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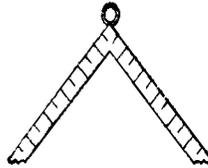
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**Blood Drive  
October 30 !**



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The first lesson taught you in Masonry is Charity.

Charity takes many forms in today's world and is not only limited to donating to needy causes. It is the goal of every good Mason to return to his community something in the way of service, volunteer work, civic participation or what ever may work best for each person. Homes and lives have been saved by members of volunteer fire departments. Cities have been spared the ravages of flood by citizen volunteers filling and placing sandbags to meet rivers escaping their banks. The recent hurricanes in Florida have demonstrated how communities can come together to weather incredible storms, clean up afterwards, and return to normal.

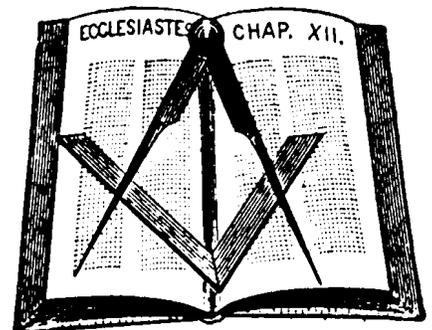
As Masons, we have many opportunities to practice the lesson of Charity in our lodges and in our communities. The Gift of Life Blood Drive is held twice each year at our Lodge. This fall it will be on **OCTOBER 30 - SIGN UP NOW!** (Details on page 2.) We have fun every Halloween passing out candy at the GardenRidge Mall. Come join us...you will be glad you did. The Lodge sends money each year to the Masonic

Home and School at Christmas and for Graduation. You can also personally help sponsor a child at the School. The Scottish Rite Hospital is one of the best ways Masons make our community better for everyone. We have Several Members of Plano Lodge that regularly drive children to Houston and Galveston from the Dallas area for treatment at the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital and the Shriner's Children's Burn Center. Volunteer programs are available to any Mason with a little time to give.

Charity makes you feel better about yourself, improves your community and is the Masonic way of Life.

TRY IT. YOU WILL LIKE IT.

In the Light,  
Gene Blackmore



## Down South

The Gift of Life program came into being in 1994 with the help of the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association of the 14th District. Garland Masonic Lodge had been running a successful Blood Drive Program for several years, and several key Masons saw that it could be expanded to a statewide program. Area coordinators were appointed and assigned several Lodges. Training sessions were held, and a Blood Drive Manual was created. With the cooperation of Carter BloodCare, the program flourished, and in 1996-97 the program became a Texas Grand Lodge Program under the supervision of Grand Master Joseph W. Regian, 33°

To date the Gift of Life program has produced the following results:

- Thousands of units of blood have been collected.
- Lodges have been visited by hundreds of non-Masons.
- Several petitions for membership

have been received.

- Local Masons have demonstrated to their community the viability and involvement of the Masonic Fraternity.

Masons have bonded in statewide fraternal fellowship for a worthwhile cause.

Brothers, this is one of the easiest ways to serve our Fraternity and our community. It takes about an hour on a Saturday morning, in between the other usual Saturday morning errands. And, maybe it gives you an opportunity to talk about Masonry to a friend at work or elsewhere.

Please sign up and show up to give your blood for this worthy cause. And, bring your family and that friend.

Fred Smith, Junior Warden

## The Chuckwagon



A special Halloween menu will be served on the 28th. Don't miss it...I hear it is to die for.

October dinner menu:

**7 - Enchiladas**

**14 - Beef stroganoff**

**21 - Ham & potato soup**

**28 - Witches brew, stickers, thorns, zombie loaf**

## Blood Drive October 30!

Our goal this fall is to donate 100 units of blood for the Gift of Life program in Texas. We have been very close and with the hard work of everyone we should be able to achieve it.

The Blood Drive is very important to our lodge, so let's work hard to make this goal by helping get the word out.

### How to sign-up:

The blood drive runs from 7AM to 3PM. You can sign up by calling any of the Officers of the Lodge or by e-mailing your name and time to:

**plano\_blood\_drive@yahoo.com**

## Calendar of Events for October

### Plano Lodge Events

- Oct 7 – Stated Meeting
- Oct 14 – TBD degree
- Oct 21 – FC degree
- Oct 28 - TBD degree
- Oct 30 - Plano Lodge Blood Drive
- Oct 31 - Gardenridge Mall Trick-or-Treat
- Nov 2 - Presidential Election
- Nov 4 - Stated Meeting

### Events for the Super-Mason

- Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting October 11th.
- Hella Shrine stated meeting October 21st.
- Plano Assembly Rainbow #320, October 12th & 26th.
- Plano Chapter #703 Order Of Eastern Star October 18th.
- Plano Shrine Club meeting October 26, 6:30 Los Rios CC

# Masons in History “The suppression of Freemasonry in Nazi Germany.”

**PART 1 of a 3 part series**

Source: The American Mercury, Volume LII, No. 206, published in **February 1941**.

**The Annihilation of Freemasonry**  
by *Sven G. Lunden*

There is only one group of men whom the Nazis and the Fascists hate more than the Jews. They are the Freemasons. In Italy, indeed, the anti-Jewish feeling is of recent vintage and largely artificial, whereas the black-shirt hatred of Freemasonry is old and deep. In their own countries Hitler and Mussolini inaugurated their respective reigns with outrages against Masons and Masonic institutions, and they have never relaxed the systematic persecution. Now Nazi conquests of other European nations -- whether by invasion of forcible "persuasion" -- are followed automatically by hostile measures against Freemasons. From Norway to the Balkans, the progress of the Swastika has brought outlawry, and often vandalism and death in its wake for all Masons. The anti-Semitic excesses have been widely reported, the anti-Catholic outrages have had considerable publicity, but the merciless totalitarian assaults on Freemasonry have not receive a tithe of the world-wide attention they richly merit. They are practically an unknown chapter.

Nazi and Fascist publications leave no doubt of their belief that all evil in the world, from the high mortality rate among the dinner guests of the Borgias down to the Versailles Treaty, has been the work of Freemasons, alone or with the help of Israel. In "Mein Kampf", Hitler merges his twin phobias:

"The general pacifistic paralyzation of the national instinct of self-preservation, introduced into the circles of the so-called 'intelligentsia' by Freemasonry, is transmitted to the great masses, but above all to the bourgeoisie, by the activity of the great press, which today is always Jewish."

And one of the first official statements made by Hermann Goering in his capacity as Prime Minister of Prussia, when the Nazis took over power in 1933, was that "in National Socialist Germany there is no place for Freemasonry.: That view was not news. It had run through all the Nazi propaganda and had been an intrinsic part of the Fascist attitude in Mussolini's realm.

After the German debacle of 1918, the frustrated man who had been the virtual master of Germany's destinies, General Erich Ludendorff, sought an outlet for his bitterness in diatribes against Freemasonry. Right up to his death, Ludendorff devoted himself wholly to propaganda intended to prove that the war, the ensuing German revolution, and most other world ills had been the doing of the Masons. He published a pamphlet entitled "Annihilation of Freemasonry Through the Revelation of Its Secrets" wherein the so-called secrets of Freemasonry were "revealed" for the hundredth time since the foundation of the Order in 1717, without, however, annihilating Masonry. The senile general's main thesis was that Freemasonry is a Jewish device intended to make "artificial Jews." On one page the hand that had led Germany to disaster in 1918 wrote: "It is

cheating the people to fight the Jew while allowing his auxiliary troop, Freemasonry ... to function."

The Nazis continued where Ludendorff left off. But others had preceded them in Mason-baiting. In 1917, as one of their acts, the Bolsheviks dissolved all lodges in Russia. In 1919, when Bela Kun proclaimed the dictatorship of the proletariat in Hungary, one of his first decrees ordered the dissolution of Masonic lodges. In 1925, Spain's first dictator of this generation, General Primo de Rivera, ordered the abolition of Freemasonry in his country.

Benito Mussolini went about the same business more methodically. Having established his regime, Il Duce proceeded step by step to exterminate the lodges and the influence of Italian Freemasonry. Even the Nazi apostle, Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, has admitted in his book "Masonic World Policies" that the Freemasons had been the creators of the united democratic Kingdom of Italy. But this did not win them any mitigation of horrors at the hands of ultra-patriotic Fascists. In 1924, Mussolini decreed that every member of his Fascist Party who was a Mason must abandon one or the other organization. Thereupon General Cappello, one of the most prominent Fascists, who had held the post of Deputy Grand Master of Grande Oriente, Italy's leading Grand Lodge, gave up membership in Fascism rather than betray his Masonic ideals. He was to pay dearly for this loyalty. Less than a year later, he was charged with complicity in an attempt on Mussolini's life. It was a palpable frame-up by an OVRA

**Scripture for October**

**The Israelites pass through the Red Sea:**

Exodus 14

**Moses plans the tabernacle:**

Exodus 25

**The tabernacle's supports, covering, and so forth:**

Exodus 26

**Workmen of the tabernacle:**

Exodus 31

**Erection of the tabernacle:**

Exodus 40

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## **Blood Drive - October 30!**

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stoolpigeon name Quaglia, but General Cappello was sentenced to thirty years in prison, where he probably still lingers.

In the summer of 1925 Mussolini got around to dissolving Italian Freemasonry. In an open letter to Il Duce, the Grand Master of the Grande Oriente, Domizio Torrigiani, had the courage to stand up for democracy and freedom of thought. The price he paid was exile to the Lipari islands. After nearly going blind there, he died soon afterwards. Hundreds of other prominent Masons shared the harsh Lipari exile with him. At the peak of the anti-Mason agitation, in 1925-27, blackshirt strong-arm squads looted the homes of well-known Masons in Milan, Florence and other cities, and murdered at least 100 of them.

The Nazis acted more swiftly. Immediately on Hitler's rise to power, the ten Grand Lodges of Germany were dissolved. Many among the prominent dignitaries and members of the Order were sent to concentration camps. The Gestapo seized the membership lists of the Grand Lodges and looted their libraries and collections of

Masonic objects. Much of this loot was then exhibited in an "Anti-Masonic Exposition" inaugurated in 1937 by Herr Dr. Joseph Goebbels in Munich. The Exposition included completely furnished Masonic temples.

The persecution was carried over into Austria when the country was captured by the Nazis. The Masters of the various Vienna lodges were immediately confined in the most notorious concentration camps, including the horrible living hell at Dachau in Bavaria. The same procedure was repeated when Hitler took over Czechoslovakia, then Poland. Immediately after conquering Holland and Belgium, the Nazis ordered the dissolution of the lodges in those nations. It was also Point One on the agenda of Major Quisling in Norway. It may be taken as part of the same ugly picture that General Franco of Spain in 1940 sentenced all Freemasons in his realm automatically to ten years in prison. When France fell last June, the Vichy government caused the two Masonic bodies of France, the Grand Orient and the Grenade Loge to be dissolved, their property being seized and sold at auction.

The countries which are still ostensibly independent, but actually under the heel of Germany, must prove their conformity to the Nazi pattern by taking harsh measures against Masonry. In Hungary the dissolution of the lodges was unnecessary because they were never allowed to resume after Bela Kun was overthrown. Mason-baiting is one "principle" on which White Terrors and Red Terrors have always agreed. Rumania recently prohibited Freemasonry to prove its subservience to Germany. Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, inhabited by level-headed and tolerant peasantry, were also obliged to enact the twin sets of laws -- anti-Semitic and anti-Masonic -- that demonstrate "friendship for Hitler".

The summary does not begin to convey the full terror of the Calvary to which Freemasonry has been subjected wherever the totalitarians took power. Murder, imprisonment, economic looting, social outlawry have been the bitter lot of individual Masons. Rapine has been the fate of their organizations, their treasures, their institutions of charity.

**(Part 2 of 3 coming next month.)**