

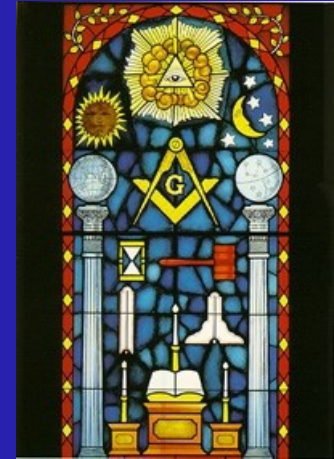
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And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light — Genesis 1:3



THE SHRINE LECTURE

The Shrine Lecture Delivered by

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December 22nd, 1917

The Emulation Lodge of Improvement is restricted to Master Masons in good standing. The work of the lectures is always done with the Lodge open in the Third Degree. The general salutes are therefore always done with the Lodge open in the Third Degree. Signs and tributes required by that of the Lectures will always be relevant to the Lecture being worked. Lec-

tures can properly be collaborated with the Lodge open in the Entered Apprentice degree, but should never be worked to a lower degree than that appropriate to the Lecture. As the content of these Lectures has never been given any formal approval from Grand Lodge, they should not be regarded as reflecting the official reason for anything that is done. The CHARGE of this Lecture is, "I AM, the heart that conceals, and the tongue that never improperly reveals, any or either of the secrets or mysteries of or belonging to Free and Accepted Masons in Masonry, as revealing secrets could ruin the fun of it for other Masons, so to order, Brethren."

ALL- "E.A. sign, three times, seated."

The Articles of Union from the formation of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England in 1817, proclaims that Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees,

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PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you haven't made plans to attend the Grand Annual Conference which will be held in the Grand Lodge Building, in Waco, TX January 16-18, 2020, you are behind the curve. 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.

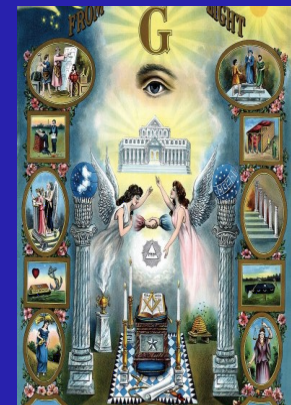
We are having work days each Saturday of January from 10A-2P to get the lodge ready to move. We need YOUR help.

REMINDER: The launch party for the Fantastic Teeth program is slated for January 28, 2020 at the Lubbock Scottish Rite at 6:00 with a meal to follow (probably around 6:30).

We are going to need all the help we can get this year as we have over 6,500 dental kits to assemble in record time. Thank you again, brothers for making this event the biggest and best in Texas. Please share with your lodge and other brothers.



“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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including that of the Holy Royal Arch. It is customary, at the erection of all stately and superb edifices, to lay the first or foundation stone at the North-East corner of the building. "May you raise a superstructure, perfects in its parts, and honorable to God, the builder." Freemasonry teaches us to practice the virtues we profess to admire. An apprentice must keep his tools clean, "That our words and actions may ascend unpolluted to the throne of Grace, through the will of God."

ALL: "We should serve Him with Freedom, Fervency, and Zeal."

Nothing is freer than chalk. The slightest touch leaves a trace. Thusly, chalk symbolizes freedom. Nothing is more fervent than charcoal, for when properly lighted, no metal can resist its force. Charcoal thusly symbolizes fervency. Nothing is more zealous than clay, for our mother earth is continually laboring for our support. The wind blows due East to cool men at work, and the wind blows due West to refresh. The wind is indeed, a due allusion to freedom, imbibed in the principle of labor, freedom, and equality among Free and Accepted Masons in Masonry. Dues may be paid in words, in tokens, and in favors. A Masters Wages are to arise from rebuilding the Temple of King Solomon within his heart.

ALL: "So Mote It Be."

Free and Accepted Masonry

has a foundation stone of mutual faith and credit, of which is ascribed the personal properties of honor. Loyal and steadfast Masons come to see the Cosmic Ashlar in the light of this most ancient honor. It symbolizes the greatest of the three great lights, though it is, in contradistinction, relegated to complete darkness within the Lodge, beneath a black curtain in the South-East corner of Grand Emulation Lodges. Freemasonry is founded upon the fifth science, that of Geometry. Geometry is a science whereby we find out the content of bodies unmeasured, by comparing them with those already measured. Its proper subjects are magnitude and extension, a progression of science from a point to a line, and to the beginning of regular matter. A solid is length and breadth given thickness, which forms a cube, and comprehends the whole, be it the sun or the universe. When the sun is at its meridian, a Mason enters the craft and unfolds a divine mystery.

ALL: "So Mote It Be."

From the earliest days of Masonry, there has been an ancient secret, the ultimate of the craft system. The most sacred part of Masonry is a degree that educates Masons about the lengthy period following the end of Solomon's reign.

ALL: "Eager to learn, willing to participate."

Being initiated into an ancient craft teaches you of the

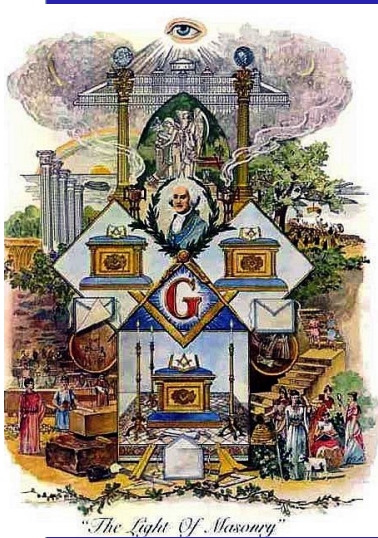
duties you owe to God, your neighbor, and yourself. There is a placing of the Ark of the Covenant in the Most Holy Place, within the ritual, to celebrate the completion and dedication of the whole structure. The hidden mysteries are within the Cosmic Ashlar, the Scrolls of Abraham, and the Tablets of Moses. The lost secrets instruct the initiate in the subject of restorative architecture. The craft teaches Masons to seek for that which was lost. The glimmer in the eye of a Mason, who has been prepared to meet death fearlessly, may indeed, be a tear of gladness.

ALL: "Enter and depart with gladness."

The keys to that which was lost, lead us gradually along the path of greater knowledge and personal understanding. An ancient language of light is evident in the hidden secrets of the enduring Order, the Order of the Cosmic Ashlar. Orders of Knighthood have been interlaced within the Royal Arch Degree of Ancient and Accepted Masonry, for millennia. The Oath and duty of every Master Mason, is to hail, conceal, and never reveal the secrets. There is no shortcut to Masonic knowledge within the enduring work. A Mason must be initiated, and be in good standing within the Lodge, in order to receive or deliver a Lecture, that the ancient work may endure.

ALL: "May our work endure. So Mote It Be."

The mark degree contains a



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

G. Washington

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dramatic message that fraud can never succeed, and yet, that lesson can only be taught through the Ancient and Holy Royal Arch. The symbol of the Mark Degree is a Keystone. The completion of the first temple in Israel, through ritual, empowers a Freemason to secure the Ark of the Covenant in the Most Holy Place, the Sanctum Sanctorum.

ALL: "So Mote It Be."

There is a basis for the well-known legend of the Prophet's ascension in Israel. Within the Al-Israel is an adapted Decalogue that reminisces of Jewish history. The Al-Isra, thus completes the Story of the Ancient Order of Companions. There is a reference to the Psalms, recollecting the meaning of the Psalms, the sense of the "Song of Solomon." Within the Psalms is a deep discussion among the Companions of the Order with The Holy Spirit.

ALL: "Herein Summoned."

There was an extended period following the end of Solomon's reign. The Temple of Jerusalem had been destroyed. The Kingdom of Judah had been divided. The Tribes had been taken into captivity. Babylon fell to Cyrus the Great and became part of the Persian Empire. A Persian Nobleman and poet, the first Knight of the Cosmic Ashlar, traveled from Jerusalem to Medina to Mecca and placed the Cosmic Ashlar intact into the Kaaba. In this time in history, Cyrus the

Great set free the Jewish Captives. Cyrus the Great invited them to return to Jerusalem to commence the rebuilding of the Temple, and to restore the official secrets. Workers accomplished this through a great discovery. And yet the work has not been completed, and the secret has not yet been restored. Only the work of Freemasons can complete and restore Temple.

ALL: "So Mote It Be."

The Holy Writ of the Al-Isra states, "Glory be to Him who took His servant, by night, from the Sacred Shrine to the further Shrine, whose environs We have blessed, that We might show him some of our signs... He it is who is the One who Hears, the One who Sees. Verily, give good tidings unto the Believers, so that ye may seek bounty from your Lord, and ye may know the secret number.

ALL: "So Mote It Be."

We appointed Guidance for the Children of Israel, saying, "Take for yourselves no guardian beside Me."

ALL: "We should serve Him with Freedom, Fervency, and Zeal."

God Commands, "We will set between them and those who do not believe, a veil, spread like a curtain. We have set upon the hearts of the unbelievers, a covering, lest they shall understand it. And to their ears, heaviness. When thou makest mention of the Lord, in the lesson, they turn tail in flight. We will know

how they will listen. They will say, "Who is going to restore us?"

ALL: "King Solomon, through the Craft of Hiram Abiff."

It is your Lord, who speeds along the ships for you in the Son, that ye may seek of His bounty. God suffices as a witness between you and me. He indeed is well informed about and observant of His servants. Am I anything more than a man who has come as a messenger?"

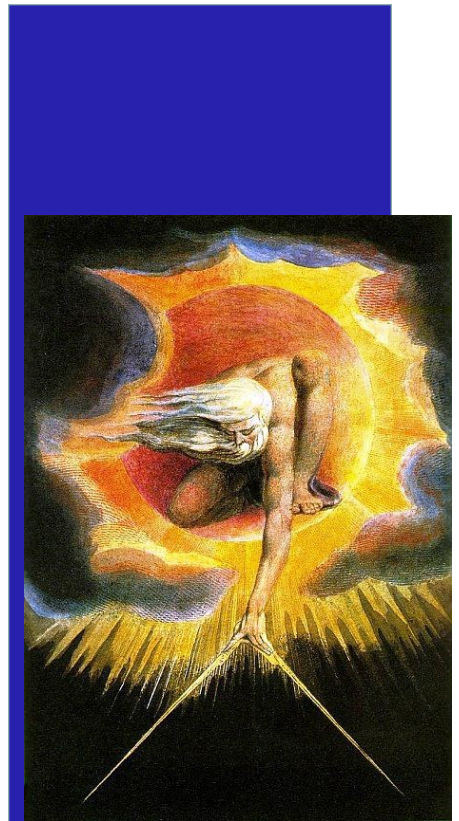
ALL: "A Guardian and Messenger."

In the Al-Isra, the first Knight of the Cosmic Ashlar travels by Heavenly Steed, from Mecca, back to Jerusalem, to the place of the First Temple, and ascends in the same space where Hiram Abiff was initiated into the Order. The Order of the Cosmic Ashlar teaches that Abraham built the first Shrine, the first Kaaba, and placed the Cosmic Ashlar in the South-East corner, beneath a black curtain. Abraham also built an Altar to the Lord in its center. Upon it, he set a square and compass. He was endowed with a Prophetic Spirit through his working of the Shrine degrees.

ALL: "We shall honor His Shine."

The Shrine lectures teach the initiate to abide by the ancient usages and established customs of the Order of the Cosmic Ashlar. The Cosmic Ashlar, Scrolls of Abraham,

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"Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves."

Rudyard Kipling



WORSHIPFUL MASTER HEATH MORGAN
From the East

Brethren, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! New Years bring new things! At our December stated meeting we set work days every Saturday in January. We will be getting the lodge prepared for our love to the York Rite building from 10am to 2pm. Please make every attempt to make as many of the works days as you can. We have been in our current building for quite some time and have accumulated quite a many things. Also, if you have any boxes from your Christmas gifts, please hold on to them and bring them to the work days so we have something to pack into. I look forward to the New Year and hope that it will be very rewarding for Lubbock Lodge #1392. On the next couple of Tuesdays we will be preparing for a Master Mason's degree, please come to

floor practice and help. That degree will be held in January 14th. Please come out and support our newest member as he goes through this important degree.



SENIOR WARDEN HENRY HOUSOUR
From the West

We have a candidate who finished his proficiency in the fellowcraft degree and is looking forward to receiving his master's degree. We did not have enough brothers to do it in the prescribed manner and are having trouble getting enough we need help from all our brothers to practice the up coming degree. It looks like it will be necessary to get help from other lodges if we are to get enough members to do the degree in the proper manner.



JUNIOR WARDEN HARROLD LOVELESS
From the South

Our brother Junior Warden has been out of the state this month but will be back next month.

“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

Well, Christmas is over and a New Year is around the corner. We all have obligations and resolutions to consider as we get into the new year, BUT one of the most important obligation that every member has, is to ensure that you pay your DUES, on time each and every year. Currently there are about 15- 25 members that have yet to pay there dues for the 2020 masonic year. If you know of a member from this lodge, that is in destitute and is unable to pay his dues please send this information to me and I will contact this member and get the information that I need to take care of his

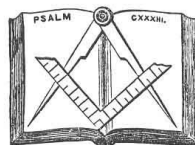
burden. Things are moving nicely as to getting close to move to the York Rite Building.



FROM THE SENIOR DEACON CHAD CONN
Visiting Brothers and Prospects

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! With the holidays, many Lodge activities slow down, but please don't forget that the Fantastic Teeth assembly will take place January 28th at the Scottish Rite Building. Also, the Hilltop Committee will begin meeting again in January to plan for the annual degree.

We hope to see you at our next stated meeting on Friday, January 10th @ 7:30 P.M. Dinner will be at 6:30 P.M. We encourage anyone interested in getting involved with the degree team to attend floor practice on Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.



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

Glen Ashcraft of Yellow House Lodge #1443



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.
So mote it be



Upcoming Menu for January:

- Pulled pork sandwiches
- Assorted chips
- Assorted cookies
- Assorted drinks

And good old fashion comradeship

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

Mark Twain

LUBBOCK LODGE JANUARY CALENDAR



Lubbock Masonic Lodge #1392

Masonic Calendar

Appoint a Committee on Members in Arrears

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 YELLOWHOUSE LODGE	4
5	6	7 WOFFORTH FRENSHIP	8	9 COUNCIL RAINBOW GIRLS	10 STATED MEETING	11
12	13 EMMA LODGE COMMANDERY	14 LUBBOCK OES FLOOR PRACTICE	15	16 SLATON LODGE FREEDOM OES	17	18 DAYLIGHT LODGE
GRAND COMMUNICATION - WACO, TX						
19	20 CROSBYTON LODGE	21 MACKENZIE LODGE FLOOR PRACTICE	22 SCOTTISH RITE	23	24	25
26	27 HILLTOP ORG MTG	28 Fraternal Order of Eagles FLOOR PRACTICE	29	30	31	
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**"Is there anything worse than being blind?
 Yes, a man with sight and no vision."**

Helen Keller

"Freemasonry is an institution calculated to benefit mankind"

Andrew Jackson

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and Tablets of Moses are the triune secret of the Order. The title of its initiates is, "Nobleman." All initiates, wherever dispersed over the face of the earth and water, are entitled to be speedily relieved from all their sufferings, and given a safe return to their native country, if they desire it.

ALL: "So Mote It Be."

Through the workings of the Order of the Cosmic Ashlar, the Mighty Nation of Israel became highly favored of The Lord. The Order precedes the functioning

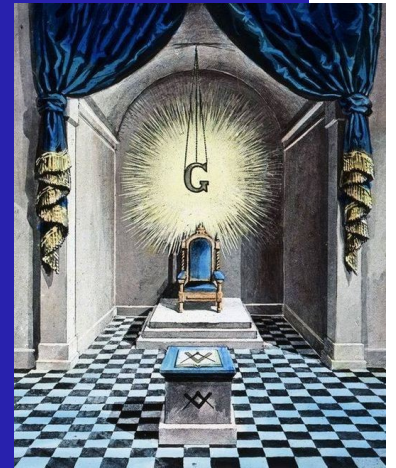
of the Order of the Garter, based in England. The plans of our Monarch and King are to keep calm and carry on in the magnificent structure we deduce from our present system of government.

ALL: "So Mote It Be."

(Refer to Master of Ceremonies)

ALL: "Fidelity, Fidelity, Fidelity, and May God Be With Us All."

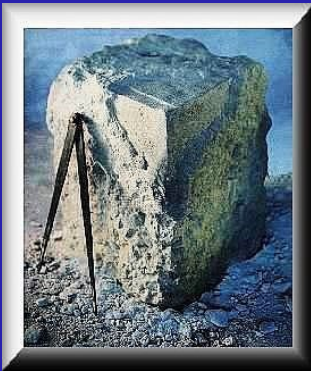
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"To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society."

Theodore Roosevelt

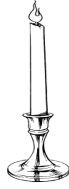
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SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



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

Bill D. Hart 1/9
Bobby Claud Cook 1/15
John L. Cross 1/18
John J. Osborn 1/25
Ravi Dani 1/29

George R. Flickinger 1/31

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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 SECOND DEGREE

As a Fellowcraft Mason. The purpose now is to try to explain something of the meaning of the Degree of which it is the name; I say "something of the meaning" advisedly, because it would require many whole evenings to explain it in full.

Because the Fellowcraft Degree chances to lie between the Entered Apprentice and Master Mason Degree you must not permit yourself to fall into the error

of considering it a half-way station, a mere transition from one to the other. It has in itself the same completeness, the same importance, as each of the other two, with a definite purpose of its own; and unless you understand its teachings thoroughly your initiation will fail of its purpose.



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