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### NEW Lodge Officers

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- Senior Warden Gene Blackmore 972 222-7879
- Junior Warden Joe Moses 469 450-2964
- Treasurer Warner Richeson 972 422-4268
- Secretary Harry F. Powell II 972 424-7153



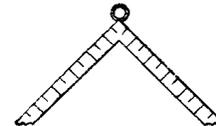
The Newly installed officers of Plano Masonic Lodge # 768

Real joy comes not from ease or riches or from the praise of men, but from doing something worthwhile—Wilfred T. Grenfell

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## From the East



Brethren,

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for electing me as your Worshipful Master. I will do all I can to make this a great year for Plano Masonry.

Over the past month, I've had occasion to think about what Masonry means to me. Due to an unfortunate situation, I've been spending quite a bit of time with the wife of a friend of mine who is in a coma and his condition is not expected to improve. She is going through a very trying time with the decisions she has to make, both

now and in the near future. They don't have any family in this area. He is not a Mason. During other times of duress, both during hospital visits and talking with Brothers who are going through difficult times, we come to see the value of Masonry and the support we receive from those we take by the hand as a brother. For the family I have been spending time with, that comfort is not there. They don't have the steady parade of friends and brothers stopping to offer assistance, a kind word, or a shoulder to cry on. It

has made me so very thankful to be involved in this gentle fraternity of ours. Brothers whom I have spoken to about this situation have offered any help they can, even though they don't know the family. This makes me so proud. I would like to thank all of you for the support you have given me. You know who you are.

On a better note, over the next year, we need to all think about Masonry, what it means to us and what we mean to Masonry. To paraphrase a famous quote from John F. Kennedy, ask not what Masonry

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## The Immovable Jewels

During the Entered Apprentice lecture, the new Mason is introduced to the jewels of the Lodge when he is told there are six such jewels, three immovable and three movable. These "jewels" are not precious stones as one might imagine when first hearing the term jewels, but rather refer to their value to the operative builder in conducting his trade.

In the United States, the Immovable Jewels are the square, level, and plumb. They are deemed immovable because they belong to fixed positions in the lodge, the East, West, and South. The three principal officers of the lodge who sit in these positions wear replicas of these operative tools. The Master wears the square as a symbol of morality. The Senior Warden wears the level as a symbol of equality while the Junior

Warden wears the plumb as an emblem of upright living.

One might ask why these emblems are considered immovable when in fact the officers who wear these jewels move about the lodge room and do not remain stationary. Perhaps they are considered immovable in that they are assigned to a specific officer of the lodge and, in that sense, they are permanently assigned to the East, West, and South.

The square, level, and plumb are indeed important and valuable tools for the builder for without them, he cannot carry out his trade. For the Freemason, these tools become symbols related to building our moral selves. This point is brought home in the Fellowcraft degree where the plumb, square and level are introduced as the working tools for the degree.

A plumb is a string or cord with a free-swinging mass attached to the end that when held will come to rest perpendicular to the horizontal due the gravitational forces. This allows the builder to ensure he has erected a beam in the proper manner, that is, perpendicular to the surface. As such, the plumb is a symbol of right, uprightness, and proper social and moral behavior. It is unlikely that a wall can stand for long if it is not erected properly or is not straight. It is also unlikely that a Mason who does not lead an upright life can be of value to his fellow man or to our fraternity. The plumb stands for righteousness before God and man and becomes a standard by which we can test our morality.

A square is an instrument having two arms with straight edges

### From the East Continued

can do for you, but what you can do for Masonry. What can we do to promote Masonry? One of the things we all can do is become better educated in Masonry. Read more about Masonry. During our stated meetings, we are going to have a brief Masonic Education Presentation given by our Marshal. This will be a short topic to help us further our knowledge. If

you have any suggested topics, please don't hesitate to bring them to the attention of one of the officers. Remember, this is your lodge and we, your officers, are just the caretakers of it for this year.

I look forward to working with all of you to help move Plano Lodge further into the 21<sup>st</sup> cen-

tury and making Masonry a vibrant and vital part of each of our lives.

Fraternally,

Your Worshipful Master,

Mike Heidenreich

### A Certified Fellowcraft Degree planned for July 24th

A certified Fellowcraft degree will be planned for July 24<sup>th</sup>. This degree will be a graded degree and if our lodge receives a satisfactory grade we will gain recognition during the next Grand Lodge. If you have not seen a certified degree I highly recommend you attend as this very special opportunity. It is amazing how quiet and somber a degree can be when it is being graded. I'm confident that we will all be impressed how well we can do and it will be a lot of fun.

We will start practice on the Masters degree right after our certification. If you are interested in participating in the degree work, contact Tom Masters at (972) 243-2020 or Joe Moses at (972) 509-1834. We will need a lot of resources for the master's degree so now is the time to learn our

# From the South



Brethren,

I would like to thank you for electing me as you Junior Warden. I am so excited about this upcoming Masonic year at Plano. I look forward to a very exciting and prosperous year in Plano. We have scheduled a graded Fellowcraft degree in July. So, I hope that you will be able to attend and see our team perform. And, I hope that this year we will have many opportunities to perform numerous degrees and add to our fraternity. We have many new members who belong to the Young Masons of Texas. And, Plano lodge is and has been extremely sup-

portive of our younger brothers. You have given them your wisdom and friendship and I hope that you will continue to do so.

Once again, I sincerely thank you for electing me as your Junior Warden, and I will endeavor to make our lodge successful.

Your Junior Warden,  
Joe Moses

### Name Tags

If you desire a name tag with your name and Plano Lodge # 768 on it. Please see Larry Kester. He will have it prepared. The Cost is \$10.00 per name tag and the color will be Blue.

## Calendar of Events for June

### Plano Lodge Events

- July 3 Stated meeting
- July 10 FC proficiency MM degree
- July 17 Plano Dark for MWSA meeting in Melissa
- July 24 EA Proficiency and Graded FC Degree
- July 31 EA Degree and EA proficiency
- August 7th stated meeting

### Special Events

- Scottish Rite—Valley of Dallas stated meeting July 14th
- Hella Shrine stated meeting July 17th
- July 17 MWSA meeting in Melissa

### Adopt a Chair

This program is still open and there are still many chairs of the 88 chairs to be purchased.

The chairs may be purchased by any Mason or a member of an affiliated Masonic organizations, i.e. Easter Star or Rainbow. If you are a member of this Lodge and have not purchased a chair you should consider doing so. This is a wonderful way to leave a legacy and contribute to the building fund at the same time.

The purchase of a chair entitles you to dedicate the chair and have the engraved brass plaque attached to the chair.

All chairs are \$100.00. See Larry Kester.

The program has raised more than \$4000 for the lodge building fund, so far

### New lodge Officers

The Officers of Plano Masonic lodge were installed on Saturday Afternoon June 28th. Here are your new officers for the ensuing Masonic Year:

Worshipful Master, Michael G. Heidenreich; Senior Warden, R. Gene Blackmore; Junior Warden, Joseph C. Moses; Treasurer, Warner A. Richeson; Secretary, Harry F. Powell III; Chaplain, Lewis A. Fetzer Jr.; Senior Deacon, Fred W. Smith; Junior Deacon, Christopher P. Rhodes; Senior Steward, James L. Miller IV; Junior Steward, Scott M. Schaeffer; Marshall, Michael R. Murphy; Master of Ceremonies, James H. McNeese; Tiler, Bobbie L. Pevehouse

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meeting in a right angle. As a symbol the square represents morality and virtue. The concepts of morality and virtue should guide all our actions before God and with our fellow man. We must look into our hearts and ensure our dealings with others are conducted in a virtuous and moral manner. When we "act upon the square" we are telling the truth and dealing honestly with the other person. Morality is very difficult to define yet we should be able to recognize morality, or the lack thereof, based upon the standards of God. Each man must look deep within himself to set those standards and principles by which he lives.

The level is used to prove horizontals in operative masonry. In speculative Masonry the level is

a symbol of equality indicating that all men have the same duties to God and the same responsibilities and rights before his fellow man. Equality does not mean that all men are equal in skills or abilities but rather that all men should be treated with respect, dignity, and understanding. We are all individuals, yet we should be a universal brotherhood before God where men can achieve mutual respect and understanding regardless of their differences.

The Entered Apprentice lecture tells us that the square teaches morality, the level equality, and the plumb rectitude of conduct. Symbolically, as Freemasons, we are building a spiritual building that requires hard work and effort throughout our lifetimes. We must build a level foundation based upon an understanding of the equality of man before God. Upon this foundation we build our moral standards that guide our

dealings with our fellow man while always striving to walk uprightly before God.

Perhaps the monitorial explanation for the working tools of a Fellowcraft Mason is a fitting way to close this discussion.

"The Plumb is an instrument made use of by operative Masons to raise perpendiculars, the Square to square their work, and the Level to lay horizontals; but we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to make use of them for more noble and glorious purposes; the Plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man, squaring our actions by the Square of Virtue, and remembering that we are traveling upon the Level of Time, to "that undiscovered country, from whose bourne\* no traveler returns."

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree July Anniversaries

Maurice E. Holloway	July 2, 1965	Michael J. Radcliff	July 16, 1968
Jerry C. Wilson	July 7, 1961	Howard W. Frye	July 17, 1952
James B. Pate	July 8, 1995	James R. Logue	July 19, 1979
Glenn W. Stephenson	July 8, 1999	Raymond V. Ballard	July 20, 1967
Bill J. Horton	July 9, 1946	William H. Teel, Jr.	July 22, 1993
Steve Brazeal	July 10, 1974	Bill DeFord	July 23, 1992
John W. Powell	July 11, 1987	Bobby Johnston	July 23, 1987
Bill Kapela	July 12, 2001	Robert J. Jones	July 24, 1975
Charles M. Stone, Sr.	July 13, 1979	H. David Moore	July 25, 1960
Jerry Butler	July 13, 1995	Nelson A. Wold	July 25, 2002
Robert H. Donahoo	July 14, 1983	David Denton	July 27, 1972
Gary R. Brown	July 15, 1972	James H. McCown	July 27, 1989
Thomas K. Williams	July 16, 1983	Paul D. Wade	July 28, 1983
Jim Breedlove	July 16, 1981	Greg L. White	July 28, 1984
Gene Reynolds	July 16, 1970	James H. McNeese, Jr.	July 29, 2002
Richard L. Mackay, Jr.	July 16, 1992	Jerrell D. Herron	July 31, 1969

## July Birthdays

Cary R. Wicker	July 1	James W. Harper, Jr.	July 13	James L. Griffin	July 21
Bill Wilkins	July 2	Gene Wray	July 14	Jerry Kagan	July 22
William R. Craig, II	July 2	Henry L. Wilson	July 14	Scott Arrington	July 26
Charles M. Stone, Sr.	July 4	Bill Kapela	July 14	Timothy S. Neece	July 27
William B. Clark	July 4	Marvin B. Victor	July 15	Bobby E. Price, Sr.	July 27
L. B. Moore	July 5	Raymond Deck	July 16	Aaron H. Riffe	July 28
Leonard A. Forbes	July 7	George S. Simons	July 17	James J. Stager, Sr.	July 29
Jerry K. Webster	July 10	Ronnie E. Reese	July 18	Franck P. Cushner	July 30
Kevin W. Fincher	July 10	Clarence A. Samford	July 18	Lap Ngo	July 31
Paul W. Atkinson	July 12	John T. Bailey	July 18		
Steve Brazeal	July 13	John T. Land	July 20		
Jeffrey A. Steward	July 13	Walter L. Haire	July 21		