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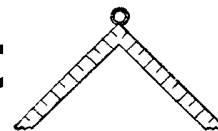
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## From the East



Brethren,

July was another busy month for Plano Lodge and August looks to be even busier. We have a full calendar of activities. On August 28<sup>th</sup>, we will have a graded Fellowcraft Degree. If you have never seen a graded degree, come watch the truly wonderful work the team puts on. Plano does great ritual work all the time, but during a graded degree, it is even better.

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, the DDGM's from both District 9A and 9B will be holding a Grand Master's workshop in Farmersville. Farmersville Lodge will feed at 6:30, open lodge and receive the DDGM's at 7:30 and then hold the workshop. This will be done in lieu of a second official visit from the District Deputy. They have several topics of interest to cover. This will also be considered a called meeting of the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association.

For those of you who haven't visited our website for awhile, please take a few minutes to do so. Bro. Robert Tate has spent some time getting it updated and given it a new look. He is continuing to make improvements and adding new

things. Give him a pat on the back the next time you see him for a job well done.

As part of our efforts to get all of the brethren back to lodge, your officers have instituted a program of calling all the Brothers in the Plano area. These calls are just to check on you, see if everything is going all right, let you know what is going on in lodge and try to get you to come see us. Let the officer that calls you know if you need anything or if you have any ideas for things we could do that would bring you back to lodge to enjoy the fellowship of Masonry. We would really like to see you.

Fraternally,

Your Worshipful Master,

Mike Heidenreich

**Freemasonry is "veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols" because these are the surest way by which moral and ethical truths may be taught. It is not only with the brain and with the mind that the initiate must take Freemasonry but also with the heart. -C. H. Claudy**

# The Five Steps

During the Fellow Craft Degree, the candidate ascends the winding stairs on his symbolic journey to the Middle Chamber of King Solomon's Temple. In climbing the five steps, he is introduced to the five orders of architecture and the five human senses. In these symbols, the Mason is reminded of his pursuit of knowledge, as he is encouraged to develop his moral and intellectual self.

The five orders of architecture are the Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, and Composite. The monitorial explanation of these orders provides information relative to the origin, pro-

portions, and details for each order. In addition, the Mason learns the Greeks developed the Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian orders and thus these are called the ancient orders of architecture. The Romans added the Tuscan and Composite by combining characteristics of the three Greek orders of architecture.

While this information is of interest, one must consider the purpose of including this information within the Fellow Craft degree. There must be more to these symbols than the art of architecture. In this regard, the orders of architecture can only allude to the fact that buildings are created

stone by stone following some plan. The Mason must develop a plan to enhance his intellectual and spiritual self, requiring that he enhance his knowledge fact by fact, his spirituality virtue by virtue. The multiple orders of architecture imply that there are many ways a Mason may develop his spirituality; yet an organized plan for self development must be followed, else he will build aimlessly and not achieve the proper balance in his life symbolized by the proportions of the various orders of architecture.

The five human senses, hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling, and tasting are introduced as they relate to our acquisition of

## 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 mem-

ber 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.

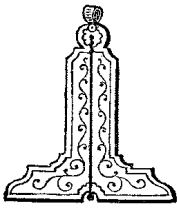
The program has raised more than \$4000 for the lodge building fund, so far

## A Certified Fellowcraft Degree planned for August 28th

A certified Fellowcraft degree will be planned for July 28<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 West



Brethren, we are starting a new Masonic year and once again four members of the Plano Lodge have been installed as Worshipful Master; Brother Mike Hiedenreich in Plano, Brother Joe Moses in Dallas' Keystone Lodge, Brother Bob Pevehouse on Princeton Lodge in Princeton, and Brother Bob Foster in Lebanon Lodge in Frisco. In 2000, Brother Steve Baker was installed as Worshipful Master in Plano, Brother Carl Jones in Knox Corinthian in Richardson, Brother Jerrell Jones in Empire Lodge in Nevada, and Brother John Creel in Lebanon Lodge in Frisco.

These Brothers have stretched

the length of their cable-tow to serve Masonry and are to be commended. They serve as fine examples of Plano Masons.

If you know a brother who has not been to Lodge lately, give him a call and invite him back or offer to pick him up if he needs a ride. Let us fill the chairs in Plano and keep this type of activity going. We can increase our attendance and prepare brothers to serve Plano and neighboring lodges at the same time. Plano # 768 is the shining star of the ninth Masonic district; let us keep the tradition going.

Fraternally,  
Your Senior Warden  
Gene Blackmore

## Calendar of Events for June

### Plano Lodge Events

August 7 Stated Meeting

August 14 FC proficiency and MM Degree

August 20 DDGM Workshop in Farmersville

August 21 MM proficiency and EA Degree

August 28 EA proficiency and Graded FC Degree

### Special Events

- Scottish Rite—Valley of Dallas stated meeting August 11th
- Hella Shrine stated meeting August 21th
- August 20 DDGM Workshop in Farmersville
- Plano Assembly Rainbow #320, August 12th & 26th
- Plano Chapter #702 Order Of Eastern Star August 18th

### The Brethren

By Edgar A. Guest

The world is needing you and me,  
In places where we ought to be;  
Somewhere today it's needing you  
To stand for what you know is true.

And needing me somewhere to-day.  
To keep the faith, let come what may.

The world needs honest men to-day  
To lead its youth along the way,  
Men who will write in all their deeds  
The beauty of their spoken creeds,  
And spurn advantage here and gain,  
On which deceit must leave its stain.

The world needs men who will not brag,  
Men who will honor Freedom's Flag,  
Men, who although the way is hard,  
Against the lure of shame will guard,  
The world needs gentle men and true  
And calls aloud to me and you.

The world needs men of lofty aim,  
Not merely men of skill and fame,  
Not merely leaders wise and grave,  
Or learned men or soldiers brave,  
But men whose lives are fair to see,  
Such men as you and I can be.

### 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.

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knowledge. It is through these senses that the mind receives its perception of things exterior to ourselves and thus becomes the storehouse of ideas. Of these five senses, Masonry reveres hearing, seeing, and feeling, as they are particularly important to our intellectual development. Hearing allows man to enjoy the pleasures of society and communicate our thoughts, knowledge and desires to others. Seeing allows us to explore the universe and perceive the dispositions of others. Feeling provides man the ability to distinguish differ-

ent qualities and alludes to the fact that we learn through experience.

Within the Fellow Craft degree, education and pursuit of knowledge is stressed. These senses when coupled with our memory, imagination, reasoning, and moral perception allow the Mason to pursue his intellectual and spiritual development. Through them the Mason seeks education. With these senses, our mind and spirit, the Mason acquires knowledge and incorporates that knowledge within his plan for building his intellectual and spiritual self.

Many writers and thinkers have tried to define Freemasonry but it really defeats definition. It is too complex, too profound in conception, to easily expressed in words. Perhaps the simplest and best definition of all is the phrase "the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God." Our Masonic forefathers had an understanding of human needs and human aspirations. They may never have dreamed of the mindless computer which governs our lives, or the fission of matter which threatens our lives, but they understood human nature and what motivates the spirit of man. Thus from a simple process of using stone and mortar for building they progressed to the most important of life's functions, the building of character. -Louis L. Williams

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

Joseph W. Dalton	August 10, 1972	Ronald E. Lawrence	August 22, 2002
Authur L. Kirkwood	August 12, 1968	Michael. L. Clark	August 22, 2002
Raymond A. Snow	August 13, 1959	Francois D. Fotre'	August 22, 1992
Warren W. Fulton	August 14, 1956	Earl R. Griffin	August 23, 1960
Cloyse E. Woolley	August 15, 1968	Russell C. Walker	August 24, 1945
Cliff Martin	August 15, 1968	Grover Boyd	August 28, 1977
Greg B. Valera	August 16, 1990	Jerry M. Fears	August 28, 1986
John R. Stone	August 17, 1985	Maurice E. Holloway, Jr.	August 28, 1975
Larry J. Farmer	August 17, 1995	Scott McKay	August 29, 1992
Gene Terry	August 18, 1977	Lee Kirkwood	August 30, 1960
James W. Harper, Jr.	August 18, 1956		
Jacques Houssou	August 19, 1997		
Gordon L. Trosper	August 19, 1982		
Cary R. Wicker	August 20, 1981		

## August Birthdays

Glenn C. Morrow	August 1	Ross E. Jones	August 12	William H. Teel, Jr.	August 25
Francois D. Fotre'	August 4	Alden B. Sparman	August 12	Jack Flovin	August 25
Charles E. Painter	August 5	Tommy Ray Broome	August 12	Maurice J. Mayfield	August 26
James M. Matise, II	August 5	Jeffery S. Rowland	August 13	Fred W. Smith	August 27
Stanley E. Rand	August 6	Albert C. Green	August 14	Winfred S. Bostick	August 28
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Howard W. Frye	August 11	Robert W. Tate	August 24		
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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree September Anniversaries

Joe D. DeWeese	September 2, 1969	John M. Barker Jr.	September 23, 1999
Perry O. Carter	September 10, 1964	Joe M. Mencer	September 23, 1993
James S. Wilson	September 12, 1946	Harvey Purdom	September 24, 1970
Tom A. Masters	September 14, 1995	Steven J. Jones	September 24, 1992
Don Reddick	September 14, 1972	Frank A. Klingler	September 25, 1980
Tommy Ray Broome	September 14, 1967	Todd Allen	September 26, 1992
Aaron H. Riffe	September 15, 1990	Bud Kinamon	September 27, 1998
Tom M. McKamy	September 17, 1981	Chris P. Rhodes	September 28, 2000
Bill Boyd	September 17, 1970	Ken Gurney	September 28, 1972
Charles A. Merritt	September 17, 1959	William N. Chapoton	September 29, 1973
Paul L. Coppage	September 19, 1975	William R. Capp	September 30, 1999
David N. Lotz	September 21, 2000	Charles E. Corway	September 30, 1999
Ralph S. Johnson	September 22, 1953		
Martin Sandberg	September 22, 1954		

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