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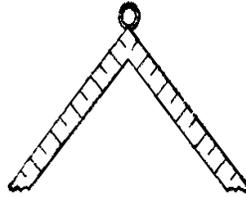
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## From the East



Brethren,

As we conclude April, if you haven't been to lodge, you

have missed out. As usual, Plano Lodge continues to be busy and provide plenty of opportunities for friendship and camaraderie.

1 We held our semi-annual blood  
 2 drive April 24 and had a decent  
 3 turnout. We received credit for 74  
 units to go towards the Masonic  
 hospitals. Brethren, we need to  
 do better. Close to half of the don-  
 ors were non-Masons. We need  
 you to help with this. This is  
 Plano Lodge's prime time to show  
 the community what we do as  
 Mason's.

I would like to thank all who helped out. JJ Miller, Scott Schaeffer, Gene Blackmore, Bob Hope all arrived early and assisted Carter in setting up the lodge. Tom and Lucille Carroll donated cakes which were enjoyed by all. JJ and Scott worked the kitchen to make sure everyone was well fed.

As this was the last drive that I will be acting as coordinator for, I would like to add a special thanks to all who have helped me with them over the last few years. Without you, I wouldn't have been able to make them as successful as they have been. And to all the donors who have taken the time to give of their

time and blood, you have my most heartfelt thanks.

If you like shrimp, plan on attending the May stated meeting. Ed Ochs is donating the ingredients for Shrimp Creole and shrimp gumbo. All he asks is a \$10.00 donation for the meal which will then be donated to the lodge building fund. So, come up and fill up on shrimp goodies.

This month, we will initiate a new Mason and raise 2 if not 3 Master Masons. Come up and watch, help in the degree and show our new EA's and Masters what Masonry is all about.

Don't forget that our stated meeting in June is when we elect officers. Come have a voice in the governing of your lodge.

Hope to see all of you in lodge soon.

Fraternally,

Mike Heidenreich



Please remember our website location <http://Planomasoniclodge.org>

## The Five Points of Fellowship

The central bonds that hold Freemasonry together are found in the obligations we have taken and the commitment to which we honor them. The word fraternity has its origins in the Latin word "Frater," which means "Brother." Thus, our Fraternity is a Brotherhood, or sacred band of Brothers, committed to mutual support, understanding, and affection. The symbol which best communicates our commitment is the Five Pointed Star, presented in the Master Mason's Degree. Each point of the star represents a point of fellowship and reminds



us of our obligations to each other. As a group of equals, the Five Pointed Star should guide our actions toward one another.

With the first point of fellowship, we are instructed to go by foot to answer the needs of others, but more especially that of a Brother Freemason. This is not to say we ignore others in our benevolent acts, but rather that

we look carefully not to ignore our Brothers in need. Beyond helping with Masonic instruction and guarding a Brother's

fidelity, we should strive to insure our Brethren reach their potential and serve the Order to the fullest. Helping them to improve themselves helps us be better Freemasons.

Within the second point of fellowship, we find the power of prayer, especially prayer directed for the benefit of a fallen Brother. When we kneel to pray, we call upon the most powerful force to bring about good. Acknowledging our dependence upon The Most High can lead to the wisdom to see His path, the courage to choose that path above all others, and the strength to carry out His will. Clarity of action and concern for the welfare of our Brethren makes Freemasonry a stronger Fraternity.

With the third point of fellowship, we are reminded of the re-

## Calendar of Events for February

### Plano Lodge Events

May 6 – Stated Meeting,  
(Shrimp dinner benefiting the  
Lodge Building fund)

May 13 – EA degree

May 20 – MM Degree

May 27 - MM Degree

June 3 – Stated Meeting  
(Election of Officers)

### Special Events

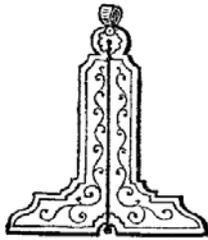
- Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting May 10th.
- Hella Shrine stated meeting May 20th
- Plano Assembly Rainbow #320, May 11th & 25th
- Plano Chapter #702 Order Of Eastern Star May 17th
- Plano Shrine Club meeting May 25, 6:30 Los Rios CC

## Randall Briscoe Masonic workshop

East Fork Lodge hosted a Randall Briscoe workshop Monday, April 26th in their lodge. The workshop, directed by Charles McKay, investigated several topics involving the nature of the Masonic Lodge, (was that **the** lodge or **a** lodge?)

Approximately 60 Masons, mainly from District 9A and 9B were in attendance and enjoyed the brisket and hospitality of East Fork as usual. Those Masons in attendance and staying to turn in their pink and white cards received a Grand Master's coin.

# Senior Warden's Column



From the West

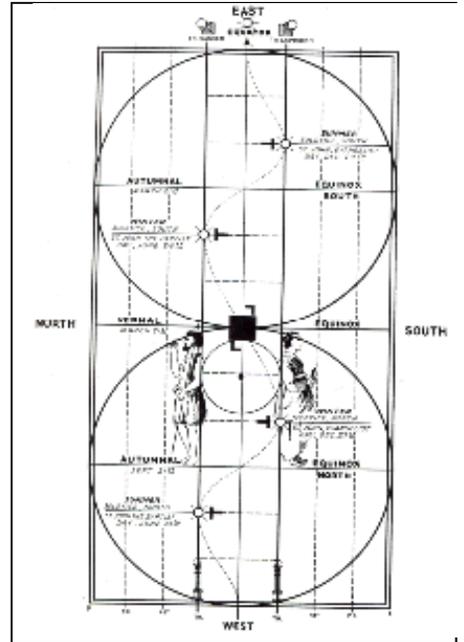
We just finished our blood drive and did quite well even with the few glitches we experienced. I believe we received in excess of 70 units of blood but Mike will have the exact count. We had all of the chairs for red blood cell donors filled from start to finish of the day and kept the whole blood chairs busy as well.

I regret having to report the exchange with Oklahoma is going to have to be postponed till fall since we couldn't find a date that fit both lodges before the busy summer months. Thanks again to Mac McGriff for his efforts.

The month of April saw one new Entered Apprentice initiated, three brothers passed to the degree of Fellowcraft and, one Master Mason raised. That kept us hopping, but we love it. By the time you have this in your hands we will have attended the Brisco Workshop at Wylie and should have something to report next month.

May looks to be busy so come up any Thursday evening to have a good meal and help out in the degree work.

For the few who have put off paying their dues, I remind you it is your obligation to see to this, don't put it off any longer, remain a brother in good standing among us.



## Kester "Sez"

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

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.

Larry Kester; Plano Shrine Club Membership Chairman

**Freemasonry is, in one of its major aspects, a beautiful and profound system of morality, veiled in allegories and illustrated by symbols.**

*(Texas,) Monitor of the Lodge, ©1982*

### 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 or-



ganizations, Eastern Star, Rainbow Advisors, etc. Only \$100.00 chairs are available.

So far we have adopted out, 49 out of 88 Chairs, (55%), for a total of \$5,000.00 for the Lodge Building Fund. Need more sold! If you are a member and not purchased a chair in yours or a loved ones name I urge you to do so now. It's a little way to leave something behind for ever, in your name, in your lodge.

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sponsibility of trust. Holding in our heart the secrets of our Brother Freemason is a sacred responsibility. We do have some discretion with those secrets, but our honor requires treating them with the utmost respect. When communicated to us confidentially, a Brother's words are to be securely guarded, as we would wish our own words to be properly guarded. We earn the trust of others by giving trust, and our Brother is our most trusted friend.

In the fourth point of fellowship, we are charged to support the character of our Brother, either before his face or behind his back. In an age

when people eagerly seize rumors concerning the conduct of others, we must guard the character and integrity of our Brethren on all occasions. As Freemasons we are charged to erect our Masonic edifices, not tear them down, and a careless word can do more harm than good.

With fifth point of fellowship, we are encouraged to give wise counsel to our Brother Freemason and to support him in his time of need. In Ancient Craft Masonry, the hand symbolized the support, while the whispered counsel, if found worthy, was equally common. The key is to see the responsibility of communicating good advice and providing support and help in implementing that advice.

No matter who we are, we will need some help at some time, and, as Freemasons, we should strive to be available to offer our assistance to others when needed.

Thus the Five Pointed Star reminds us to extend love and affection to our Brother Freemasons, doing for each of them as we would wish done for each of us. Each point carries an important lesson and responsibility found within the teachings of the Third Degree. Never forget that five-pointed ritual and the bonds that unite us into a sacred band of friend and brothers who strive to emulate the love of the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe.