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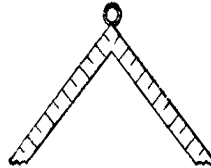
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## Back East



Brethren:

One Masonic year is about to end and another Masonic year is about to begin. I want to thank all the officers and past masters of Plano for their support and words of wisdom and advise during the past year. It has been a pleasure to serve this lodge and its members.

eral good brothers and I would like to thank John Creel and Charles McKay for conducting burial services in the absence of Ed Ochs. Ed, we have missed you greatly and pray for your return.

I look forward to a great new Masonic year and will stand ready to help the new officers any way I can.

Thank you all for the great year.

Visit our website at:

<http://Planomasoniclodge.org>

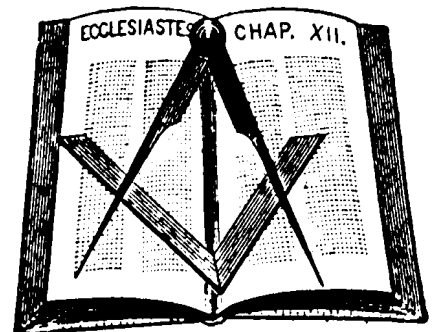


We have had a good year with our last blood drive being a great success, thanks to J.J. Miller, Tim Pedregon and the blood drive committee. Tiny has guided me through the various twists and turns of running the Lodge, Scott Shaeffer has fed us very well, and what more can you ask for?

We suffered the loss of sev-

In the light,

R. Gene Blackmore



## 2005-2006 Lodge Officers

WM - Joe Moses  
 SW - Fred Smith  
 JW - Chris Rhodes  
 Secretary - Tiny Powell  
 Treasurer - Warner Richeson  
 SD - JJ Miller  
 JD - Scott Shaeffer  
 SS - Adam Demasellis  
 JS - Clay Smith  
 MS - Robert Tate  
 CP - David Raucher  
 MC - Pieter Van Meeteren  
 TR - Ron Lawrence

Installation will be on Saturday, June 25, 2005 at 10AM. This is an open meeting and you are encouraged to invite friends and family.

Lunch will be provided after the installation.

Current and pending Officers need to arrive at the Lodge at 9AM.

## Brazil prints Masonic stamps

On Aug. 20, 2004, Brazil issued four different stamps dedicated to Freemasonry, a very strong organization in that coun-try. The design concepts were suggested by Dr. Re-nato Mauro Schramm, 33°, president of the Ma-sonic Stamp Club of Brazil.



The final artist was Joao Guilherme. The first stamp fo-cuses on the pil-lars of wis-dom, strength and beauty. The second represents the apprentice, polishing the rough stone (ashlar). The third shows Jacob's Ladder and the fourth the square, level and plumb.

### A very unique rendition of a Masonic door knocker.



## The Chuckwagon



Another year has passed and make sure to thank Scott for the wonderful job he has done in the kitchen.

June dinner menu:

- 2 - Smothered pork chops**
- 9 - Vegetable beef soup**
- 16 - Tamale Pie**
- 23 - Tuna casserole**
- 30 - Pulled pork**

**Thanks for all of your  
work Scott!!**

## National Treasure

National Treasure, the movie made famous by Nicholas Cage about the Knights Templar's treasure and the link between Free-masonry and our founding fathers was 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. It has peaked an interest in Masonry for a lot of people.

P.S. Even my wife liked it!

# Freemasonry and the Saints John

## Saint John the Baptist

One of the Patron Saints of Freemasonry, and at one time, indeed, the only one, the name of Saint John the Evangelist having been introduced subsequent to the sixteenth century. His festival occurs on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June, and is very generally celebrated by the Masonic Fraternity.

Dalcho says that “the stern integrity of Saint John the Baptist, which induced him to forego every minor consideration in discharging the obligations he owed to God; the unshaken firmness with which he met martyrdom rather than betray his duty to his Master; his steady reproof of vice, and continued preaching of repentance and virtue, make him a fit patron of the Masonic institution.”

The Charter of Cologne says: “We celebrate, annually, the memory of Saint John, the Forerunner of Christ and the Patron of our Community.” The Knights Hospitaller also dedicated their Order to him; and the ancient expression of our instructions, which speaks of a “Lodge of the Holy Saint John of Jerusalem,” probably refers to the same saint.

Krause, in his *Kunsturkunden* gives abundant historical proofs that the earliest Freemasons adopted Saint John the Baptist, and not Saint John the Evangelist as their patron. It is worthy of note that the Grand Lodge of England was revived on Saint John the Baptist’s Day, in 1717 and that the Annual Feast was kept on that day until 1725, when it was held for the first time on the Festival of the Evangelist. Lawrie says that the Scottish Freemasons

always kept the festival of the Baptist until 1737, when the Grand Lodge changed the time of the annual election to Saint Andrew’s Day.

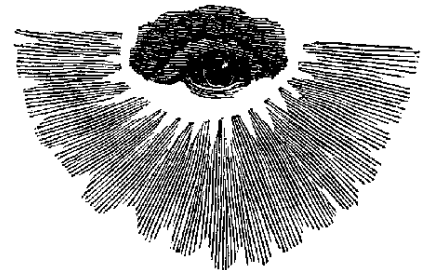
## Saint John the Evangelist

One of the Patron Saints of Freemasonry, whose festival is celebrated on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December. His constant admonition, in his Epistles, to the cultivation of brotherly love, and the mystical nature of his Apocalyptic visions, have been, perhaps, the principal reasons for the veneration paid to him by the Craft.

Notwithstanding a well-known tradition, all documentary evidence shows that the connection of the name of the Evangelist with the Masonic Order is to be dated long after the sixteenth century, before which time Saint John the Baptist was exclusively the patron saint of Freemasonry. The two are, however, now always united, for reasons set forth in the article on the *Dedication of Lodges*, which see.

## Calendar of Events for June

Plano Lodge Events	Events for the Super-Mason
<b>June 2</b> - Stated Meeting (Election of Officers)	• Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting June 13th.
<b>June 9</b> – EA degree	• Hella Shrine stated meeting June 16th.
<b>June 16</b> - EA degree	• Plano Assembly Rainbow #320, June 14th & 28th.
<b>June 23</b> – MM degree	• Plano Chapter #703 Order Of Eastern Star June 20th.
<b>June 25</b> – Installation - 10 am	• Plano Shrine Club meeting June 28, 6:30 Los Rios CC
<b>June 30</b> – TBD degree	



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**Installation - Saturday, June 25, 2005 - 10:00AM.**



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## **Scottish Rite Announcement**

There will be a Scottish Rite one day Reunion on August, 13th.

The next 3 day Reunion starts October 1, 2005. Anyone desiring a petition, please contact Larry Kester, or any other Scottish Rite Mason.

You must complete and passed your Master Mason's proficiency before you can petition any of the appendant bodies.

## **Adopt a Chair Program**

**ONLY 35 CHAIRS LEFT!!!**

Now is the time to remember a loved one forever. It is also a chance to help the Lodge Building Fund

**BY PURCHASING A CHAIR**  
in your own name.

Chairs are \$100.00 each.

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.