

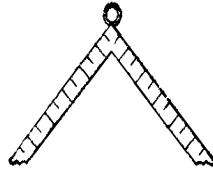
Back East

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Brethren:

This is my first opportunity to address you from the East and there is a lot to talk about. I am getting up to speed on the progress of our brethren working to be raised to the level of Master Masons. We will have at least two EA degrees in July and quite likely three. With this volume of labor we will be quite busy and can use everyone's help conferring degrees and teaching the esoteric work. It may be necessary to do two degrees on some nights, but it is my goal to complete our work in lodge as close as possible to 9:00PM.

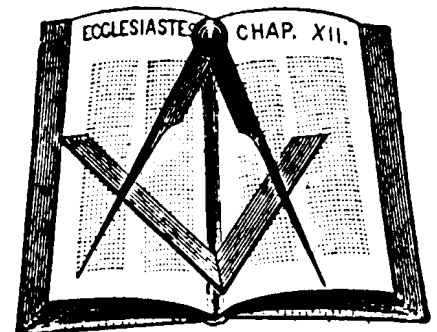
We may plan some Saturday degrees during the coming year to keep the work moving and to make time for some good fellowship over breakfast. I have always enjoyed visiting over bacon, eggs, biscuits, gravy and a good cup of coffee on a Saturday morning before doing degree work. By the Stated meeting on July 1st the rest of the calendar should be firmed up.

At 7:30AM on Saturday morning, July 3rd, we will meet at the Plano Senior High parking lot at for Plano's Independence Day Parade. Anyone wishing to help decorate the trailer and take part in the pa-

rade is welcome to join. We will have the Rainbow and other affiliated orders joining in to make a good representation of Masonic Bodies in Plano. Plano Senior High is located at 2200 Independence Parkway in the northeast corner of Independence and Park.

Finally, after talking with some past masters I am looking into to restoring some old traditions at Plano Lodge. This December marks the 110th year since Plano 768 was granted a charter from The Grand Lodge of Texas during the annual Grand Communication. Let's talk about how to celebrate our birthday. Come to lodge and find out what I'm talking about. Make your suggestions heard so we can achieve what is best for your lodge. I want to do things right and have fun doing them.

In the Light, Gene Blackmore

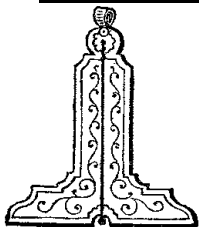


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Out West



Brief History of the United States Marine Corps

On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia passed a resolution stating that "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces with the fleet. This resolution, established the Continental Marines and marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps. Serving on land and at sea, these first Marines distinguished themselves in a number of important operations, including their first amphibious raid into the Bahamas in March 1776, under the command of Captain (later Major) Samuel Nicholas. Nicholas, the first commissioned officer in the Continental Marines, remained the senior Marine officer throughout the American Revolution and is considered to be the first Marine Commandant. The Treaty of Paris in April 1783 brought an end to the Revolutionary War and as the last of the Navy's ships were sold,

the Continental Navy and Marines went out of existence.

Following the Revolutionary War and the formal re-establishment of the Marine Corps on 11 July 1798, Marines saw action in the quasi-war with France, landed in Santo Domingo, and took part in many operations against the Barbary pirates along the "Shores of Tripoli". Marines participated in numerous naval operations during the War of 1812, as well as participating in the defense of Washington at Bladensburg, Maryland, and fought alongside Andrew Jackson in the defeat of the British at New Orleans. The decades following the War of 1812 saw the Marines protecting American interests around the world, in the Caribbean, at the Falkland Islands, Sumatra and off the coast of West Africa, and also close to home in the operations against the Seminole Indians in Florida.

The Chuckwagon



The kitchen is in good hands this year with our new Stewards—Scott Shaeffer and Jim McNeese.

Here's what's for dinner in July.

1-Jul Tex-mex casserole

8-Jul Smothered pork chops

15-Jul Beef stroganoff

22-Jul Chili

29-Jul Hamburgers & FF

And it's all low-fat and low-carb!

Stop Alzheimer's!

And improve your memory.

Certificate practice began Wednesday, June 9th at Plano Lodge in preparation for the certificate exam.

Practice begins at 6:30 PM every Wednesday. The certificate exam will be given Monday, September 13 at 6PM.

This is one of the most important labors for the blue lodge craft and an amazing way to learn more about Masonry than you ever thought possible.

July study sessions will include FC and MM work, and August will cover MM and EA work.

Calendar of Events for July

Plano Lodge Events

July 1 – Stated Meeting
(First stated meeting of the new Masonic year.)

July 8 – EA degree

July 15 – Degree

July 22 - Degree

July 29 – Degree

August 5 - Stated Meeting

Events for the Super-Mason

- Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting July 12.
- Hella Shrine stated meeting July 15th
- Plano Assembly Rainbow #320, July 13th & 29th
- Plano Chapter #702 Order Of Eastern Star July 19th
- Plano Shrine Club meeting June 27, 6:30 Los Rios CC

Down South

One of the main duties of the Junior Warden is the supervision of the Craft during the hours of refreshment. As such, I would like to recommend to you the several activities being planned outside of the work of the Lodge in the coming days.

First, Plano Lodge has registered to enter the Plano Independence Day parade. The parade is to be held on Saturday July 3rd. We have invited the Plano Eastern Star, Plano Rainbow Assembly, Plano Shrine Club and the Richardson Order of DeMolay to take part in this event with us. Please meet at the parade assembly area early Saturday morning to decorate the float and get an early start in the parade. Let's show the city what Plano Masonry is about.

Second, the first annual, "Masonic Lodge Night with the Frisco RoughRiders" is to be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2004. This event is being organized by Chuck Flanagan Cor-

porate Marketing Manager for the RoughRiders. We will be providing more information about this event during Lodge meetings this month.

And, lastly, the Worshipful Master has assigned me to coordinate a phone chain for this year. The phone chain will consist of the officers of the lodge and any and all other brothers who want to assist in spreading the word when necessary to routinely stay in touch with those we don't see as often as we would like. Please let me know if you can help with this very important effort.

Fred Smith

E-mail my Trestleboard !!!

Send me your e-mail address and I will e-mail you your trestleboard each month in an Adobe *.pdf file format.

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This Internet thing might just catch on yet!!

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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Quotes for Independence Day

Nothing of importance happened today. - King George III in his diary - July 4, 1776

We must all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately. - Benjamin Franklin - July 4, 1776

Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company. - George Washington

I have sworn upon the alter of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man. - Thomas Jefferson

It is a principle incorporated into the settled policy of America, that as peace is better than war, war is better than tribute. - James Madison

It is impossible for the man of pious reflection not to perceive in it a finger of that Almighty hand which has been so frequently and signally extended to our relief in the

critical stages of the revolution. - James Madison

On the distinctive principles of the Government ... of the U. States, the best guides are to be found in... The Declaration of Independence, as the fundamental Act of Union of these States. - James Madison

They accomplished a revolution which has no parallel in the annals of human society. They reared the fabrics of governments which have no model on the face of the globe. They formed the design of a great Confederacy, which it is incumbent on their successors to improve and perpetuate. - James Madison

[D]emocracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security, or the rights of property; and have, in general, been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths. - James Madison

Whilst the last members were signing it Doctr. Franklin looking towards the Presidents chair, at the back of which a rising sun happened to be painted, observed to a few members near

him, that Painters had found it difficult to distinguish in their art a rising from a setting sun. - James Madison

Every post is honorable in which a man can serve his country. - George Washington, letter to Benedict Arnold, September 14, 1775

If there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my child may have peace. - Thomas Paine

The Grecians and Romans were strongly possessed of the spirit of liberty but not the principle, for at the time they were determined not to be slaves themselves, they employed their power to enslave the rest of mankind. - Thomas Paine

Remember democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide. - John Adams