

# Trestleboard

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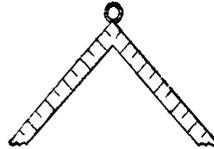
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## Randall Briscoe Masonic Workshops

The Briscoe will be held in the spring and in the fall of 2004. The format of this program is interactive in that the workshop leader will call upon various Masons to give opinions on hypothetical questions involving Masonic Law, education, customs and usages. The workshops will be held by highly qualified Masons in approximately twenty-five (25) areas of the State and will be repeated several times in different locations within the same area.

April 26th at East Fork Lodge in Wylie. Supper at 6:00 PM and the meeting will start at 7:00 PM. This workshop will be for all of district 9. All Masons are invited, EA - FC- MM. Fraternally John Creel DDGM 9-A

## From the East



Brethren,

Hope this Trestleboard finds you and yours well and happy. Plano Lodge continues to be busy. April will be a full month with degrees being performed every week. Come up and enjoy the fellowship and good times helping our new Brothers with their first Masonic experiences.

March was busy. We had degrees each week and a family night on March 24<sup>th</sup>. During the family night, we presented JJ Miller with a Golden Trowel award. This was a special night for JJ and was enjoyed by all.

I am asking for help from all of you again. We will be holding our semi-annual blood drive to benefit the Masonic Hospitals on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Plano Lodge from 7am until 3pm. Please come donate. If you are unable to donate blood, bring a family member or a friend who can. Our hospitals need all the blood we can provide them. Remember, this helps kids who might not otherwise be helped at no cost to them. So please, come bleed a little for the kids. You can

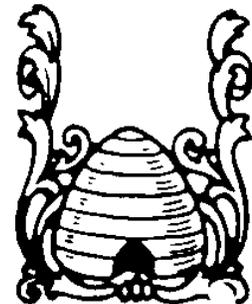
either schedule a time by contacting me or just come up to the lodge and we will work you in.

If any of you are aware of a brother who is not doing well, please contact one of the lodge officers and let them know so we can see if they need anything. I appreciate you help on this.

Hope to see all of you in lodge soon.

Fraternally,

Mike Heidenreich



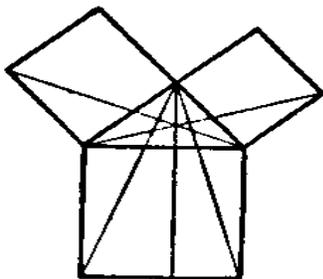
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# The Equilateral Triangle

There is no more interesting geometric object for Masons than that of the triangle, a simple plane figure consisting of three points connected by line intervals. Throughout the ages, the triangle, in various forms, has been studied and used by men. The 47th Postulate of Euclid, or the Pythagorean Theorem, was known well before Euclid's "Elements" and was revered by the Egyptians. Right triangles were used in all constructions and



used in Ancient Craft Masonry.

However, the foremost of the triangles was the equilateral triangle, a triangle of three equal sides and equal angles. This triangle was used by nearly all of the ancient civilizations as a symbol of the Deity. To the Egyptians this triangle hieroglyphically symbolized the trowel and was considered one of the most perfect of figures. The use of the Hebrew letter "yod" within an equilateral triangle follows the custom of representing the sacred name of the Deity. In Symbolic Masonry and in many Masonic ceremonies, the "yod" has been replaced by the letter G and is seen in our lodge rooms as a symbol for Deity. Again and again, we see the Light of Wisdom that is found in the center of this triangle, the source of all

Light.

The equilateral triangle is the easiest triangle to construct and is found in Euclid's Book I as the First Proposition, namely "On a given finite straight line to construct an equilateral triangle." With three equal sides and three angles of sixty degrees, we can construct an equilateral triangle. All school geometry texts for thousands of years describe the construction with a ruler and compass and the proof of its properties. For each us, these three sides give us the most stable and strongest of triangles. The three basic degrees equally connect us to one another as Masons and offer us the strongest of bonds to each other and to our Deity.



We find the equilateral triangle

## Calendar of Events for February

### Plano Lodge Events

April 1 – Stated meeting

April 8 – EA degree

April 15 – Degree

April 22 - Degree

### April 24 – Blood Drive

April 26—District 9 *Randall Briscoe Masonic Workshop*

April 29 – Degree

May 6 - May Stated Meeting

### Special Events

- Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting March 12th, day two Spring reunion April 3rd and day three April 24th.
- Hella Shrine stated meeting March 15th
- Plano Assembly Rainbow #320, April 13th & 27th
- Plano Chapter #702 Order Of Eastern Star April 19th
- Plano Shrine Club meeting April 27, 6:30 Los Rios CC

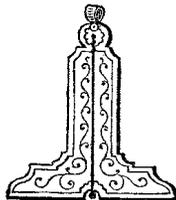


### Plano Lodge Spring Blood Drive

Plano Masonic Lodge is having its annual Spring Blood drive on April 24th from 7:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the Plano Lodge. The blood drive is for the benefit of the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital.

Please come and help the Hospital. Invite your family and friends also. Every drop helps.

# Senior Warden's Column



Once again we have had a busy month and are looking at another month with possibly two E.A. degrees and what

ever else might come up. It looks like we have a good chance of a Fellowcraft degree also.

By the time you read this we will have presented the golden trowel to Bro. J. J. Miller. J.J. has been very active with the Young Masons in Texas and has been a real source of pride to Plano 768. With his influence we have attracted a number of young masons and we all recognize this is the future of Masonry in Texas. Plano is truly blessed with Young Masons to carry the fraternity into the fu-

ture.

I am planning to try to have a certified Masters degree in my year and we will need to start working on that shortly. Also I intend to start study meetings for every Wednesday starting in July to get everybody ready for the certificate exams that come just after labor day, so get ready for that to be on the agenda. We have a lot to do and any help anybody can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Bro. McGriff is working with our brothers in Oklahoma to get our annual exchange of degree work back on track with them and I look forward to announcing some progress on that. This was a good program in the past and with Mac's help we hope to revive it.

## McKinney Commandery to host special meal

The McKinney Commandery is hosting a special meal on our next stated meeting Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6: PM. The intent is to have fellowship with all of the York Rite Commandery. There will be no requirement

for uniforms or swords as everyone will come casual. We wish to have 1 and ½ hours devoted purely to fellowship in the cafeteria. At 7:30 PM we will open our usual Commandery meeting, however only if you wish to attend that portion of the activities. We are planning to provide a brisket meal (prepared by Gene Terrell and if you have

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## Adopt A Chair program still available



There are still chairs available in the Lodge "Adopt a chair program". The funds raised by

this program goes to the Plano Masonic lodge building fund. As a commitment to your lodge all members should consider purchase a chair. Talk it up in attendant organizations, Eastern Star, Rainbow Advisors, etc. Only \$100.00 chairs are available.

## Scottish Rite Spring Reunion

The spring Scottish Rite Reunion going on right now. Scottish Rite Masons come down to the Cathedral and join us, Sat. 4/3 and Sat. 4/24.

Sat 4/24 is a, "ONE DAY REUNION," which means you can become a Scottish Rite Mason all in one day. Cost: only \$175.00. See Larry Kester for an Application, (or any other S/Rite Mason).

## Kester "Sez"

See Larry Kester for Name badges. A Blue Lodge AND a Scottish Rite emblem costs \$15.00

The Scottish Rite Spring reunion begins with day one on Mar. 30., day two Apr. 3 and day three on Apr. 24. See Kester for an application or any Scottish Rite member

A reminder to all Blue Lodge Masons. To become a Shriner "It is no longer necessary to be a 32nd degree Mason or a Knight Templar to become a Shriner!" If you desire to become a Shriner, see any Shriner or, Larry Kester, for an application.

A reminder to all Shriners: There is a fine and active Shrine Club here in Plano. Meetings are the last Tuesday of every month at the Los Rios County Club. Start time is: Social Hour at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$17.00 per person, for dinner and entertainment. Dues are \$25.00 per year. Bring your wife or significant other for a wonderful night out.



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in our Lodge rooms and the tools we use in the Degrees, but this simple triangle holds many lessons, both in its operative uses and its speculative lessons. Holding an equilateral triangle and plumb line at the upper vertex, the Operative Mason finds the three basic directions required in construction: The vertical lies along the plumb line, while the horizontal is obtained when the plumb line rests midway between the other two sides, and the right angle formed by the plumb line and base gives a visible guide to building. With such a tool, our ancient brethren were able to construct the great pyramids of Egypt, Solomon's Temple, and the great cathedrals of the

Middle Ages.

For the Speculative Mason the strength and stability of the triangle, united with the life lessons of the plumb, level, and square, reminds us of our several duties and obligations to our God, our neighbors, our brethren, and ourselves. Of all plane figures the triangle is both rigid and strong, but the beauty of the equilateral triangle reminds us of those lessons necessary to keep our spiritual building both strong and secure, now and forevermore.



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any experience in any of his gourmet meals you will not wish to miss this). Cobbler and ice cream for desert, potatoes and salad will also be prepared. We want to invite especially the members of McKinney Commandery and their wives. Our goal is to get the members who as a rule do not show up to come and have good fellowship. Also, anyone interested in learning more about York Rite should come and learn more about our fraternity. Please expect a phone call from our committees and consider making time to meet with us. Anyone who wants more info, please call Larry Burton @ 972-208-2177