

# Lubbock's Light

## The Newsletter of Lubbock Masonic Lodge

### #1392

### GRAND MASTER'S PROCLAMATION

Today I spoke with Gardner Pate, Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Greg Abbott, concerning Executive Orders GA 30 and GA 31 issued today as well as the mandates presently in place to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. According to Mr. Pate, and of importance to Texas Masonic Lodges, meetings of groups of 75% of the capacity of a building can be held indoors if masks are worn within 6 feet each another. A discussion was had which generally described the above requirements in context with the conferral of Masonic degrees. It was the decision of Mr. Pate, based upon the limited information provided to him, that conferral of Masonic degrees could now resume and would not violate any of the current mandates. Based upon the above, it is my PROCLAMATION that Texas Lodges may immediately commence the conferral of Masonic degrees and proficiency examinations, with the following caveat or warning. Lodges are instructed to be extremely careful of the age, health and physical condition of candidates before conferrals. The candidate should be advised generally that certain appropriate touching will take place during the conferral and the decision to submit to the degree ceremonies should be that candidate's sole decision. Everyone must wear masks and hand sanitizers must be readily available throughout the Lodge and Lodge room where there is physical contact, particularly handshakes. In addition to the Governor's mandates, all County and City requirements must also be followed. It is the decision of each individual Lodge when they resume degree work. All prior Grand Master's Proclamations, Edicts or Messages are amended, superseded or clarified as follows:

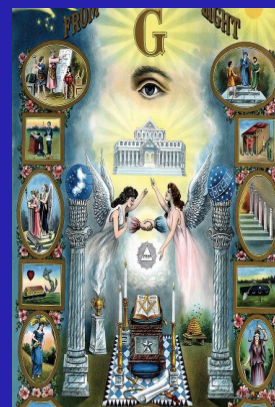
1. Supersedes my Proclamation dated March 21, 2020 regarding cancelling all stated and called meetings;
2. Supersedes my Proclamation dated April 29, 2020 regarding reopening of Lodges;
3. Keeps in effect my Message dated June 16, 2020 regarding serving of meals and compliance with State and local guidelines for restaurants.
4. Clarifies my Proclamation dated July 3, 2020 regarding the wearing of masks;
5. Amends my Message dated July 10, 2020 regarding meetings;
6. Supersedes my Proclamation dated August 25, 2020 regarding study gro

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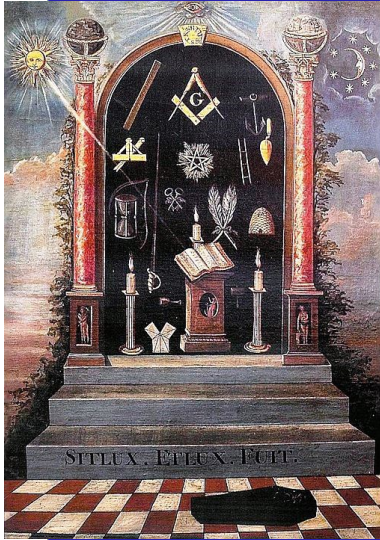


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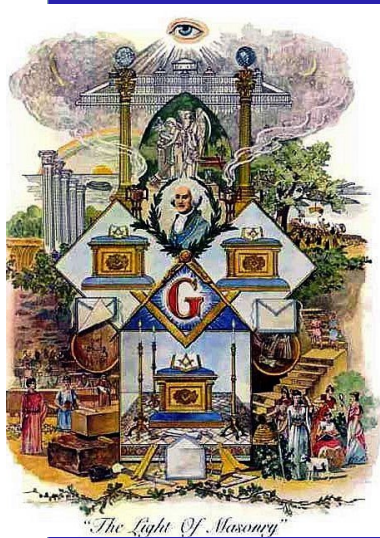


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Texas Lodges are authorized to hold both stated and called meetings if the above State, County, City and Masonic protocols are strictly followed, including the wearing of masks, social distancing and occupancy limitations.

Paul D. Underwood  
Grand Master, 2020



DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide.

DeMolay alumni include Walt Disney, John Wayne, Walter Cronkite, football Hall-of-Famer Fran Tarkenton, legendary Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne, news anchor David Goodnow and many others. Each has spoken eloquently of the life-changing benefit gained from their involvement in DeMolay.

*"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."* -

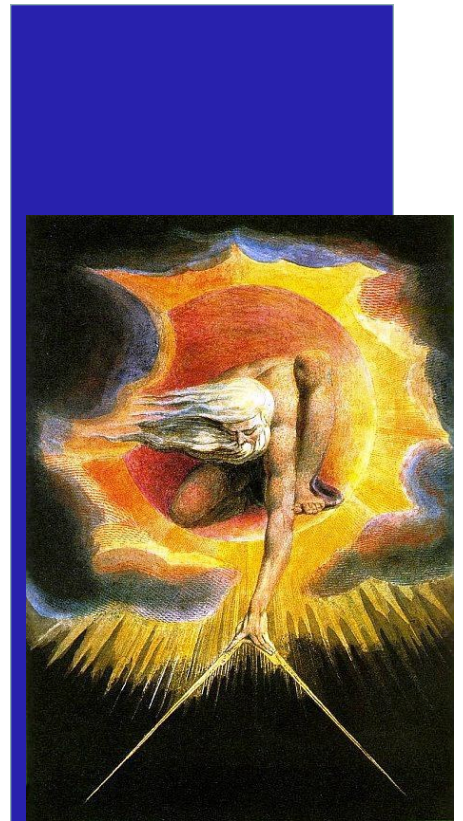


The **Grand Assembly of Texas** is a proud member of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls – a non-profit youth group that teaches girls what matters most – leadership, confidence, and citizenship.

Everyday, across the globe, hundreds of thousands of girls come together to laugh, share, and grow through fun events and challenging workshops designed to empower girls of all ages. Rainbow Girls volunteer for their community and travel to other clubs. Along the way, they make new friends and gather invaluable life skills that help them become the best daughter, sister, and friend they can be.

Whether their dream is to become the CEO of their own company, a talented artist, or a loving mother, Rainbow Girls learn that they can accomplish anything, and in the process, they can make a difference in this world.

If you are just learning about our organization, we hope you'll find this site to be informative; and by visiting our pages, you'll discover more about Rainbow Girls in Texas, our many activities and service projects, our programs, awards, and scholarships, and the enthusiasm of our girls. Visit our links to learn more about our International Organization and Rainbow Assemblies in other states.



Sandra Day O'Conner, first female Supreme Court Justice



Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenburger, Astronaut



Olympia J. Snowe, US Senator



Lee Merriwether, Former Miss America and Actress



**"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."**

*Thomas A. Edison*



**WORSHIPFUL MASTER HENRY HOUSOUR**  
*From the East*

It seemed that when brother Morgan went in as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, we were facing many obstacles. We were faced with selling the building and moving to a new location. Our then, present location was in a bad state of repair and there was really no funds to overcome them. Our attendance was down and there was doubt that we could get a line in order. There was even talk of demising. Under his leadership, we found a brother who wanted to buy our building. We were invited to move in with the York Rite Bodies. Using Past Masters and several new Brothers,

were able to form a fairly good line of officers. We still have a few things to get completed and straightened out. Our line is in good shape and we are getting close to completion. I feel like we are in better shape than we were a year ago. Remember the “that” in the Masters lecture, The weeping virgin admonishes us that with time, patience and perseverance, we may overcome all things.

Called and stated meetings are returning as in the past and I am looking forward to a good year thanks to the work of the members of this Lodge



**JUNIOR WARDEN TANNER COOPER**  
*From the South*

The right to travel according to masonic law. A Mason desiring to visit another lodge within the jurisdiction of his Grand Lodge has only to present a current dues card and a valid ID to gain entry, however, if the mason in question has never sat in open lodge with any of the brethren present the visiting brother should be prepared in the event that he is “tried” by familiarizing himself with the Tyler’s Oath and to a lesser extent the various grips, words, questions and answers of the three degrees. If a mason desires to attend a lodge outside of his Grand Lodge jurisdiction, he should check to make sure the lodge in question is a regular masonic lodge in “Fraternal Relations” with his Grand Lodge by referencing a book titled “*List of Regular Lodges Masonic*”. He should then inform the secretary of his lodge of the date he intends to visit. The secretary will inform his Grand Lodge. The Grand

Lodge of his jurisdiction will communicate with the Grand Lodge the brother intends to visit. A mason is not permitted to communicate with a Grand Lodge outside his jurisdiction. The brother will then receive paperwork signed by the secretary of his lodge that the brother will present when he visits. The visiting brother should then check with a member of the lodge he intends to visit to find out about any etiquette or dress code the brother will be expected to adhere to. It is advised that you begin this process well in advance of when you intend to visit.



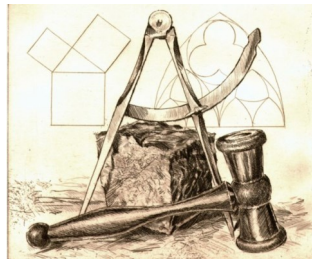
**"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on."**

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*



**FROM THE SECRETARY JERRY HENDRICK**  
*Taking Care of Business*

As we go forth into a new beginning, we all need to rely on each other. Let us try to bring a forgotten member back to Lodge. With our new location we know the transition will be slow, so we will need all hands to help in this endeavor. It is getting close to the time for dues to go out. Please remember this required obligation, as we go forth. Annual dues are \$75.00.



**FROM THE SENIOR DEACON BILL COOPER**  
*Visiting Brothers and Prospects*

As we strive to maintain Lubbock Lodge 1392 as a viable Masonic Lodge during these trying times, from the difficulties associated with the sale of our building, the move of our lodge to the York Rite facility and the limits of our activities due to Covid-19, we must not lose sight of our Masonic goals. With that in mind, we are always pleased to welcome our Brethren from other lodges. At our last stated meeting, Sep-

tember 11<sup>th</sup> we were honored to have visiting us, Brother Glen Ashcraft. Glen is a Brother Mason at Yellowhouse Lodge and also Daylight Lodge. In addition, he is the head of Chapter and Council at the York Rite, where our Lodge now meets. I would like to encourage our members to reach out to any of our membership or members of other lodges to let them know of our new home at the York Rite facility.



**FROM THE OUTGOING WORSHIPFUL MASTER**  
**HEATH MORGAN**

Hello Brethren,

I want to thank everyone for all of their efforts this past Masonic year. To say it's been a little different would be an understatement. However, even though the pandemic changed the way we have had to do things, our fraternity and brotherhood is still strong. One of my main goals was to get us moved over to our new home at the York Rite, which we have been able to achieve, and to get our old building sold. We have made significant progress in that area as well, though it seems too slow of a process. I ask everyone to maintain positive and hopeful outlook for this next year. I also

ask that you give Henry as much love and support as you have me during my time in the East. It is my sincere belief that if we can survive this storm Lubbock Lodge will come out of it better and stronger. However, we will not be able to survive it without you. Yes you. All of you. We need every member to reinvest themselves in every way they are able to support our lodge so that we can build it back up. As always, this brotherhood amazes me with its solidarity, brotherly love, and charity.

Fraternally yours,  
Heath Morgan, PM



*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."*  
*Benjamin Franklin*

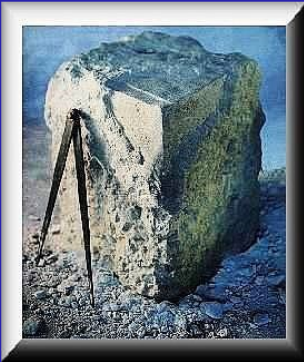


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2 Yellowhouse Lodge Stated Meeting	3
4	5	6 Friendship Lodge Stated Meeting Lubbock Lodge Floor Practice	7	8	9 Lubbock Lodge Stated Meeting	10
11 Emma Lodge Stated Meeting	12	13 Lubbock Lodge Floor Practice	14	15 Slaton Lodge Stated Meeting	16	17 Daylight Lodge Stated Meeting
18	19	20 Mackenzie Lodge Stated Meeting Lubbock Lodge Floor Practice	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Lubbock Lodge Floor Practice	28	29	30	31

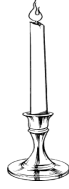
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## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



Brother of Finus Brenham was recently hospitalized for Covid-19. He is out of the hospital and continues to recover.

Wife of Brother Luis

Ramos was recently hospitalized. We wish her a speedy recovery.



Please take the time to visit our sick and distressed; send them cards or call them on the phone,

**“The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.”**  
*Nelson Mandela*

## This Month's Brothers' Birthdays

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

Gädieke says that, "according to the ancient laws of Freemasonry, every brother must attend his Lodge if he is within the length of his cable tow." The old writers define the length of a cable tow, which they sometimes called a cable's length, to be three miles for an Entered Apprentice. But the expression is really symbolic, and as it was defined by the Baltimore Convention in 1842, means the scope of a man's reasonable ability.

Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

"I drew them with the cords of a man, with bonds of love." Hosea, xi 4.

The Cable Tow is thus a symbol of the cord of bond of Love, which should unite the whole fraternity. Its length or the length of your Cable Tow is the sacrifice you are willing to make on behalf of your brethren. It is in your heart, not to be measured by miles. It is not gauged by distances, but by deed. It should correspond to the immensity of the monitorial lodge, and to do so should span the earth, touching wherever there is sorrow or distress.

Source: Wm. W. Vickers -  
The Canadian Craftsman,  
June 1898



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



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