

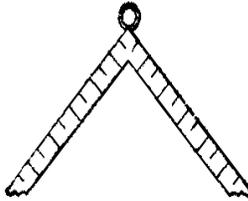
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The Chronicles of Moses



Brethren,

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for electing me as your Worshipful Master. I look forward to an exciting year. I will do everything, in my power, to make this a great year for Plano Lodge.

As we enter into this new Masonic year, I am reminded of the charge that was given me as an Entered Apprentice Mason: "Your prompt attendance at our meetings, when at labor, is earnestly solicited; yet it is not meant that Masonry should interfere with your necessary vocations, for these are, on no account, to be neglected." So with that I say, if you can attend our meetings please do. If you can't, because of your necessary vocations, I definitely understand. However, it would be tremendous to see you and meet the brethren that I have not yet met. I firmly believe that our fraternity is the greatest in the world.

I was told that after being passed to Fellow-craft that my past behavior, and regular deportment had merited me the honor of fellow-craft, and in my present character I was expected to conform to the principles of the Order. And after being raised, I was told that I was bound by duty, honor and gratitude to be faithful to my trust, to sup-

port the dignity of my character on every occasion and to enforce by precept and example, obedience to the tenets of the Order.

I would also like to commend Gene Blackmore for his diligent duty as Worshipful Master in 2004-2005. He is an asset to Plano Lodge, and I will seek his advice, as well as, other past masters of our lodge during my term.

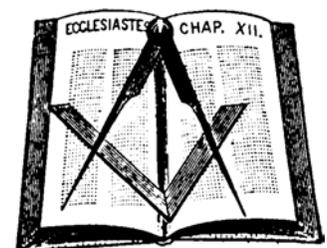
I look forward to the opportunity to work with a fine group of officers. I have discussed goals of the lodge and goals of the officers for my Masonic year. This will be a strong group of officers, that are willing to teach and listen to every concern.

Brethren, because I believe so much in our fraternity, I will do everything in my power to uphold those charges. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you. And, as always, if there is anything that I can do to make your lodge better, or to assist you in any way, please feel free to call on me.

Fraternally,

Your Worshipful Master,

Joe Moses



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Plano Lodge #768 was chartered in 1894. The senior officers were:

Charter Master - James F. Rowland

SW - F.R. Ball

JW - James Mitchell



For more Plano Lodge history, visit our website at: www.planomasoniclodge.org



Cornerstones

Why is Masonry involved in the placement of Cornerstones?

References to cornerstones are found in various places in the Holy Bible in both the Old and New Testaments that indicate the antiquity of the cornerstone and its uses. Because Freemasonry is non-sectarian and because Freemasonry is heir to the historical tradition of building, it is the appropriate organization to dedicate or symbolically level the cornerstone of a public or religious edifice. For this purpose, Freemasonry provides a special ritual to govern the proper performance of that duty. Among the ancients, cornerstones were laid with impressive ceremonies.

The Masonic cornerstone ceremony, like most customs, has evolved over years of use. The symbolism of the cornerstone, when duly laid with Masonic Rites, is full of significance. The cornerstone must be perfectly square on its surfaces. The cornerstone will symbolically lie between the north and east. To permanence, the stone, when deposited in its appropriate place, is carefully examined with the necessary implements of operative Masonry which include the square, the level, and the plumb. The cornerstone is then declared to be "well formed, true and trusty." Lastly, the elements of Masonic consecration are produced and the stone is solemnly set apart by pouring corn, wine, and oil upon its surface, emblematical of the nourishment, refreshment and joy which are to be the rewards of a faithful performance of duty.

Cornerstones are the first stones placed at ground level. Generally, the first stone is placed in the northeast corner, from which the building traditionally commences. They are part of the structure, and therefore, are placed before or as the building is built.

 **MASONS THEN AND NOW**

Here are a few well known masons past and present.

William (Bud) Abbott - Abbott and Costello, comedy duo

Edwin F. (Buzz) Aldrin - Second person to walk on the moon.

Gene Autry - Actor and cowboy singer. ("Back in the Saddle Again")

Frederic Bartholdi - Designed the Statue of Liberty.

Daniel Carter Beard - Founder of The Boy Scouts of America.

Francis J. Bellamy - A Baptist Minister who created The Pledge of Allegiance.

Mel Blanc - Voice of Bugs Bunny, Elmer Fudd and many others.

Sam Hornish Jr. - Indy car driver who placed 3rd @ Texas Motor Speedway in June.

Ed Ochs - Fighter pilot, esoteric instructor, and a great American.

Here are a few that are thought to be masons but, in fact, were not raised.

Neil Armstrong - The first person to walk on the moon.

Lance Burton - World famous magician. (related to Larry?)

Walt Disney - Member of the DeMolay.



Rosslyn Chapel

(Part 1) Rosslyn Chapel, or the Collegiate Chapel of St. Matthew as it was to have been, was founded in 1446 by Sir William St. Clair, third and last St. Clair Prince of Orkney. It is in fact only part of the choir of what was intended to be a larger cruciform building with a tower at its centre.

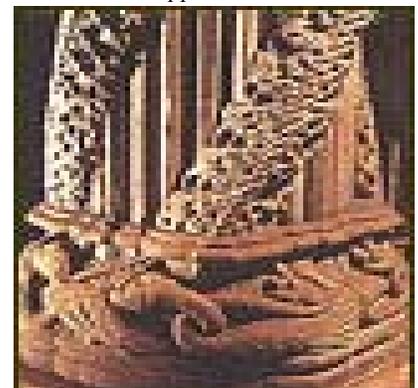
After Sir William died in 1484, he was buried in the unfinished Chapel and the larger building he had planned was never completed. But the foundations of the nave are said to have been excavated in the

nineteenth century, and found to extend ninety-one feet beyond the Chapel's original west door, under the existing baptistery and churchyard.

The principal authority on the history of the Chapel and the St. Clair family is Father Richard Augustine Hay, Canon of St. Genevieve in Paris and Prior of St. Piermont. He examined historical records and charters of the St. Clairs and completed a three volume study in 1700, parts of which were published in 1835 as a genealogy of the Sainteclaires of Rosslyn. His research was timely, since the original documents subsequently disappeared.

Prince William, as his age was creeping up on him, came to consider how he had spent his times past, and how he was to spend his remaining days. Therefore, it came into his mind to build a house for God's service, of most curious work. He caused artificers to be brought from other regions and foreign kingdoms and caused daily to be an abundance of all kinds of workmen present as masons, carpenters, smiths, barrowmen and quarriers. The foundation of this work he caused to begin in the year of our Lord 1446.

The Apprentice Pillar



Calendar of Events for July

Plano Lodge Events

- July 7 - Stated Meeting
- July 14 - Degree
- July 21 - Degree
- July 28 - Degree

Plano Order of Eastern Star #703

July 18 - Stated Meeting

Remember brethren, any wife, daughter or friend of a mason is eligible for Eastern Star membership. Bring your wife or older daughter to a meeting this month.

Plano Rainbow Assembly #320

July 12 - Stated Meeting

July 26 - Initiation

Hey brothers, Rainbow membership is declining, and they need our help. Any daughter of a mason or a friend of a rainbow girl ages 11-21 is eligible.



The Chuck wagon

Say hello to our new pot scrubber, Clay Smith. Ask Adam for his great authentic Italian spaghetti.

- July 7 - **Chicken Stir Fry**
- July 14 - **Chicken Spaghetti**
- July 21 - **Meatloaf**
- July 28 - **Red Beans, Rice and Sausage**

Adopt a Chair Program

ONLY 35 CHAIRS LEFT!!!

Remember a loved one forever, and help grow the Plano Lodge Building Fund.

Chairs are \$100.00 each.

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

He also has Lodge name tags available

Eye on Grand Lodge

Find the following on The Grand Lodge of Texas website: www.grandlodgeoftexas.org

Grand Lodge hotel pre-registration forms are now available.

The Masonic Educational Audio Program narrated by Plano Lodge's own, Bro. Charles Mckay, is also available.

Events for the Super-Mason

- Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting July 11th.
- York Rite Dallas July 13th.
- Hella Shrine stated meeting July 21st.
- Plano Shrine Club meeting July 26.

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 pass your Master Mason's proficiency before you can petition

Around District 9

M.W.S.A. - Next Meeting July 25 @ 7:30 p.m. (dinner at 6:30 p.m.). Location: Blue Ridge #490
Contact: Mike Heidenrich

Blue Ridge Golf Tourney - July 13th @ 9 a.m.
Location - Leatherwood Ranch in Farmersville (north side of Hwy. 380 one mile east of Farmersville.)
Contact: Harold Myers captan@texoma.net

- Stated meetings in District 9 -
- Tue. 7/5 Lebanon #837 - 7 p.m.
 - St. John's # - 7:30 p.m.
 - East Fork #650 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Mon. 7/11 Celina #919 - 7 p.m.
 - Blue Ridge #490 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Tue. 7/12 Allen #1435 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Thu. 7/14 Lee #435 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Melissa #569 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Empire #586 - 8:00 p.m.
 - Tue. 7/19 Farmersville #214 - 7:30 p.m.
 - Tue. 7/26 Princeton #1436 - 7:30 p.m.

Greet and meet other brethren close to home.



Q&A with a Past Master



Brother Harry F. Powell III
"TINY"

1975-1976

1. **Where were you born?**
Abilene, Texas

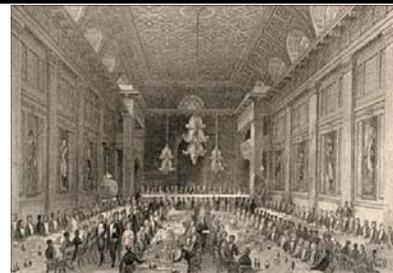
2. **What is your best memory of childhood?**
Fishing at Grandmother's farm.

3. **What was the highlight of your term as Worshipful Master?**

Bi-Centennial message from President Gerald Ford.

4. **Who influenced you to become a freemason?**
My father and uncle.

5. **In 10 words or less, explain Freemasonry.**
"A way to be the best you can be."



Care to take a guess where this Freemasons Hall was located?

- 1. Boston
- 2. Barcelona
- 3. London
- 4. Munich

(If you guessed London circa 1870, you are correct)

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FUN & GAMES

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MASONIC WORD SCRAMBLES

- EUAQRS** _____
- _____
- NWREDA** _____
- WLEJE** _____
- TRCIEEOS** _____
- TSMREA** _____
- _____



The Alkborough Maze
 Trace your path through the maze from the entrance at its top to the white spot at its center.

The real maze is cut in the turf at Alkborough in Lincolnshire, England. The maze known as "Julian's Bower" is the unicursal maze, first mentioned in 1697 and believed to date from the medieval period. The turf maze was still used for May-eve games until about 1850.



Did you know you can use your analog watch as a compass on a sunny day?

Look at your watch and point the hour-hand in the direction of the sun. Imagine a line which runs from the center of the watch through a point half-way between the hour-hand and #12. This line will point south.

An easy one. Rearrange the following letters in such a way to make one word. **E D O R N O W** _____