled by Brethren elected to them by their peers. The Office of Immediate Past Master, which could be called progressive by some, regressive by others, but generally as a haven of relief (he hopes) for the incumbent, is the only Office held in a Lodge that belongs to that Brother by right. Each Officer of a Lodge wears a collar, to which is attached a Jewel peculiar to that Office. He is stationed at a particular point within the precincts of the Lodge Room, the sole exception being the Tyler. These stations have not been picked at random, but have been so placed for symbolic reasons.

"So king Solomon was king over all Israel. And these were the princes which he had: Azariah the son of Zadoc the priest; Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder. And Benaiah the son of Jehioada was over the host: and Zadoc

and Abiathar were the priests; and Zabud the son of Nathan was the principal officer, and the king's friend: and Ahishar was over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the tribute."

Thus it is written in the in the First Book of Kings, C.4. v.1-7. It is from this passage of Scripture that, according to some Masonic traditionalists of the late 19th century, some of the Officers of a Lodge derive their origin.



The Worshipful Master

The Worshipful Master of a Lodge represents Solomon, king of Israel and the rising sun. He is seated in the East. Reason for this may be found in the Lecture on the First Tracing Board, from which we are taught that "learning originated in the East" and it is the duty of the Worshipful Master to "employ and instruct the Brethren in Freemasonry." The Master wears, as a distinguishing Jewel, the square. The square, as worn by the Worshipful Masters of this jurisdiction, is one having legs of equal length. It should not bear any marks or embellishment as it is supposedly the trying square of a stone-mason and not an instrument fro measuring length. While the latter statement should be adhered to, the former is incorrect. The legs of the square should be

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

G. Washington

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of the ratio of 3:4, with the longer side hanging straight down. Squares of this sort can be seen worn in Lodges under the Irish Constitution. This arrangement is sometimes called a "gallows" square, but to anyone versed in Freemasonry, or Geometry, it will quickly be realized that these dimensions form the 3-4-5 right-angled triangle, the secret of which, according to some Masonic writers, was that lost upon the death of Hiram Abif. This secret was known by the Ancient Egyptians and many scholars believe that this secret was communicated to the Jews by Joseph, after his triumphant return to the land of his father.

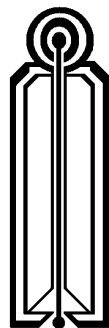
The origin of our square with equal legs dates from the time of the formation of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland and the adoption of the Masons' Company of London's Arms as part of their own. The blazon of the Arms of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is as follows: "Azure, a saltire argent, impaling gules, on a chevron argent, compasses displayed or, three towers or". On the Arms of the United Grand Lodge of England, the device shown in "sinister" (or right as we view it) on the Scottish Arms, is in "dexter" on the English Arms. The "sinister" impalement of the English Arms is quartered to show a man, an ox, a lion and an eagle. The combination of the chevron and compasses was taken as being a square and compasses. However, the heraldic "ordinary", the chev-

ron, which has "legs" of equal length, can never form an angle of ninety degrees, but the symmetrical properties of the chevron were adopted. Symbolically, the square is equated with morality, truthfulness and honesty. A full description of the Masonic symbolism of the square is found in the Lecture of the Second Degree Working Tools.



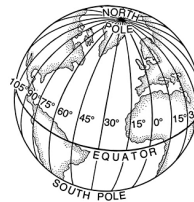
The Senior Warden

The Senior Warden represents Hiram, King of Tyre and the setting sun. He is seated in the West, for here it was that the teaching from the East bore fruition. The Senior Warden is the first Officer to be obligated and invested by the Worshipful Master and is the Second Officer of the Lodge. The Jewel connected with his Office is the level, which represents fraternal equality and its Masonic symbolism is likewise found in the Second Degree.



The Junior Warden

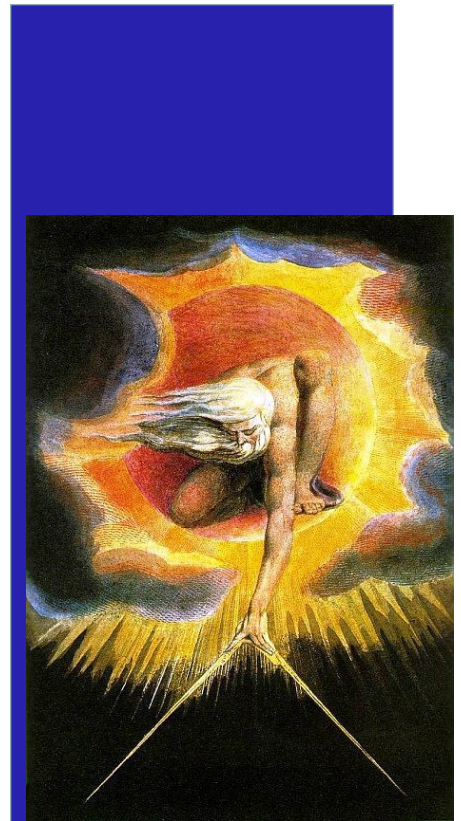
The third member of the Principal Officers of the Lodge is the Junior Warden. His place is in the South and he represents Hiram, the Widow's Son, or Hiram Abif. He also represents the sun at its meridian, or highest altitude. The Jewel worn by this Officer is the Plumb Rule, representing uprightness and integrity, and like the previous two, its Masonic symbolism is fully explained as a Second Degree Working Tool.



Symbolic Positioning of the Principal Officers

It must be remembered that Lodges in Australia, or for that matter, the southern hemisphere, are based on those of the northern hemisphere. The sun, in the northern half of the world, travels across the southern sky and thus shade is found in the north. In order, therefore, to never cast a shadow on the Light of Freemasonry and knowledge, the Junior Warden is placed in the South. Strictly speaking, for this same theme to be carried through, in the southern hemisphere the Junior Warden should be placed in the North.

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"Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves."

Rudyard Kipling



WORSHIPFUL MASTER JERRY HENDRICK *From the East*

As many of you know, elections for next year are this month. Since this is my last article from the East, I would like to thank each and every one of you that reads our newsletter each month. This newsletter would not be possible without our dedicated editor, brother Kevin Rush. Without Kevin, our newsletter and fantastic website would not be possible. I would also like to thank those officers that have spent countless hours helping me and the lodge throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of Lubbock Lodge for giving me the great opportunity of serving as the Worshipful Master this year. Serving as Worshipful Master has taught me many things throughout the year. First, I learned that a Worshipful Master is only as good as his line and the members of the lodge. Without the service of these members, a lodge would not be possible. Second, I learned that becoming a master mason is only the beginning of the journey and not the end. Masonry and acting and serving as a freemason extends throughout the individuals

entire life, not just until the individual becomes a master mason. Finally, I learned that it is just as important to practice the principles of Freemasonry inside the lodgeroom as it is outside the lodge room. While the degrees make it clear that the principles of Freemasonry should extend to every aspect of our lives, it seems many of us tend to forget these principles as soon as we leave the outer doors to the lodge.

It is my prayer that we never forget the principal tenants of freemasonry and remember that it is the internal and not the external characteristics that make a mason. I will continue to pray for each and every one of you that reads this as well as those that continue the tradition of Freemasonry and those that will find and seek the beauty of Freemasonry.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe bless each and every one of you and Freemasonry as a whole.

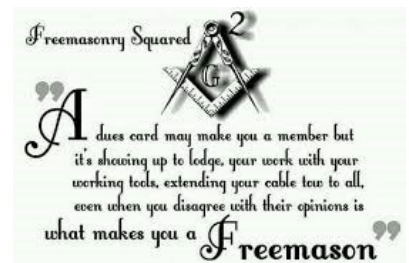


SENIOR WARDEN HEATH MORGAN *FROM THE WEST*

It has been a pleasure serving under our Worshipful Master, Justin Robbins, this year, we have accomplished a great deal. Elections are coming up and I sincerely hope everyone comes out and had his voice heard so that we can steer our lodge into another successful year.

Brethren, we need every Mason at lodge. There are degrees that need positions filled, we need to spruce up the interior of the building, we need to prepare the coolers for the summer. This cannot be done by just a few. Even if you cannot physically climb ladders or know a particular part in a

degree, your attendance matters. A fraternity is only as strong as the members that make it up. Come support this lodge. Mind, body, or just your presence makes the difference.



“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

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day Holiday in remembering those who came before and gave their lives in order that we remain free. To all my brothers who served, I thank you for your service.

On June 14th at our regularly scheduled Stated Meeting will be officer elections. Please make a point to attend as a thank you to the outgoing officers and to vote for new officers. Installation of officers will take place at a future date and time (between June 24th to July 31st).

We all have our daily business we have to take out time for ourselves, by doing this one thing that comes around once each year. Which is to pay our dues. Our annual dues are \$75.00 each year. And if you want to go one step further you may want to purchase a Endowed membership which is \$1000.00. All you have to do is talk to me and I will get all the forms completed. As always if you have any questions please let me know.



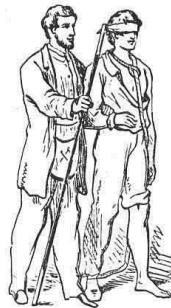
FROM THE SENIOR DEACON JASON JONES
Visiting Brothers and Prospects

The last few weeks Lubbock lodge has performed a handful of degrees for worthy several worthy brethren. It is always exciting to see a young mason excited about the craft.

Also, Installation season is fast approaching us. I will communicate dates for our neighboring lodges as I hear of them. If you can, it's always nice to support the new officer lines in our neighboring lodges.

During the summer months organizations like ours tend to see a drop in attendance, kids are out of school, vacations, etc. and

that's great. But remember not to forget about your lodge. When fall rolls around, remember there is much work left to be done.



FROM THE SENIOR STEWARD LUIS RAMOS
Food, Flowers & Frolic

Creator and provider of all things we thank You for this occasion, and ask your blessing upon the food that has been prepared for us. We thank you also for the fellowship with our brothers. Enrich us in our time around these tables, that through our conversations and sharing we may become more committed to understanding and supporting one another in words and actions which are consistent with Your laws and the principals of our Craft. Amen..



Upcoming Menu for April:

- Menu:
- Meatloaf
- Mashed potatoes
- Veggies
- Rolls
- Asst cookies

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

Mark Twain

LUBBOCK LODGE JUNE CALENDAR



Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392

Masonic Calendar

June 2019

Look for Annual Returns Format from GL
Lodge Elections prior to midnight of June 23
Endowed Membership checks due June 21

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 WOFFORTH 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 Lodge Elections	15 DAYLIGHT LODGE
16 Father's Day	17 CROSBYTON LODGE	18 MACKENZIE LODGE FLOOR PRACTICE	19 SCOTTISH RITE	20 SLATON LODGE FREEDOM OES	21 Endowed Membership checks due	22
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Some few years back, just after the introduction of Random Breath Testing, the Police officers of a small country township had to show the community that the RBT was working. They decided to stake out the local Masonic Hall, then as the night wore on, eventually a mason slowly came down the stairs and got into his car. The moment he started the engine the two officers approached him and asked him to "blow into the bag". He did of course but to the amazement of the officers proved negative. Fearing a faulty bag tried again, with the same results. Sure of a possible conviction they then escorted him to the Police station to do a blood test, with it also proving negative. Being upset with this they then asked him what had gone on and what he had done that evening, to which he answered, "The Grand Master was there, the Grand Secretary was there, the Grand Stewards were there and we all had a great time, as to my job I was the Grand Decoy".

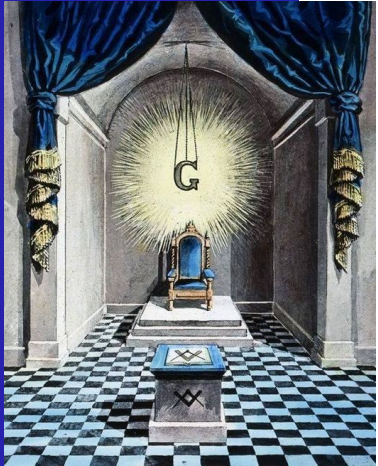
"Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind"

Andrew Jackson

LUBBOCK LODGE #1392 IN ACTION



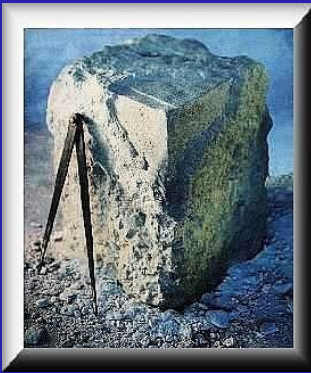
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“To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.”

Theodore Roosevelt

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SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



Brandon Gould



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

Christopher Lupton 5/1
Thomas Jackson 5/9
Leonard Buller 5/23
Billy Harris 5/25
Kenneth Olson 5/30

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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 4 of 4

The life of a man organizes itself into a number of groups of experiences, each of a different kind from the others. Consider what these are, a few of them. There are those experiences which are incidental to our passage through time, from childhood, through manhood, to old age.

There are those incidental to the life of the body, hunger, sleep, weariness, the senses, the feelings, etc. There are those which cluster about the home and family. There are those which have to do with religion, worship, God, the meaning and purpose of life. There are those which have to do with a man's work, his trade or occupation, how he makes a living for himself and his dependents. There are those which center about

his life in the community, a social being, as a neighbor or a citizen. Unless one is adequate to live



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