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## Golden Trowel Award—May 18

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**Lewis Robinson** is being presented the Golden Trowel award for all of his work and dedication to our beloved fraternity. Plano Lodge will present this award to Lewis on **Wednesday, May 18** at Plano Lodge.

Dinner will be at 6:00 PM, the Award will be presented at 7:00 PM.

### Some history of the Golden-Trowel.

“The trowel is considered the appropriate working-tool of a Master Mason, because, in Operative Masonry, while the Apprentice is engaged in preparing the rude materials, while require only the Gage and Gavel to give them their proper shape, the Fellowcraft places them in their proper position by means of the Plumb, Level, and Square; but the Master Mason alone, having examined their correctness and proved them true and trusty, secures them permanently in their place by spreading, with the trowel, the cement that ir-

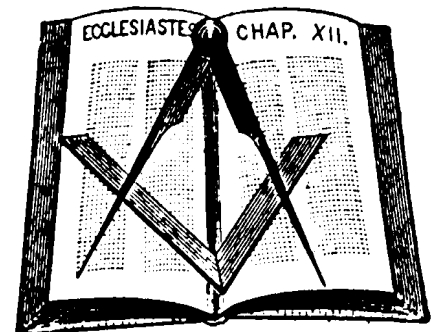
revocably binds them together.” Mackey’s Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry.

The Golden Trowel Award is given to a brother as a formal recognition from the Lodge for his devoted service to Masonic principles in general or to his Lodge. It is intended for the brother who, year after year, quietly, but actively demonstrates his devotion to the teachings of Masonry without thought of recognition or special honors. This brother spreads the living cements that builds our Fraternity into a true Brotherhood.

The Golden Trowel is designated as the highest award a Lodge can bestow upon an individual member.

Visit our website at:

<http://Planomasoniclodge.org>



## The Fool's Prayer

by Edward Rowland Sill

The royal feast was done; the King  
Sought some new sport to banish care,  
And to his jester cried: "Sir Fool,  
Kneel now and make for us a prayer!

The jester doffed his cap and bells,  
And stood the mocking court before;  
They could not see the bitter smile  
Behind the painted grin he wore.

He bowed his head and bent his knee  
Upon the monarch's silken stool;  
His pleading voice arose: "O Lord,  
Be merciful to me, a fool!

"No pity, Lord, could change the heart  
From red with wrong to white as wool;  
The rod must heal the sin: but, Lord,  
Be merciful to me, a fool!

" 'Tis not by guilt the onward sweep  
Of truth and right, O Lord, we stay;  
'Tis by our follies that so long  
We hold the earth from heaven away.

"These clumsy feet, still in the mire,  
Go crushing blossoms without end;  
These hard, well-meaning hands we thrust  
Among the heart-strings of a friend.

"The ill-timed truth we might have kept -  
Who knows how sharp it pierced and stung?  
The word we had not sense to say -  
Who knows how grandly it had rung?

"Our faults no tenderness should ask,  
The chastening stripes must clense them all;  
But for our blunders - oh in shame  
Before the eyes of heaven we fall.

"Earth bears no balsam for mistakes;  
Men crown the knave, and scourge the tool  
That did his will; but Thou, O Lord,  
Be merciful to me, a fool!"

The room was hushed; in silence rose  
The King, and sought his gardens cool,  
And walked apart, and murmured low,  
"Be merciful to me, a fool!"

II Corinthians 11:19

## Pope Clement XII

With all of the publicity surrounding the passing of Pope John Paul II and the installation of Pope Benedict XVI, it is interesting to see how far we have come as a society. From the treatment the members of the fraternity used to endure to the delicate freedom we have in America, times have certainly changed.

A Pope who assumed the pontificate on the 12th of August, 1730, and died on the 6th of February 1740. On the 24th of April, 1738, he published his celebrated Bull of Excommunication, entitled *In Eminenti Apostolatus Specula*, in which we find these words:

"For which reason the temporal and spiritual communities are enjoined, in the name of holy obedience, neither to enter the society of Freemasons, to disseminate its principles, to defend it, nor to admit nor conceal it within their houses or palaces, or elsewhere, under pain of excommunication *ipso facto* for all acting in contradiction to this and from which the pope only can absolve the dying."

Clement was a bitter persecutor of the Masonic Order, and hence he caused his Secretary of State, the Cardinal Firrao, to issue on the 14th of January, 1739, a still more stringent edict for the Papal States, in which death and confiscation of property, without hope of mercy, was the penalty or, as the original has it, "sotto Pena della morte, e confiscazione de beni da incorressi, irremissibilmente senz a speranza di grazia."

## The Chuckwagon



Cinco de Mayo is Spanish for five dollar dinners in May. Please, help keep the kitchen kiddy healthy.

May dinner menu:

**5 - Fajitas**

**12 - Sausage & Rice casserole**

**19 - Chicken & dumplings**

**26 - Spaghetti**

April showers bring May flours.  
(Maybe we can use it to make a bread pudding.)

### Scripture for May

**Matthew 7: 1-11**

**Matthew 7: 12-29**

**Luke 6: 35-38**

**Psalms 89: 13-17**

**Jeremiah 10: 23-24**

**Jeremiah 23: 5-6**

**Isaiah 59: 1-21**

**Jonah 2: 1-9**

# 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 May

Plano Lodge Events	Events for the Super-Mason
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**May 5** - Stated Meeting

**May 12** – degree

**May 18** - Golden Trowel Award

**May 19** – degree

**May 26** – degree

- Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting May 9th.

- Hella Shrine stated meeting May 19th.

- Plano Assembly Rainbow #320, May 10th & 24th.

- Plano Chapter #703 Order Of Eastern Star May 16th.

- Plano Shrine Club meeting May 31, 6:30 Los Rios CC

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### **National Treasure**

National Treasure, the movie made famous by Nicholas Cage about the Knights Templars treasure and the link to Freemasonry and our founding fathers will be released to DVD on Tuesday, May 3.

If you have not seen this movie, do so. If you have, I'm sure you will be buying a copy of it.

P.S. Even my wife liked it!

### **Adopt a Chair Program**

**ONLY 38 CHAIRS LEFT!!!**

The Adopt-A-Chair Program is still available.

Chairs are \$100.00 each.

This is an excellent way remember a loved one and/or leave a little something of yourself in your lodge forever.

If you would like to purchase a chair, see Larry Kester.

He also has Lodge name tags available for approx. \$7.55.

### **The Serenity Prayer**

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.