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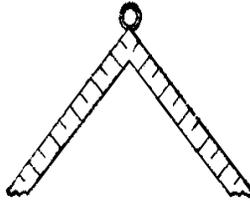
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At the first stated meeting of Plano Lodge No. 768, a petition for initiation was received and read on Mr. Wallace Hughston, son of Thomas F. Hughston. Mr. Wallace Hughston received his EA Degree on 15 February 1895. He was passed on 16 March and raised on 13 April 1895. He was the second MM raised by Plano Lodge No. 768. Who was the first?

To find out the answer, visit our website at: www.planomasoniclodge.org



The Chronicles of Moses



THE LESSON OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER

There are many lessons contained in the Entered Apprentice Degree, but few more dramatic and as important as those communicated to the Mason when placed in the Northeast corner.

From the Northeast corner, the new EA stands upright as a plumb line and faces the Worshipful Master in the East. Here he is made to understand his responsibilities for his future conduct and his Masonic life. He is told his Masonic life now begins and the choices between darkness and Light are his.

The placement of the EA is to remind us of the most important stone in a building, namely the cornerstone. From both location and quality, the cornerstone always gives stability and direction to the construction of a building. Thus it is that the new EA is expected to construct his spiritual Temple, with an understanding of uprightness, Brotherly love, and improvement.

It is here that the EA is taught

the importance of charity, especially with respect to his Brothers. The symbolism of a metallic substance refers to the unrefined metal and is to remind him of his earthly nature. As the Lodge represents the world and the Heavens, it is by giving up the earthly pursuits that the new EA is to erect his spiritual temple. The frequent use of a coin carries the same message, for its refinement indicates man's attempts to mold nature, but still present are the lessons of the base nature of man and his earthly pursuits.

Thus we see the placement between North and East is to teach us we will face many choices in the building of our Temple. Our direction should be toward the Light, and as our Brothers may help us, we are to help them. Our goal is to be "like a stone" and preparing for that Spiritual home, "that house not made with hands." Such are the lessons found in the Northeast corner.

As always, I look forward to seeing all of you.

Fraternally,

Your Worshipful Master,

Joe Moses



The Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas

To separate the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas from the Republic of Texas is most difficult. Since a large number of the participants were Masons, they were virtually the same.

As 1837 dawned, the Treasury was almost devoid of funds, plans for the defense of the republic had hardly begun, and the economy was shaky. Yet, it was a society full of hope.

Anson Jones had returned to Houston and re-opened Holland Lodge No. 1. Milan Lodge No. 2 at Nacogdoches and McFarland Lodge No.3 at San Augustine had formed. In November, 1837, Holland Lodge passed a resolution inviting the lodges at Nacogdoches and San Augustine to meet with Holland Lodge in Houston on the 27th of December for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge.

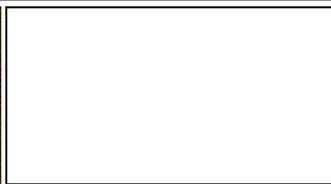
The assembly actually was held on December 20 in the Senate Chamber of the capitol building with Sam Houston presiding. Anson Jones moved that the several lodges "consider it a matter of right, and for the general benefit of the Order" to organize themselves "into a Grand Lodge. The motion passed unanimously.

Adolphus Sterne of Milan Lodge then moved that all Master Masons present be made members of the Grand Lodge, and in a second motion, that they proceed to elect Grand Officers. Anson Jones was elected Grand Master. The rules and by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana were adopted and a committee was appointed to draft a

Constitution.

In April, 1838, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was adopted with changes to fit this Grand Lodge. No reason was given for switching from the Louisiana to the Tennessee Constitution.

Like its forebears, the Constitution stated that its members were Ancient York Rite Masons practicing Masonry, as it was agreed to at York, England, in 926 A.D. The words "York Rite Masons" were dropped from the Constitution in 1858, and since that time we have been known as Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. In 1846, the "Act to Incorporate the Society of Free Masons, composed of Lodges and Chapters" was adopted. Finally, in 1849, came the "Act to Incorporate The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in and for the State of Texas, under the name and style of "The Grand Lodge of Texas," and so it has been ever since.



(Part 3)

On December 11, 1688, shortly after the protestant William of Orange had landed in England and displaced the Catholic James II, a mob from Edinburgh and some of the villagers from Roslin entered and damaged the Chapel. Their object was to destroy the furniture and vestments, which were now regarded as Popish and idolatrous.

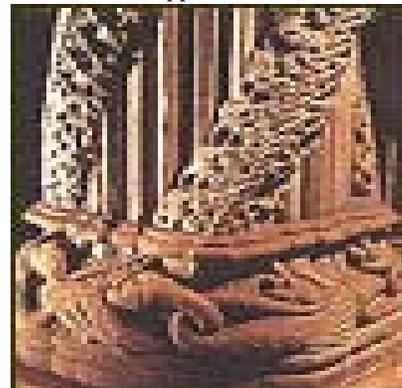
The Chapel remained abandoned until 1736, when St. James St. Clair glazed the windows for the first time.

He also repaired the roof and relaid the floor with flagstones. The boundary wall was also built at this time. Further repairs to the Chapel were undertaken at the beginning of the 19th century. It was agreed that Sunday services should begin again. Edinburgh architect David Bryce carried out the restoration work. The carvings in the Lady Chapel were attended to, stones were relaid in the crypt, and an altar was established.

The Chapel was rededicated Tuesday April 22, 1862, by the bishop of Edinburgh. In 1880-1881, Francis Robert, 4th Earl of Rosslyn, added the aspe to serve as a baptistery with an organ loft above. The Earl also filled the baptistery arch with the handsome oak tracery which you see today, decorated with his crest. Together with the two Chapel doors, this is the only wood used in the construction of the building.

In 1915, a report observed: "The stone work of the Chapel is in fairly good order and requires very little done to it...a few of the stones are crumbling but not to the extent to cause an alarm. The roof was repaired, as there were gaps and cracks throughout.

The Apprentice Pillar

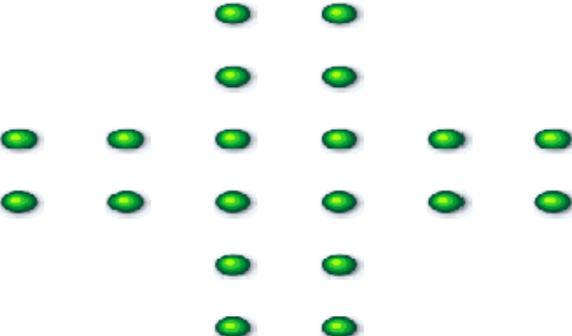


Calendar of Events for August

<p align="center">Plano Lodge Events</p>	<p align="center">Eye on Grand Lodge</p>	
<p>September 1- Stated Meeting September 8 - TBD September 12 - Cert. exam September 15 - TBD Sept. 16-18 - Warden retreat September 22 - TBD September 29 - TBD</p>	<p>The Wardens Retreat will be in Dallas on September 16-18 at the Richardson Hotel (701 East Campbell Rd., Richardson).</p> <p>Senior and Junior Wardens of Texas Lodges, all Officers, Officers of appendant Masonic bodies, all Master Masons and their spouses are invited to attend.</p>	
<p align="center"> The chuck wagon</p>	<p>This program teaches leadership and management training for upcoming Lodge and Masonic leaders.</p> <p>There will be special programs for spouses, as well. Bring them along to learn what Masonry has to offer.</p>	<p align="center"><i>Plano Blood Drive</i></p> <p><i>Date: Saturday, October 29th</i></p> <p>Do you want to save a child's life? How much would be lost if no one gave blood? Saturday, October 29th is your opportunity to save a child's life and be a hero! Our goal this time will be 100 units of blood. To achieve this goal we will need everyone to participate.</p> <p>And, we will have great prizes, giveaways and drawings for brethren that bring in non-masons to donate their blood.</p> <p>The prize categories will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone that gives blood. • Masons that give doubles and bring a non-mason that gives doubles. • Masons that give doubles and bring two or more non-masons that give doubles. • Grand prize for the Mason that brings in the most units. <p>We also have golf shirts/polos to help you get donors. The shirts are white with red lettering that say "Gift of Life" above a square and compasses. Below the square and compasses it says "Blood Brother". Shirts are \$35. Contact JJ Miller if you want a shirt</p> <p align="center"><i>Give the GIFT OF LIFE!</i></p>
<p>September 1 - Tamale Pie September 8 - Spaghetti September 15 - Chicken & dumplings September 22 - Beef Stroganoff September 29 - Chili</p>	<p align="center">Events for the Super-Mason</p>	
<p><u>Plano Order of Eastern Star #703</u> September 19 - Stated Meeting <i>Remember brethren, any wife daughter or relative of a mason is eligible for Eastern Star membership. Bring your wife or daughter to a meeting this month.</i></p> <p><u>Plano Rainbow Assembly #320</u> September 13 - Stated Meeting September 27 - Initiation</p> <p><u>Get your daughter or grand-daughter involved in Plano Rainbow</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting September 13.. • York Rite Dallas September 14. • Hella Shrine, no meeting. • Plano Shrine Club meeting September 27. <p align="center">Scottish Rite Announcement</p> <p>There will be a 3 day Scottish Rite Reunion on October 1, 2005. Anyone desiring a petition, please contact Larry Kester, or any other Scottish Rite Mason.</p> <p>You must complete and pass your Master Masons proficiency before you can petition any of the appendant bodies.</p>	
<p align="center">Adopt a Chair Program</p> <p align="center">ONLY 35 CHAIRS LEFT!!!</p> <p>Remember a loved one forever, and help grow the Plano Lodge Building Fund.</p> <p align="center">Chairs are \$100.00 each.</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 align="center">Around District 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated meetings in District 9 - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thu. 9/1 Plano #768 - 7 p.m. Tue. 9/6 Lebanon #837 - 7 p.m. St. John's # - 7:30 p.m. East Fork #650 - 7:30 p.m. Thu. 9/8 Lee #435 - 7:30 p.m. Melissa #569 - 7:30 p.m. Empire #586 - 8 p.m. Mon. 9/12 Celina #919 - 7 p.m. Blue Ridge #490 - 7:30 p.m. Tue. 9/13 Allen #1435 - 7:30 p.m. Tue. 9/20 Farmersville #214 - 7:30 p.m. Tue. 9/27 Princeton #143 - 7:30p.m. 	



Fun & games

<p style="text-align: center;">Masonic Word scrambles</p> <p>Ritel _____</p> <p>Utercle _____</p> <p>Ndteicdaa _____</p> <p>AHRMI FIBAF _____</p> <p>Irtcsidt yutepd _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>Solutions™ (size, location, condition, known and/or district degree)</small></p>	<p>Match the Geometric term with the correct definition:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">1. Circle</td> <td style="width: 50%;">a. an angle greater than 90 degrees.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Acute angle</td> <td>b. a rectangle having all four sides of equal length.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Right angle</td> <td>c. a position in space.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Square</td> <td>d. the intersection point of two sides.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. Point</td> <td>e. an angle less than 90 degrees.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6. Obtuse angle</td> <td>f. a closed plane.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7. Vertex</td> <td>g. a 90 degree angle.</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">(Solutions: 1-F, 2-E, 3-G, 4-B, 5-C, 6-A, 7-D)</p>	1. Circle	a. an angle greater than 90 degrees.	2. Acute angle	b. a rectangle having all four sides of equal length.	3. Right angle	c. a position in space.	4. Square	d. the intersection point of two sides.	5. Point	e. an angle less than 90 degrees.	6. Obtuse angle	f. a closed plane.	7. Vertex	g. a 90 degree angle.
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 <p style="text-align: center;">THE COAT OF ARMS OF THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;">  </div> <div style="flex: 2; padding-left: 20px;"> <p>The solution is 21.</p> <p>The goal is to find 21 perfect squares of all possible sizes hidden in the cross of dots. The inventor of this puzzle stated there were 17, but later studies found 21. Good luck!</p> </div> </div>														