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### Lodge Officers

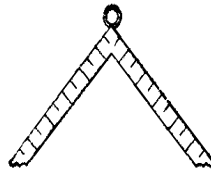
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Brethren:

What makes a Lodge successful is a multitude of facts, the utmost is faithful members who attend on a regular basis and live their lives as good examples of Masonry. Good Masons who walk the walk and talk the talk, attract new members to the lodge. We are encouraged by Grand Master Elmer Murphy to wear our Masonic emblems, and if we do that, and lead a true Masonic life others will notice and become interested in being a part of our fraternity.

Successful lodges have a membership true to their obligations who pay their dues to support their lodge in it's endeavors. Each year, as with all other lodges, we have a certain number of our members who require multiple reminders to remit their dues or go suspended. These reminders create unnecessary work for the secretary and excessive expense to the lodge in the form of postage and office supplies. Let's be mind-

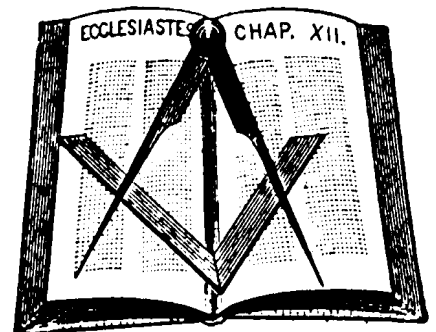
ful of this and get our dues paid promptly.

Because charity is the first lesson taught we need to help out in the support of our Masonic charities such as the Masonic Home And School, Disaster relief to lodges in disaster areas, and coming to the relief of brothers in need. Although the School is being closed, we still have an obligation to support our Masonic orphans and a new fund will be established through Grand Lodge for that purpose, we cannot fail to support that effort.

Support you lodge, both with your dues and your attendance.

In the light

R. Gene Blackmore



## Things that make you go hmmmm?!?

During the course of some research delving deeper into the Nazi oppression of Freemasonry, I came upon a reference to two revolutionary Freemasons from the Grand Lodge of Russia. Their names... Vladimir Lenin and Leon Trotsky. Even more interesting was what Mackey's Encyclopedia had about the subject in the 1929 edition.

Source: Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, by Albert G. Mackey, © 1929 Volume II, pg. 894

During the whole of the nineteenth century, Russian Freemasonry if not dormant was at least hidden and entirely negligible. The revival of interest in spiritual matters which coincided with the beginning of the twentieth century brought about a revival in the interest of Freemasonry. A few prominent Russian intellectuals joined French Lodges. Professor Bajenoff joined at Paris the Scottish Rite Lodge *Les Amis Reunis*. Paul Jablochkov, world-famous electrician, founded the Lodge Cosmos under the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite at Paris where in 1906 about fifteen Russian publicists joined French Lodges.

These brethren on their return to Russia organized two Lodges, one in St. Petersburg, the Polar Star, and a Lodge at Moscow. These Lodges were instituted with great ceremony in May, 1908, by two representatives of the Grand Orient of France and up to 1909 six Lodges were organized. There was an interval in their activity over police restrictions and then these Lodges were reopened in 1911, working under the Grand Orient of France, with practically no ritual and having an avowedly political aim in view, namely, that of the overthrow of autocracy.

There was what was known as a Supreme Council, an administrative Body whose members were elected for three years. This organization had no regularity and enjoyed no recognition abroad. In 1913 and 1914 the organization nevertheless had about forty-two Lodges chiefly composed of members of the cadet party. The first revolution in March 1917 is said to have been inspired and operated from these Lodges and all the members of Kerensky's Government belonged to them. After the Bolshevik Revolution most members of these Lodges emigrated, and after a long inactivity they were successful in forming under the auspices of the Grand Orient of France a new Polar Star Lodge at Paris.

Four other Lodges working in Russia have been organized under the Grand Lodge of France, and there is also a Lodge of Perfection and a Rose Croix Chapter working in Russian at Paris the rituals of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite under the Supreme Council. The volume of the Sacred Law is always on the altar at the meetings of these four Lodges and the work is said to be usually a study of the deeper meanings of Freemasonry. The four Craft Lodges work with a committee which in fact represents what the Brethren believe to be the future Grand Lodge of Russia.

The Supreme Council has sanctioned a temporary committee in the higher Degrees which represents the nucleus of the future Supreme Council for Russia of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. On February 10, 1927, a Russian Consistory, called *Rossia*, was formed.

## The Chuckwagon



April is the month to start planting fresh vegetables for the Stewards to cook up.

April dinner menu:

- 7 - Enchiladas**
- 14 - Beef stroganoff**
- 21 - Ham & potato soup**
- 28 - Hamburgers & FF**

Generous donations to the kitchen kitty showing your deep appreciation of our Stewards are always accepted.

### Scripture for April

**On the resurrection:**

**Matthew: 28: 1-4**

**Mark: 16: 1-8**

**Luke: 24: 1-11**

**John: 20: 1-10**

**Description of the several  
chambers of the Temple:**

**I Kings: 6: 5-8**

# City of Plano Elections - April 20 to May 7

## Warner Richeson,

our faithful Treasurer is running for Plano City Council, Place 5.

You can read about the race at:  
[www.warnerricheson.com](http://www.warnerricheson.com)

## Early Voting Starts April 20th!

**Early voting locations** - will be open April 20th to May 3rd, 8:00am - 5:00pm.

Extended early voting hours: Thursday, April 21st, 8:00am - 7:00pm.

- **Collin County Elections Department** 2010 Redbud Boulevard, Suite 102 - McKinney 75069
- **Carpenter Park Recreation Center** 6701 Coit Road - Plano 75024

- **Christ United Methodist Church** (temporary location) 3101 Coit Road - Plano 75075

- **Christopher A. Parr Library** 6200 Windhaven Parkway - Plano 75093

- **Collin County Community College, Spring Creek Campus** 2800 East Spring Creek Parkway - Plano 75074

- **Harrington Library** 1501 18th Street - Plano 75074

**PISD Administrative Center** 2700 West 15th Street - Plano 75075

## Saturday, May 7 Election day voting locations:

- precincts 52,61,68,103,141 vote at Armstrong Middle School 3805 Timberline Drive

- precincts 34,107,119,121,135,139 vote at Bethany Elementary School 2418 Micarta Dr.

- precincts 23,46,47,50,51,152,158 vote at Bowman Middle School 2501 Jupiter Road

- precincts 90,109,116,123,137,229 vote at Brinker Elementary 3800 John Clark Parkway

- precincts 21,54,62,66 vote at Carpenter Middle School 1501 Cross Bend Road

- precincts 15,19,53,65,70,71 vote at Haggard Middle School 2401 Westside Dr.

- precincts 58,77,91 vote at Hendrick Middle School 7400 Red River Dr

- precincts 31,32,63,76 vote at Hughston Elementary School 2601 Cross Bend Road

- precincts 14,81,86,89,108,112,124 vote at Robinson Middle School 6701 Preston Meadow Dr.

- precincts 64,69 vote at Schimelpfenig Middle School 2400 Maumelle

- precincts 28,75,105,143 vote at Shepton High School 5505 Plano Parkway

- precincts 39,85 vote at Thomas Elementary School 6537 Blue Ridge Trail

- precincts 26,49,67,72,138 vote at Wilson Middle School 1001 Custer Road

## Calendar of Events for April

### Plano Lodge Events

- Apr 7** - Stated Meeting
- Apr 14** - EA degree
- Apr 21** - degree
- Apr 25** - MWSA-Allen Lodge
- Apr 28** - degree
- Apr 30** - Blood drive  
7AM-3PM

### Events for the Super-Mason

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

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## Blood Drive, Saturday, April 30



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Blood Drive</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, April 30</b></p> <p>Plano Lodge</p> <p>First bleeding at 7:00AM.</p> <p>Last bleeding at 3:00PM.</p> <p>Breakfast and a Bar-B-Q lunch will be served.</p> <p>The Gift of Life Blood Drive for the Scottish Rite Hospital is very important to the lodge. Please take the time to come give blood for the children.</p> <p>Contact JJ Miller or Tim Pedregon for more information.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adopt a Chair Program</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ONLY 38 CHAIRS LEFT!!!</b></p> <p>The Adopt-A-Chair Program is still available.</p> <p>Chairs are \$100.00 each.</p> <p>This is an excellent way remember a loved one and/or leave a little something of yourself in your lodge forever.</p> <p>If you would like to purchase a chair, see Larry Kester.</p> <p>He also has Lodge name tags available for approx. \$7.55.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Serenity Prayer</b></p> <p>God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.</p>
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