

ON THE LEVEL

THE NEWSLETTER OF HARMONY LODGE No. 6 A. F. & A. M.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Well, we got right to work at our first stated meeting tying up the loose ends left over from last year. The one I've been waiting the most on was approving the spending for the Lodge website. This is going to be a valuable partner with the newsletter in allowing our Lodge to stay connected no matter where our members are. We will be archiving the newsletter so you can reference past issues and download the current copy. The person who will be setting up our website is Will Wright and his business is found at willthing.com if you would like to see some of his work. We are going to get the website up and running as fast as possible, so look for the web address in next month's issue. It was nice to meet so many Brothers I hadn't met before at this year's elections and I look forward to seeing you all at Lodge again soon.

Clyde Wood –Editor

HARMONY LODGE RINGS

Last year we approved a motion to buy a ring for each of the members of our Lodge. These rings will be hand made of stainless steel with an emblem consisting of the Square and Compasses surrounded by Harmony Lodge No. 6 and the year of our charter 1840. There will be no charge to the individual. All we need is your ring size. These rings can not be resized because of their stainless steel construction, so make sure you have the correct size. Please send your ring size to us no later than September 17 to get your ring.

FROM THE EAST

Brethren, I am very excited to be writing this, my first column as Worshipful Master. I am new at this so my first couple might not be that great. I think I would like to take the time to give you all some of my ideas for the year and please if anybody has ideas or concerns I ask that you express them to me. I am a young Master and still eager for guidance. Ok, now to my year, these are some things that I would like to do before the end of summer. I would like to possibly have a family picnic/crawfish boil either on the beach or maybe at Jack Brooks Park. In doing so I would like to invite all of the Lodges in our district to come bring their families and enjoy some good food and fellowship. Also for the younger Masons in our Lodge and surrounding Lodges I am going to try to set up a monthly get together for them. Now moving on to other matters. I think I have made it apparent that I would like to get our families involved in Masonry. I would like to start having at least one meeting a month where we have a program for the families of Masons. In fact at the next stated meeting I am going to form a committee to organize that. So if you think you are up to the challenge please let me know. My Brothers I have a lot of visions and ideas of where I believe Masonry should be heading, and I know that I cannot make everyone happy although I will try my best. I hope to have a good year and I hope for it to be a memorable one.

Daniel Williams
Worshipful Master



**STATED MEETINGS
1ST & 3RD
MONDAYS**
2128 CHURCH ST.
GALVESTON, TX
77550

**FOOD AND
FELLOWSHIP**
6-7PM

MEETING
7PM

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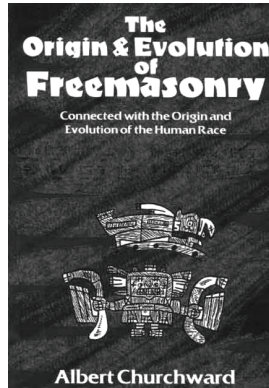
AUGUST 2007

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5	6 Stated Meeting	7	8 Tucker Lodge #297	9 Knights Templar	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Stated Meeting	21	22 Tucker Lodge #297	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

BOOK REVIEW

I was so impressed with Albert Churchward's *The Arcana of Freemasonry* that I looked for other books written by him and I found this one, *The Origin and Evolution of Freemasonry*. Churchward speaks with such authority I find it hard not to be drawn in to his outrageous claims. These books are basically a collection of lectures that he gave during the heyday of Freemasonry. The copyright says 2006, but he only lived until 1925. I did some research and he had given these lectures in 1921. In the first chapter he explains the scientific nature of the afterlife and that how we live our lives dictates whether we have one or not. This is a great book.
Clyde Wood



**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH**

Eugene P. Nevelow	8/18
Julius L. Jenkins, Jr.	8/5
Allen D. Chandler	8/31
James G. Taylor	8/24
Claude D. Williams	8/12
Willem F. Bogaards	8/3
Lynn Rogers Dick Workman	8/19
Danny Lee Martin	8/31
Chris B. Strommen	8/24
C. David Weimer	8/24
Andrew J. Walker	8/2
Daniel Lee Williams	8/9

Happy Birthday Brothers!!!

DON'T FORGET!
SEPTEMBER 17TH
DEADLINE FOR RING SIZES

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WHY SEARCH FOR TRUTH?

By Roy "Abbie" Hughes

It would seem that civilized man should have progressed to the point that all childish things have been put away. However, this is not so. We can still find those who are relegated to fear, superstitions and mythology based on juvenile thinking. This is why the quest for truth in Freemasonry is so important today.

Organizations that base their actions on members who supposedly claim to know all there is to know cannot hope to find truth. What they find is nothing more than the combined opinions of others.

Freemasonry like all organizations are confronted with problems and challenges everyday that require immediate attention. However it is the search for truth that identifies the real nature of problems and does not conceal the facts that lead to false solutions.

In the pursuit of truth it becomes necessary time and time again to amend our views, to alter our direction and to take fresh bearings. We do not necessarily know our destination in life, but we do know our direction.

It is the accumulated search for truth that distinguishes Masons from others in society. Without truth civilized man becomes nothing more than a savage. Without truth there can be no real knowledge. Without truth there is no freedom of the body or of the mind. We have no religion when truth is not there. When Freemasonry seeks truth and holds fast to its original garments we can promise our initiates a system of morality that will give them comfort and hope throughout their entire lives. This is why it is so very important to be more than just a mere member. Truth is an important way in attempting to know the attributes of our creator.

SHORT TALKS

Our new Junior Warden and local Rabbi, Bro. Jimmy Kessler, has started giving short talks on the meanings behind the Hebrew words associated with our Masonic ritual. Bro. Kessler is a gifted speaker and a natural teacher and provides fascinating insight into our traditions. Join us at the second stated meeting every month to learn something new and interesting about Masonry.



MASONIC TRIVIA CONTEST

Hey folks, we need to wrap up the Masonic Trivia Contest Grand Prize for last year, but we can't seem to get the three finalists in the same room at the same time. They are Al Leal P.M., Gary Scales P.M. and Abbie Hughes P.M. We hope to see them all at our first stated meeting this month for the showdown, so everyone come down and support your favorite Past Master. We've got a doozy of a tie breaking quiz lined up so good luck to you all, gentlemen!



*One Universe
made up of
all things;
and one God
in it all, and
one principle of
Being, and
one Law,
one Reason,
shared by all
thinking
creatures and
one Truth.*



Marcus Aurelius

THE CHARACTER OF A FREEMASON

From the Farmer's Almanac, 1823, Andover, Massachusetts

The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principle.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2007



Your officers were installed on Saturday, July 7 by Installing Marshal Bill Adamik P.M. and Installing Officer Al Leal P.M. Bottom row left to right: Edward Rodriguez-Junior Deacon, Al Leal-Marshal, Alfredo Franco-Master of Ceremonies. Middle row left to right: John Bostock-Chaplain, Frank Williams, Sr.-Secretary, Ted Armstrong-Treasurer, Bill Snipes, Sr.-Tiler. Top left: Jimmy Kessler-Junior Warden. Top right: Clyde Wood- Senior Warden. Top Center: Daniel Williams-Worshipful Master. Not pictured: Frank Williams, Jr.-Senior Deacon

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WEBSITES



www.grandlodgeof.texas.org



<http://galveston-scottishrite.org>



www.texasYorkrite.org



elminashriners.org

DID YOU KNOW?

The Masonic (Square and Compasses) ring is not an official item of Masonic Jewelry. General consensus seems to be that if the wearer wishes to advise others that he is a Master Mason, then he should wear the ring with the Compasses points toward the fingertips. If the ring is worn to remind the wearer that he is a Master Mason, then he should wear it with the compasses points toward the wrist.

Also...

In *Hammer vs. State*, (1909) The Supreme Court of Indiana upheld a statute which made it a criminal offense to wear the emblem of any society or organization of which one is not a member. The court based its decision on the fact that membership in such societies is the result of fitness and selection and that the wearing of such emblems by non-members is a deceit and false pretense.

THE LOST WORD

Can you find all sixteen words or names associated with Freemasonry. Look for the answers in next month's newsletter.

~~L A M B S K I N A P R O N Q E
I L U A H F S K O L A B I T R
B T W E G A I D E D W L F R Y
Y A R V L C O E H R A A L O T
F R E E B O R N S I R H U W F
O H E T S T E S E C D Y F E O
R N U I D T U D W L E V E L G
K I N G S O L O M O N E S A N
N O A B I B L E G B A F K R I
I K N Y P L U M B L I N E C K
W G A B E I T E F O T S O A M
D E K F O G W E T S A S L V A
O C O M P A S S E S E R J E R
O B Q R V T A M O R C U D O I
H A U J L E C N A I N T V E H~~

on the lighter side

A major research institution has recently announced the discovery of the heaviest chemical element yet known to science. The new element has been tentatively named "Provincialgrandlodgeium."

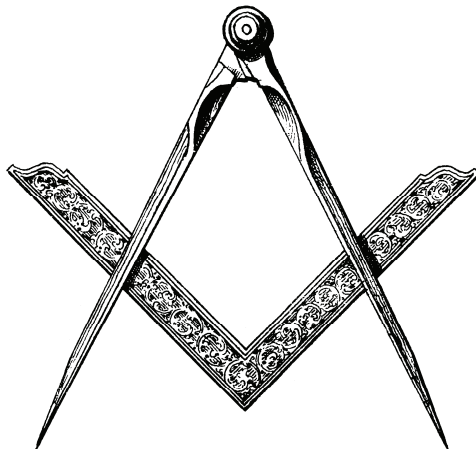
Provincialgrandlodgeium has one neutron, 12 assistant neutrons, 75 deputy neutrons and 11 assistant deputy neutrons giving it an atomic mass of 312.

These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons. Since Provincialgrandlodgeium has no electrons, it is inert.

However, it can be detected as it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact. A minute amount of Provincialgrandlodgeium can cause one reaction to take over four days to complete when it would normally take less than a second.

Provincialgrandlodgeium has a normal half-life of four years; it does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places. In fact, Provincialgrandlodgeium mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganization will cause morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes. This characteristic of moron-promotion leads some scientists to speculate that Provincialgrandlodgeium is formed wherever morons reach a certain quantity in concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as "Critical Morass." You will know it when you see it. When catalyzed with money, Provincialgrandlodgeium becomes Grandlodgeium— an element which radiates just as much energy since it has half as many peons but twice as many morons.

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If you would like to contribute to the Harmony Lodge Charitable Fund
please cut out this portion and mail it to our address.

Name

Amount