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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*

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY— By Bro. Rev. P. S. Smallfield, PDGC, E.C.; Presented 6 November 1914; Published by UNITED MASTERS LODGE, No. 167; Auckland, New Zealand. Part 1

Let me ask you to journey with me in imagination right back to the time when man's sojourn on this earth first began. On the way we shall pass three ancient landmarks. The first stands in the city of York, and was planted there by good King Athelstane in the year 926 AD, when he granted a charter to the English Masons. The second stands in the city of Jerusalem, and was planted there by the wise King Solomon, in the year 1000 BC., when he built his famous temple. The third stands in Mesopotamia, on the site of the Garden of Eden, and commemorates the first revelation of God to mankind.

If we are concerned only with the history of the ritual of our Craft in the form made familiar to us in the working of our several degrees, we need go no further back than the first landmark.

If our quest concerns only the identification of the eternal truth of our principles with the work and tools of operative Masonry, we need go no further back than the second landmark.

But if we desire to know something of the antiquity of the eternal truths of Freemasonry we must go back to the third landmark, and then only shall we grasp the significance of the fact that the teaching of Freemasonry is as old as the race of man.

We cannot remind ourselves too often that the real Freemasonry is not ritual, nor is it the presentation of truth by the aid of allegory and symbol. The real Freemasonry is the declaration of four great truths: the one-ness of God, the

## PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our District Deputy Grand Master Terry Ewing will deliver his second message from the Grand Master this month.

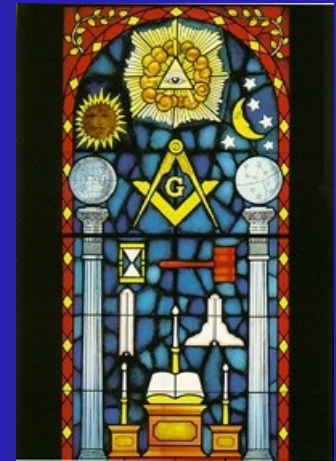
A reminder to echo the thoughts of the Grand Master. Proper dress for a stated meeting is

business casual at the minimum. PLEASE, no shorts, worn out jeans, flip-flops, etc. It is a sign of respect for our institution to be properly dressed at our stated meetings and degree conferrals.

Much happening this month with Certificate Exams at 9am at 7pm on Saturday, August 10 both at Wolfforth Frenship Lodge.

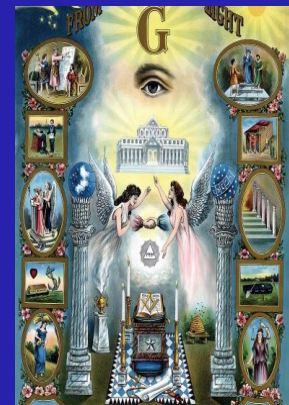


***“Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.”***



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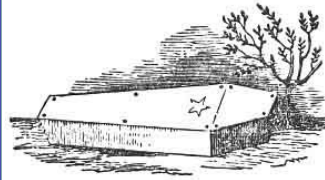
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value of morality, the blessedness of charity, the assurance of immortality. Ritual and symbolism, most useful and important in their way, are but the ornaments of the mystical building which stands on the foundation of eternal truth.



### THE DAYS OF THE PATRIARCHS.

The eternal principles of our Order were revealed by T.G.A.O.T.U. to mankind before the Flood. After that event man in general fell from one error into another, and losing sight of the truth of the oneness of God, plunged into idolatry.

The patriarchs, however, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, were so enlightened as to preserve the truth, and through them the divine knowledge was handed on to the Hebrew people, and so, on to later ages.

### ANCIENT SECRET SOCIETIES

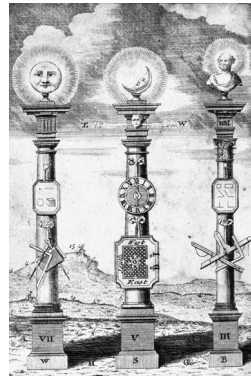
The next step in the history of our Craft is the formation of secret societies among the heathen nations. The philosophers and sages of those nations learned from the Hebrews three truths that their wisdom enabled them to receive with devout respect. These were:

(1) The unity of God.

(2) The immortality of the soul.

(3) The value of morality. But the doctrines they dared not teach in public. History informs us what would have been the punishment for such temerity. The execution of Socrates is an evidence of the fate that generally overtook open religious reformers in those dark ages.

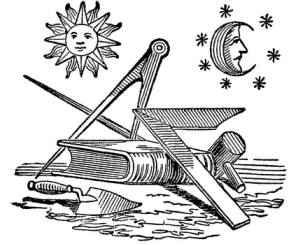
Socrates lived in Athens five centuries before Christ. He was persuaded that he had a high religious mission to fulfill, and so he mixed with men familiarly, and in the street or market place, wherever listeners gathered round, he talked and questioned and discussed, not for gain, but from love of truth and a sense of duty.



Then came the inevitable end. He was charged with not believing in the gods the State worshipped, and with corrupting the youth of Athens. He was condemned to death, which he met with perfect composure.

It was no wonder, then, with this and possibly other examples before them, that philosophers of that age and in later

times taught in secret the truths they were afraid to inculcate in public.



To promulgate truth in the only safe manner they established the Ancient Mysteries, those truly Masonic institutions.

Let us endeavor to trace the resemblance between the Mysteries and our Craft:-

(1) A series of solemn and imposing ceremonies prepared the mind of the initiate to recognise the importance of the truths about to be revealed to him.

(2) Great caution was exercised in the choice of candidates, for an unworthy initiate might have brought disaster upon the fraternity.

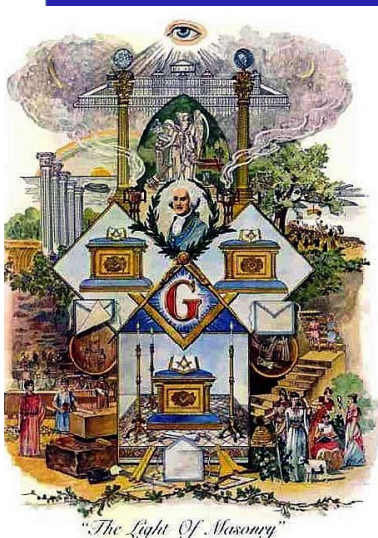
(3) Secrecy was essential, so that no enemy of the Craft should gain a knowledge of the mysteries.

(4) The members were in possession of signs and tokens by which they were able to acknowledge a traveling brother.

The question naturally arises: What do we know about the teaching given in these Ancient Mysteries? Some information on this point has come down from the past.

The Mysteries were not peculiar to one land or race. They included the rites of:

(a) Mithras, celebrated in Persia;



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

*Giff Washington*



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(b) Osiris and Isis, in Egypt;  
(c) Eleusis, in Greece;  
(d) Scandinavian and Druidical rites confined to Gothic and Celtic tribes.

It is evident that a unity of design ran through these Mysteries, clearly indicating a common origin; for they all celebrated the death and subsequent resurrection of some exalted being, and so taught the doctrine of the immortality of the soul.

It is evident, too, that a high standard of morality distinguished these fraternities. Certain references in Greek and Roman writers are valuable evidences of this. Sophocles was a tragic poet who wrote about 450 B.C. He says: "Thrice happy are those in the Shades below who have a knowledge of these rites, for they alone have life in Hades, while all other suffer there every kind of evil."

And the Roman poet Horace, who wrote just before the time of Christ, says: "I would not dwell beneath the same roof, nor trust myself in the same frail bark, with the man who has betrayed the secrets of the Eleusianian rites."

It is interesting to trace the story of these Mysteries to the end. They continued to flourish for some time after the commencement of the Christian era, but as the Christian Faith attracted the best, the purest, and the most thoughtful among the people of the Roman Empire, the Pagan Mysteries at length became corrupt, and in the end, the Emperor Theodosi-

us, in the year 438, by a general edict of prescription, ordered the whole of the Pagan Mysteries to be abolished.

Civilized mankind had, however, become accustomed to the existence of secret societies. The idea was never lost, and, notwithstanding the Emperor's edict, one such society continued to flourish and to prepare the way for the growth of Speculative Freemasonry.



### THE DIONYSIAN MYSTERIES

We now come, on our return journey, to the second stage in our researches, viz., the identification of the tools and work of operative masonry with the sublime truths which are as old as mankind.

Among the ancient secret societies was that of the Dionysian Mysteries, an Order celebrated throughout Greece and Asia Minor. The legend of this Order was the murder of the god Bacchus, or, as the Greeks called him, Dionysus, by the Titans, and his subsequent restoration to life by the goddess Isis.

The priests of the temples of Dionysus, where the Mysteries were celebrated, devoted themselves to architectural pursuits, and established in Asia Minor, about 1,000

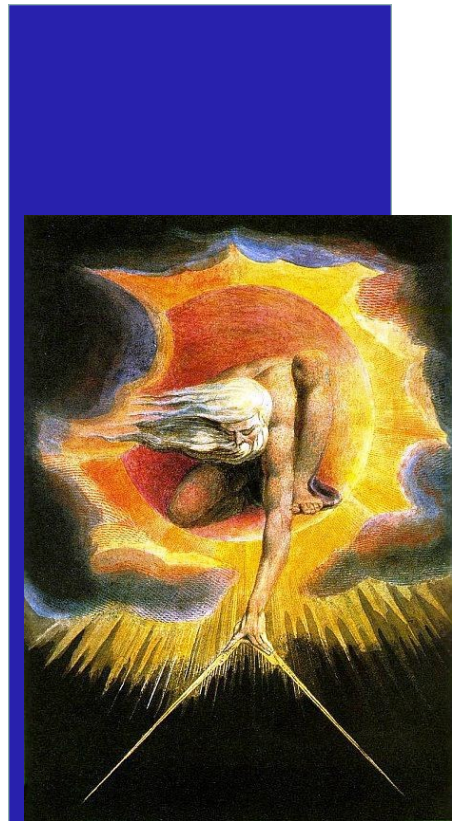
years before the Christian era, a society of builders, styled the Fraternity of Dionysus Architects. As they possessed expert knowledge of Architecture and operative masonry, it was natural that they should be entrusted with the privilege of erecting temples and other public buildings.

This fraternity was marked by several characteristics that strikingly assimilate it to our Order.

- (a) CHARITY. The more opulent were sacredly bound to help distressed brethren.
- (b) LODGES. Each lodge was governed by a master and officers.
- (c) SYMBOLS. The square and other implements were used to illustrate moral truth.
- (d) SIGNS. These served to distinguish a brother by night as well as by day.

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Part 2 next month



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

*Rudyard Kipling*



**WORSHIPFUL MASTER HEATH MORGAN**  
*From the East*

Brethren, so far so good. The first meeting of the new masonic year is behind us and I am still anticipating a great year. We still need to have several discussions about the future of our lodge so it is very important that you come out so you can hear what's going on and have your opinion heard. We are still working every Tuesday on our esoteric work. I told you at the beginning that this would be a focal point of mine and I have not changed my mind. I invite all Masons to come out, enjoy the brotherly love, and the come work with us. We all win when we become stronger in the floor work. I also invite all the wives and children of all Masons to come join us as well.

Our families are what makes us tick, so it is only natural that they too be apart of this lodge. I hope all that can come join us.

God bless



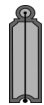
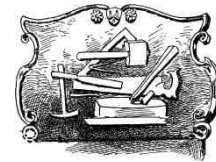
**SENIOR WARDEN HENRY HOUSOUR**  
*From the West*

When using the monitor, you must know that the bold print are the words you need to use for the ceremony. Page 110c

graded this year. It always makes you feel good when you get it right.

The italicized print is the important directions that you should use for the same ceremony. The directions of the floor work can cost you more points than the words if the lodge is being graded. It would be wise to review the reception of the District Deputy Grand Master even though we will not be

Reminder, certificate exams are August 10, 9:00 am at Wolfforth lodge.



**JUNIOR WARDEN HARROLD LOVELESS**  
*From the South*

When a candidate petitions to become a Freemason, one of the questions asks if the candidate believes in the existence of God, immortality of the soul, and authenticity of the Holy Scriptures, otherwise any oath or obligation taken would not be considered valid. It is the policy of the Grand Lodge of Texas to allow candidates of different religious faiths to be obligated upon the book of their chosen faith in all three degrees (Title IV, Art. 397). The Grand Lodge also allows their book to be situated on the Altar in front of the Holy Bible for that purpose. Freemasonry is a completely tolerant organ-

ization and supports religion. When we accept a candidate of a different faith, we accept him as a man worthy to be received into our fraternity. The Grand Lodge of Texas believes in religious freedom and that a Mason's beliefs are both personal and private. Therefore, under Title I, the Grand Lodge of Texas excludes sectarian religion from all activities under its jurisdiction.



***“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 ready for another year, we find our Bank Account running next to empty. Annual Dues, is not keeping the doors open, barely ajar. With the dividends from our investments being received only twice a year, and the dividends from endowed members only once a year, it getting harder to operate the business of the Lodge. Our percapita to Grand Lodge is coming due soon. Our budget is slowly dwindling. So any and all donations to help offset our budget would be greatly accepted.

I will say that we are moving forward with the paperwork for the sale of the building. The WM and I have completed our portion.

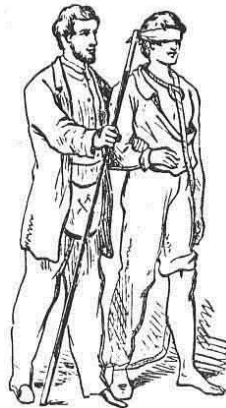


**FROM THE SENIOR DEACON CHAD CONN**  
*Visiting Brothers and Prospects*

We would like to thank all those who attended the July meeting.

RW Terry Ewing DDGM OF The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas from Yellow House Lodge, Bob Chesser PM Daylight Lodge, Joseph Gandour Mackenzie Lodge.

We hope to see you at our next state meeting on Friday, August 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 on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.



**FROM THE SENIOR STEWARD LUIS RAMOS**  
*Food, Flowers & Frolic*

PLEASE, don't forget the Steward's Fund as you move through the dinner line. Your generous support helps us keep a quality menu every month.

Father God, show us the wisdom from the rite of discalceation, one shoe on and one shoe off, that not everything in life comes to us with great ease. Teach us from circumambulation that life is a pilgrimage with many starts and stops along the way. Remind us through the rite of destitution that we need to be charitable. Encourage us

to learn from salutation the need for lawful authority, the importance that some should lead while others follow. Cause us to know from investiture that we should strive to keep our behavior upright so as not to soil our character and morality. Help us to live by these rites and thus to improve our lives. In Your Name and for Your sake we pray. Amen.



**Upcoming Menu for August:**

It looks like it's going to be a surprise!

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

*Mark Twain*

# LUBBOCK LODGE AUGUST CALENDAR

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The Worshipful Master directed that the Lodge Deacons wear less aftershave in future, as the Candidate who had just been initiated that evening, when asked if he had felt comfortable during the ceremony, replied, "I was a bit worried for the first five or ten minutes, but the woman behind me was very helpful in keeping me from staggering!"

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

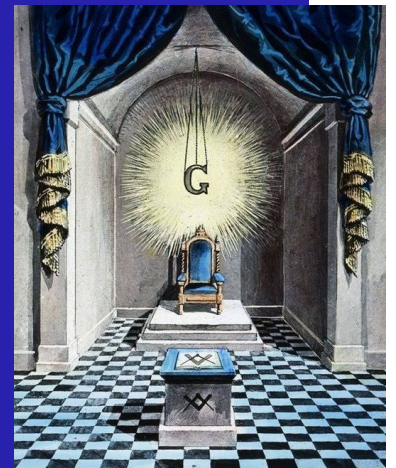
*Andrew Jackson*



# LUBBOCK LODGE #1392 IN ACTION



School starts August 15 for LISD,  
Lubbock Cooper August 14,  
August 19 for Frenship,  
South Plains College & Texas Tech  
School starts August 26 for LCU  
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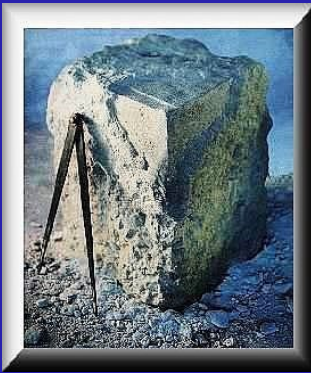
It's hotter than a fat man's pocket watch!

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

*Theodore Roosevelt*



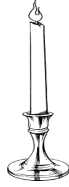
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## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



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.”*

*Blair Fable*

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



## This Month's Brothers' Birthdays

Eric Martin 8/1  
Billy Dyess 8/7  
Luis Ramos 8/9  
Brian Harrison 8/11

Tom Lusk 8/23

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

#### RAISING OF A CANDIDATE part 2

The Degree delves into the deepest recesses of man's nature. While it leads the initiate into the Sanctum Sanctorum of the Temple, it probes into the Holy of Holies in his heart. As a whole, the Degree is symbolic of old age and by the wisdom of which we may enjoy the happy reflections consequent on a well-spent and properly directed life, and die in the sure

knowledge of a glorious immortality.

It teaches no creed, no dogma, no doctrine, no religion, only, that there is immortality.



BROTHERS KNEELING AT PRAYER AROUND THE GRAVE OF HIRAM ABIFF, THE WIDOW'S SON



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