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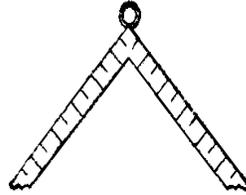
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From the East



Brethren,

I would like to thank all

of you for making my year in the East a most enjoyable one. It has been one of the most memorable experiences of my life. I want to thank all my officers for their efforts. They have done an amazing job in accomplishing the things I have asked them to do. I want to thank all the brethren for all their ideas and assistance when needed. There is no better feeling than knowing you are there when needed. I hope you give Brother Blackmore the same help and assistance as you have me as he starts his journey through the East. He has a fine group of officers to assist him and you in the government of YOUR lodge. Please help him continue to make Plano Lodge a place you can be proud of.

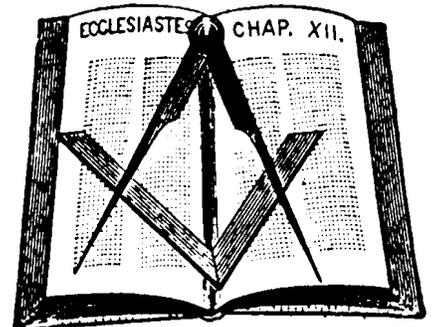
June will be another busy month. Is there any other kind for Plano Lodge? We will have degree work every Thursday night. Come join us and see some new faces, some old faces, but all friendly

faces. We look forward to seeing everyone. Installation will be June 26th. Come help make this a special day for Gene. It is an amazing feeling to look at the lodge room full of people helping you start your time in the East.

Once again, thanks to all who have helped me over the past year, and throughout my Masonic journey. Without you and your support, I wouldn't have been able to do it. I look forward to being able to continue to serve Plano Lodge in any manner that I can.

Fraternally,

Mike Heidenreich



The Lions Paw

An important form found among Freemasons is the "Lion's Paw," or grip formed by placing the fingers in the form of a cat's paw. This grip, and its attendant reference to the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, has significance in several respects, both legendary and allegorical. Its message of transition and everlasting life are a critical part of the Third Degree.

As a symbol, the lion has been a favorite subject prior to the Christian era as well as during the Middle Ages. As a



result, there is some confusion regarding its symbolism in Freemasonry. The lion has in all ages been noted as symbol of strength and sovereignty.

The "King of the Beasts," whose mighty roar brought fear to the hearts of all, was known and respect by many ancient cultures. The lion's head and mane were placed on many Egyptian hieroglyphs,

idols, and the famous Sphinx, recognizing this animal as the ruler of the animal kingdom. Having the "heart of a lion"

was, and is today, deemed an acknowledgment of strength and character. Medieval knights adorned their shields and coats of arms with representations of lions, lion's heads, manes, and paws. Richard, the Lion Hearted, and his famous shield of three lions are well documented, both in history and legend, signifying his sovereignty over England.

As a symbol, the Jews sometimes used the lion as an emblem of the Tribe of Judah as they expected the Messiah to descend from this tribe. This reference carried over to Christianity where the Lion of the Tribe of Judah refers to Jesus Christ, the Messiah. To the ancient craft, this symbolism was seen further in the death and the resurrection to life of man. Legend had that a lion's cub, or whelp,

Calendar of Events for February

Plano Lodge Events

June 3 – Stated Meeting
(Election of Officers)

June 10 – EA degree

June 17 – Degree

June 24 - Degree

June 26 – Installation of New Officers, 10:00 AM, (9:00 AM for current officers)

July 1 - Stated Meeting

Special Events

- Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting June 14th.
- Hella Shrine stated meeting June 17th
- Plano Assembly Rainbow #320, June 8th & 22th
- Plano Chapter #702 Order Of Eastern Star June 21th
- Plano Shrine Club meeting June 29, 6:30 Los Rios CC

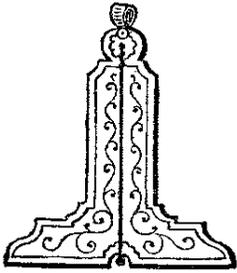
Certificate Practice sessions

Beginning Wednesday June 9th there will be practices sessions at the Plano Lodge to learn the esoteric work in preparation for the certificate exam which be held in September. These sessions will all begin at 6:30 PM.

Certificates are awarded at Grand Lodge for Masons who have been found proficient in three classes of esoteric work. A 'C' certificate shows proficiency in opening and closing of all lodges and the Q & A's. The 'B' certificate include the latter plus all degrees and floor work. An 'A' includes the above plus the three lectures.

June study sessions will cover EA and FC work. July will include FC and Master's work, and August will cover Masters and EA work.

Senior Warden's Column



I am grateful for the honor and the confidence of the members of this great lodge that elected me as worshipful master for the new Masonic

year. I look forward to the coming year and will do my best to serve this lodge and prove myself worthy of that confidence. It is indeed a challenge to follow Brother Heidenreich and those who have gone before, so I will be counting on the help, advice, and support of our fine group of past masters and they can expect to hear from me asking their advice and guidance.

I am fortunate to have a very qualified team of officers to help me thru the upcoming year and want to take this opportunity to introduce. Senior Warden Joe Moses, Junior Warden Fred Smith, Treasure Warner Richeson, Secretary Harry (Tiny) Powell, Senior Deacon Chris Rhodes, Junior Deacon J.J. Miller IV, Senior Steward Scott Shaeffer, Junior Steward Jim McNeese, Master of Ceremonies Pieter van Meeteren, Marshall Billy Meeks, Chaplin

Lewis Fetzer and Tiler Sam Tiner.

Installation is set for Saturday June 26, 2004 at 10:00AM. The Installing officer will be Right Worshipful Past Grand Master David DeBrill and the Installing Marshall Harry (Tiny) Powell. This will be an Open Meeting and I invite all to attend an bring you families with you.

We will begin having ritual study every Wednesday at 6:30 PM to get ready for the annual certificate exams in September. June will be devoted to the E.A. and FC. degrees, July to FC and Masters degrees and August to the Masters and E.A. Degrees. Certificate exams are customarily held the Monday after Labor day so the Wednesday prior to that we will review whatever people want to work on. Come out to study and have a good time any Wednesday.

We are registering to take part in the Plano Independence Day Parade to be held Saturday July 3. The registration will be as Plano Masonic Bodies and we hope to have Plano Eastern Star and

Rainbow, Richardson DeMolay, Plano Shrine Club represented As well as Plano Lodge for this event. Thanks to Plano Shrine for their support in this effort. I Invite every one to come to the parade to have a good time and show your support of the various Masonic bodies.

COME TO LODGE AND BRING A FRIEND. THIS IS YOUR LODGE PARTICIPATE IN IT AND TAKE PRIDE IN IT.

Kester "Sez"

The Dallas Valley of the Scottish rite will have a one day reunion on August 14th. The next three day reunion will be October 16th and 23rd and November 6. November 6th will also be a one day reunion.

See Larry Kester for Name badges. A Blue Lodge emblem and name only on blue background.

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.

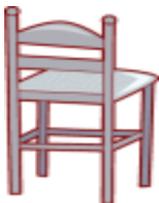
A reminder to all Shriners; there is a fine and active Shrine Club here in Plano. Meetings are the last Tuesday of every month at the Los Rios County Club. Start time is: Social Hour at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$17.00 per person, for dinner and entertainment. Dues are \$25.00 per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

Larry Kester; Plano Shrine Club Membership Chairman

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.

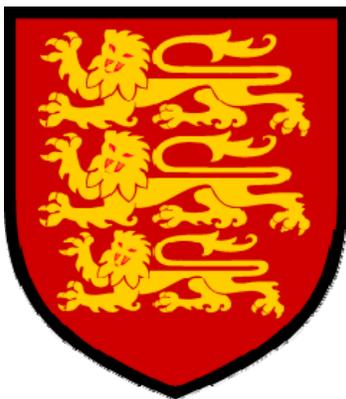
So far we have adopted out, 49 out of 88 Chairs, (55%), for a total of \$5,000.00 for the Lodge Building Fund. Need more sold! If you are a member and not purchased a chair in yours or a loved ones name I urge you to do so now. It's a little way to leave something behind for ever, in your name, in your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



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was born dead and brought to life by the roar of its sire. As such, the reference to the lion may be applied to the Messiah, who brought life and the light of immortality to the tribes of Israel, through the roar of God's word.

The Freemason is introduced to the symbolism of the lion's paw during the Master Masons degree during the portrayal of the Hiram legend where the reference is to the spiritual resurrection and immortality. The



symbolism of resurrection clearly is an important part of a Freemason's journey and quest for Light. In moving from darkness to Light, the Freemason recognizes his

personal transformation and improvement, but the great step forward is made in the Third degree.

From the hand of a trusted Brother one is raised to a higher level of spiritual understanding and with

the strength so gained, may become a better man and Freemason.

Sand hills outdoor degree

The Annual Sandhills Masonic Reunion at the Smith Ranch in Crane County will be held August 21st.. The Knights of Mecca of Heller Shrine will perform a Master Mason's Degree. After a day of fellowship (including dominoes and games) a fish fry will be served at 5 PM. Sponsored by the MWSA of District 82. For info, contact Neel Wright - FAX: 432-366-3806 - Email: Neelwright@msn.com or PO Box 226, Gardendale, TX 79758.

Bus transportation is being organized by the Knights of Mecca, leaving the DFW area Saturday morning, attending the degree and returning the same day. The cost is estimated to be around \$40. See Bob Foster if interested.