

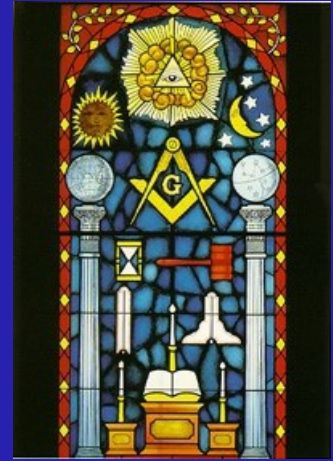
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# Lubbock's Light

The Newsletter of Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392

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



## PETITION TO RELOCATE THE CHARTER UP FOR VOTE THIS MONTH AT LUBBOCK LODGE

A resolution /petition concerning moving the charter to the York Rite building will be up for a vote at this month's stated meeting.

As this is the second reading of the petition and will be voted on this meeting, there will be no discussion on the resolution pursuant to Grand Lodge law.

Don't miss this important meeting! Let your voice be heard.

### FREEMASONRY IS MANY THINGS

By Bro. William A. Carpenter

Freemasonry is a Story of Life; with all its joys, its heartaches, its failures and its final triumph

over all earthly things.

Anyone can read it, in countless books. Its teachings, its symbols, and its ambitions, are open for general observation. They are practiced in the light, and held up for all the world to see.

Freemasonry is not practiced in the dark, neither are its teachings the dogma of some forbidden cult. We, as Freemasons, are required to reflect the light; to practice its teachings and love by their direction. No greater thing can be said of Freemasonry than that it is an ideal way of life.

No other fraternity offers such profound lessons in its Ritual or Work as does Freemasonry.

## PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Gun show this month Oct 11-12 and then Rainbow girls will be joining us in our booth!

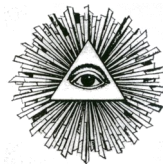
Start making plans now to attend the Grand Annual Communication which will be held in the

Grand Lodge Building, in Waco, TX January 16 -18, 2020. 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. At our stated meeting this month, we will be selecting our

member to carry our proxies for the next annual Grand Communication.

The deadline for pre-registration will likely be sometime in late December.

It's October and that means Family Day in Arlington at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. Jerry has the details.



***“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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Each word and each act in the ceremonies of the Lodge carries a true lesson to each of us, if we will but open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and hearts to accept.

We can study Freemasonry for years, as we attend its meetings, and each time we stop to think on the things said and done, we get a new meaning and inspiration from them. There is a never-ending source of pleasure in the various shades of meaning that can be read into each line of our work. Each new meaning and interpretation that we put into some word or act will make that passage live for us, and we will begin to see Freemasonry for what it is intended. Great men have devoted many years of study and meditation to the cause of Freemasonry and when their work is finished they realize that they have only begun to see the light and that they have only started to uncover the true meanings of the work.

Freemasonry has been talked of and written about by countless men in every country of the world. Its members have been persecuted in all lands at one time or the other, but it still grows and flourishes as no other fraternity on earth today.

There must be something good and great in Freemasonry, for it to stand through the years as a beacon of light to its members and as a sym-

bol of the true way of life for all to see and follow. Its greatness is not due to its secret teachings, its mysteries or fanfare of its deeds, but rather to the profound lessons taught to its members and to the comfort, inspiration and enlightenment brought to all who will but study.

Freemasonry frowns on advertising its good deeds, preferring to let those who benefit from them reflect its goodness, that others might have hope and desire the better things of life. Freemasonry offers comfort to those who sorrow, hope for those who despair, wise counsel for those who err, and the joys and contentment of life to all.

### ENGAGED LODGE MEMBERS ARE YOUR BEST ADVOCATES

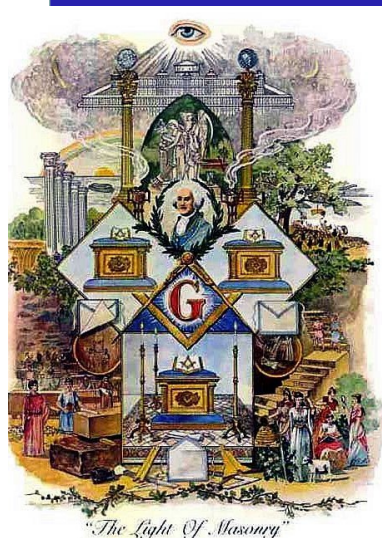
By John Loayza, Assistant Grand Chancellor, Grand Lodge of Illinois, A.F. & A.M.

Communication and trust equals a lodge engagement policy, and is a basic platform for all lodges. However, we need to understand who are the engaged lodge members, and how any specific lodge brands or images drive them towards that engagement.

Engaged lodge members can be recognized because they are the advocates of a specific lodge brand/image. They are the members who are con-

stantly tweeting or posting about their lodge, lodge officers, and lodge activities for both the members, their families and communities. They write the reviews and tell their friends or acquaintances about a specific lodge. I.E., they endorse the positives of a lodge, tend to be very loyal, vocal, and are very valuable advocates. Although it varies from academic or business study to study of groups, these members, in any specific organization, tend to be around 25% of the total membership. They represent the real promoters and member relationship growth spark plugs of organizations, compared to the average lodge member. Even though every member has the potential to become actively engaged, lodge officers need to develop a strategic approach, beginning with highly member centric communications. Let's look at just 3 elements of engagement:

1-COMMUNICATION- Today's connected members expect lodge communications to be about them. I.E., the value a lodge provides to its members. Excellent and progressive lodge officers realize that it's not just talking to members that's going to build or strengthen a lodge, rather, it's about listening to and developing value programs for the lodge members that makes a positive difference in overall growth.



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

*W. Washington*



## Engaged Lodge Members Are Your Best Advocates—con't

Our younger generation of members want conversations and programs that provide an overall appreciation of Masonry's Principles, History, Ritual, Brotherhood, and Relationships (Family, Community, Lodge, and Social). However, they expect those elements to be more centered around their wants, needs, experiences, and feelings. Thus, they want to feel valued and have conversations or communications to be human and personal. Thus, good communications is a process that is ongoing and between friends. Like education, it never ends.

Unfortunately, some lodges and lodge officers follow old and strict approaches with their members. They haven't adapted to the changes that have been made or are continually being made in this century. Our thinking processes and actions are different from by gone eras so it's no wonder that some lodges have problems of membership growth or lodge loyalty. Moreover, some lodge officers have forgotten that today's younger members are more educated, travel more, are globally connected, and are human beings with emotions and needs that need to be satisfied.

Communication is the foundation stone of trust. Lodge members need to feel that their opinions matter, that

they are being heard, and that their issues are a priority with the lodge officers. If lodge officers engage in personalized, real time conversations, and actually listen to what the members are saying, lodge officers can then lead the members towards the path of positive engagement.

2-TRUST-Member trust will not suddenly happen overnight. It's the result of consistent positive experiences with lodge officers who have a progressive attitude, and develop a positive lodge brand/image that is recognized by all.

Lodge officers need to remember that current or potential lodge members have more choices than ever before, and they have an unprecedented level of influence over others. Lodge brands and activities need to be fully understood and demonstrated that they deliver consistent quality member service as a top priority, in order to increase member loyalty. Therefore, consistency is an essential part in the development of trust with lodge members.

As progressive lodge officers go through the lines, they will develop additional skills in growing their lodges, and need to get to know their members better. Furthermore, they will feel more personally invested in the

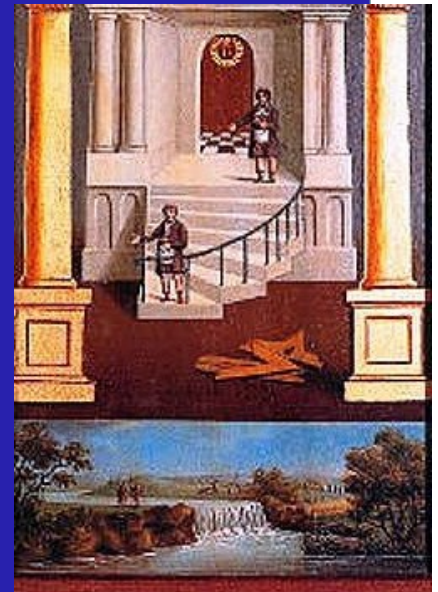
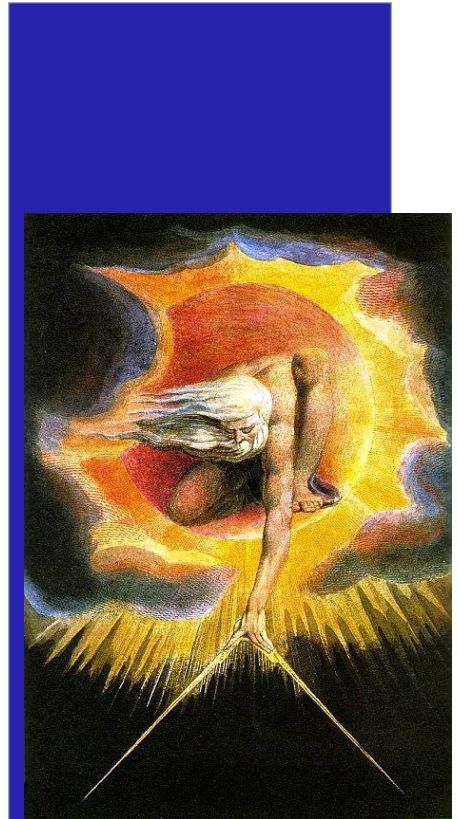
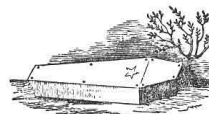
lodge process, and the members will feel more connected to the lodge brand/image as trust continues to be developed.

3-ENGAGEMENT-Although some non progressive or non modern thinking lodge officers think that member engagements can't be measured, analyzed or aren't a necessary priority, yet, engaged lodge members are highly visible and necessary for any lodge's future. Those engaged lodge members are the lodge advocates and loyal friends of all lodges.

Engaged lodge members are the ones currently investing more time and effort in promoting their specific lodges. Moreover, they also are consistently writing reviews, conversing with others, tweeting and posting their experiences with friends and peers. This is also what happens in any business or fraternal organization.

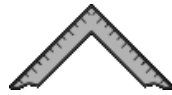
Brethren, engagement may seem like a challenging concept to analyze, but just look towards your most visible lodge members to see what engagement looks like, and truly listen to what they are saying.

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***“Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves.”***

*Rudyard Kipling*



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

Brethren, it is very important that you come out to our next state's meeting. We will be voting to move our charter to the Lubbock York Rite building. It is essential that we have every member who is able to come do so. We also need to discuss the next steps for our lodge. The sale of the building is still pending, however if approved we will need to have plans in place so that we can vacate the building in a timely fashion. Discussions on the move, what to move, etc will need your opinion. If we need to arrange transportation we

will do so for you. If for any reason you can't attend but wish to have your voice heard, please contact me and I will pass your concerns on.

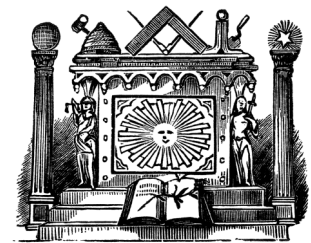


**SENIOR WARDEN HENRY HOUSOUR**  
*From the West*

A man once said he wanted to join the Masons because his grandfather was Mason, and that he was a great man. It was explained to him that Freemasonry didn't make his grandfather great. His grandfather made Freemasonry great.

you were offering your help when you took the degrees! If this Lodge is going to continue we need your help.

Brothers we need your attendance to our stated meetings and to our Tuesday's work sessions. Being there to take place in practice and the degree work and the proficiency's. Is impossible to open any of the Lodges without the proper number of brothers there to properly open and close them. I thought that



**SENIOR WARDEN HARROLD LOVELESS**  
*From the South*

Article 238 states Saint John the Baptist Day (June 24th) and Saint John the Divine Day (December 27th) are feast days on which no Stated Meeting shall be held. Called Meetings may be held on June 24 for the installation of officers, and on either days to confer degrees or conduct funerals. No other business shall be conducted. So how did these days become important to Freemasonry? Operative Freemasonry was first developed when Catholicism was the predominate religion. The Catholic Church often dedicated popular pagan feast days to the saints to combat pagan influence. June 24th is the longest day of the year, was declared St. John the Baptist day,

while December 27th, the shortest day, was dedicated to St. John the Evangelist. We refer to them as the Holy Saints John. It was a common practice for guilds to dedicate their crafts to patron saints. John the Baptist was zealous while John the Evangelist was educated, and by picking them as patron saints, Freemasons symbolically united both passion and reason. The Grand Lodge of England removed the saints from their ritual in 1813 to eliminate any hint of religious sectarianism and even though Freemasonry today is non-denominational, American Freemasons have retained the custom celebrating these days in honor of the saints.

***“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 HENDRICKS**  
*Taking Care of Business*

As we are getting into the masonic year, we need to remain consistent in maintaining our membership. So if you know of a Brother that has been suspended for Non-payment of Dues, give them a visit and just check on them to see how they are doing. As most of you know we have increased our Endowed Membership cost from \$500.00 to \$1000.00. Remember that we are all working towards the same goal – and that is to increase our membership so that we do not have to increase the

cost of our Dues or Degree Fees. Currently, from past studies by several Brothers from our Lodge, we have come to find out that Lubbock Lodge has the lowest degree fees and dues. So will everyone keep in mind that the Lodge cannot function on just these fees.



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

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

RW Terry Ewing DDGM District 93A of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Bob Clemmons DI Wolfforth Lodge #1447, Ronnie Ridgeway Wells Texas Lodge #915, Tim Smith of MacKenzie Lodge #1327, Roland Pirtle of Yellow House Lodge #841, Dan Redman of Yellow House Lodge #841.

We hope to see you at our next state meeting on Friday, October 11th 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*

Grand Architect of the Universe, show us how to take our lives in their rude and natural state and dress, square, and polish them so that we might become disciplined and educated. Keep us everlastingly at the task of self-mastery. Enable us to uncover the Perfect Ashlar within us by removing the superfluous material which encrusts our lives. Teach us how best to

perfect our spiritual edifice. Amen.



**Upcoming Menu for October:**

- Build your own sandwich
- Assorted chips
- Cookies
- Assorted drinks

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

*Mark Twain*

# LUBBOCK LODGE OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 <b>1</b> WOFFORTH FRENSHIP FLOOR PRACTICE	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	 <b>4</b> YELLOWHOUSE LODGE	 <b>5</b> Tech vs OK State
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	 <b>8</b> LUBBOCK OES FLOOR PRACTICE	<b>9</b>	 <b>10</b> RAINBOW GIRLS	 <b>11</b> STATED MEETING Proxy Certificates	 <b>12</b> GUN SHOW
 <b>13</b> GUN SHOW	 <b>14</b> EMMA LODGE	 <b>15</b> MACKENZIE LODGE FLOOR PRACTICE	<b>16</b>	  <b>17</b> SLATON LODGE FREEDOM OES	<b>18</b>	  <b>19</b> DAYLIGHT LODGE Tech vs Iowa State
<b>20</b>	 <b>21</b> CROSBYTON LODGE	<b>22</b> FLOOR PRACTICE	 <b>23</b> SCOTTISH RITE	  <b>24</b> RAINBOW GIRLS CHAPTER	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	 <b>28</b> COMMANDERY	<b>29</b> FLOOR PRACTICE	<b>30</b>	 <b>31</b>		
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Whoever possesses God in their being, has him in a divine manner, and he shines out to them in all things; for them all things taste of God and in all things it is God's image that they see.

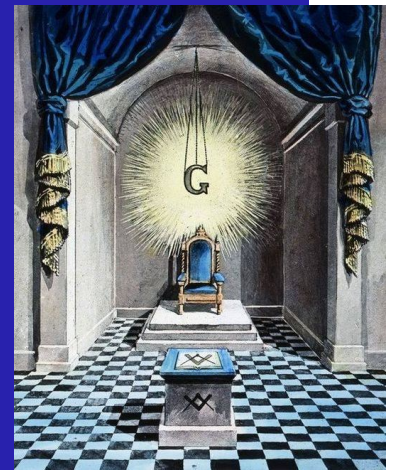
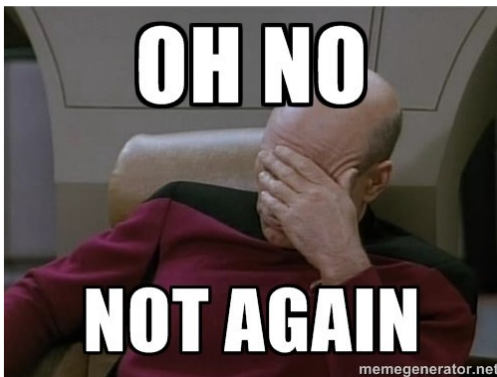
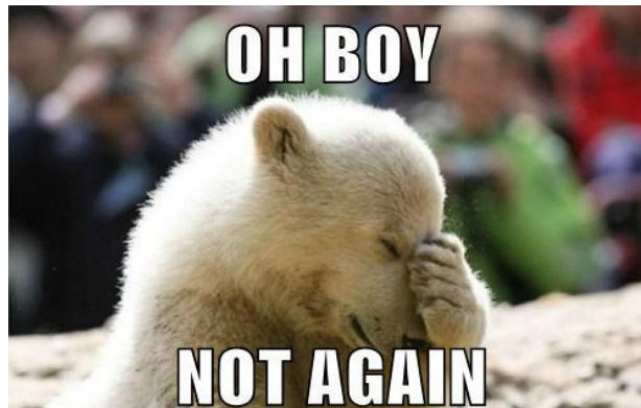
Meister Eckhart

*“Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind”*

*Andrew Jackson*

# LUBBOCK LODGE #1392 IN ACTION

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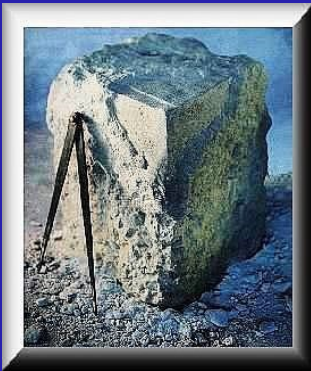


*“To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.”*

*Theodore Roosevelt*



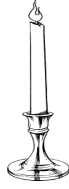
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## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



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 Gable*

## This Month's Brothers' Birthdays

Jim Bob Merritt —10/14  
Ricky Dean Spinks —10/15  
Anthony Earle Bliss—10/15  
Eugene Frank Caldwell—10/15  
Kenneth Brownfield—10/18

John Andrew Klattenhof— 10/19  
James R. Mears—10/22  
Kevin Rush—10/25  
Arven Jerry Townsend—10/29

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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 PILLARS ON THE PORCH PART 1

Two pillars were placed at the entrance to King Solomon's Temple, which are symbolically represented within every Masonic Lodge. These pillars are symbols of strength and establishment - and by implication, power and control. One must remember that power and control are placed before you, so you might realize that power without control is anarchy, or that control without power is futility.

Man must have both if his life is to be successful.

The construction of dual pillars, obelisks, sphinxes and so on was not uncommon in the ancient-Near East. It is not known what their exact symbolism was. Speculation ranges from their signifying duality (that duality or polarity are twin forces throughout Creation), guardianship of the temple, symbolic gateways, to the idea of being a connection between heaven and earth.



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