

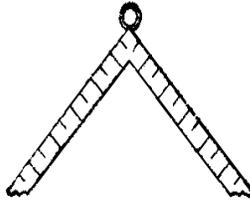
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**The Chronicles of Moses**



Brethren,

Within the Lodge room are found the ornaments of the Lodge, which are the Mosaic pavement, the Indented Tessel, and the Blazing Star, all of which reflect upon the moral and spiritual goals of our lives. This place of Masonic Light represents the source and wisdom through which we are to practice Brotherly Love and serve both the Craft and humanity. Dedicated to God, the Holy Book is placed upon an altar centered in the Lodge room, as it should be centered in our lives as reminder of our duty and obligations.

The Holy Book is placed upon an altar to teach us two important lessons, namely reverence and sacrifice. Reverence is appropriate each time we approach the altar. We should do so with solemnity and respect, for all of the Craft have come this way in seeking Light. In addition it is most important to recognize before whom we stand. Our prayers, our obligations, our ceremonies, and the business of the Lodge are centered about this place and the source of its wisdom.

There is a second lesson to be seen in the altar, for altars historically have been places of sacrifice. Noah

upon landing after the Flood, Moses upon crossing the Red Sea, and others have constructed structures above ground to offer a sacrifice to the Great Architect, in recognizing their dependence upon Him and gratitude for His guidance and protection. The Freemason should look deeper into his place before the altar in an expression of his sacrifice of his passions and vices in the pursuit of a better life, a purer heart, and more service to his fellow man.

Each time before our Holy altar we offer ourselves as Masonic stones to be fitted into noble deeds and a better world. Let us never forget our obligations to each other and to the Great Architect of the Universe.

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

Fraternally,

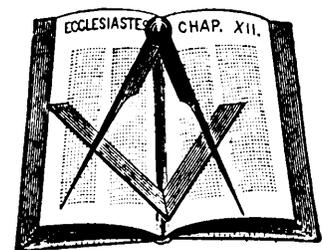
Your Worshipful Master,

Joe Moses

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Wallace Hughston had quite a distinguished Masonic career in addition to being WM of Plano Lodge. He served as DDGM of the 9th Masonic District (1923); he was appointed Grand Orater in 1928; he was elected Grand Juniiur Warden in 1929, served in each of the succeeding stations until he was elected Grand Master of Masons of Texas in 1932.

For more lodge history, visit our website at: [www.planomasoniclodge.org](http://www.planomasoniclodge.org)





## Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas

**Located in Fort Worth, Texas.**

With the recent dialogue going on between The Grand Lodge of Texas and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas, I thought it would be interesting to research their story.

The following information is a brief history on how Prince Hall Lodges came to be, their beliefs and customs:

A significant event happened in Masonry on March 6, 1775. John Batt, working under the authority and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, initiated Prince Hall and fourteen (14) other free black men into Masonry in Army Lodge #44. When the British Regiments left Boston on March 17, 1776, a dispensation was issued by Batt authorizing Prince Hall and his brethren to meet as a lodge under restrictions. Under this permit, African Lodge #1 was formed July 3, 1776. Official acknowledgment of the legitimacy of African Lodge #1 was almost immediately made by John Rowe of Boston, a Caucasian and provincial Grand Master of North America holding authority from the premier Grand Lodge of Freemasons, the Grand Lodge of England. He, too, issued a permit authorizing African Lodge #1 to appear publicly in procession as a Masonic Body for the purpose of Celebrating the Feasts of Saints John and to bury its dead.

Finally, in March, 1784, Prince Hall petitioned the Grand Lodge of England through Worshipful Master William Moody of Brotherly Love Lodge #55 (London, England) for a warrant of Constitution.

The Charter was prepared and issued on September 29, 1784, although it would be three years before African Lodge could actually receive it.

Moody sent a letter to Hall on March 10, 1787, stating the Charter was delivered to James Scott, Captain of the ship, Neptune, and brother-in-law of John Hancock. The Charter, signed by Deputy Grand Master Roland Holt and witnessed by Grand Secretary William White, reconstituted African Lodge No. 1 as African Lodge No. 459 and thus began the parallel lines of black and caucasion Freemasonry which continues to exist in America.

The same situation exists in Texas today but not in all States. Texas Prince Hall Masons are proud of their legacy and history that many worked hard for.

Before 1815, exclusive territorial jurisdiction was not an active and recognized doctrine of English Masonic Custom. The African Lodge of Boston exercised its right to establish other lodges, making itself a Mother Lodge, its Master Prince Hall having the authority to issue warrants on the same basis as Masters of Lodges in Europe.

African Lodges were constituted in Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and New York. On June 24, 1791, the African Grand Lodge of North America was organized in Boston with Prince Hall as Grand Master. In 1827, 45 years after the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had done so, African Lodge of Boston declared itself independent of the Grand Lodge of England.

Prince Hall died December 4, 1807. His successors were Nero Prince who sailed to Russia in the year 1808, George Middleton, Peter Lew, Samuel H. Moody and the well-known John T. Hilton.

The descendent Grand Lodges of African Grand Lodge changed their names to "Prince Hall Grand Lodge" with two exceptions.

Today, throughout the world, there are 44 "Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodges", some 5000 subordinate Lodges and more than 300,000 Prince Hall Masons.

The Church and Prince Hall Masonry for many years were the two strongest organizations in the black communities for many years. Masonic Lodge Halls were used as locations for church services and teaching blacks how to read and write. Prince Hall Masons utilized their resources to proved young black men and women scholarships to college, to provide various forms of charity in their local communities, and to assist in many other programs in the black communities. Ninety percent of the founders of black Greek Fraternities and Sororities were either Prince Hall Masons, Heroines of Jericho or Order of Eastern Stars.

Prince Hall Masonry is alive and well in the State of Texas. The Grand Lodge Office is located in Fort Worth, Texas. Operating under the auspices of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas are the Grand High Court Heroines of Jericho and the Norris Wright Cuney grand Chapter.

Their mission is to disseminate charity, promote the spirit of brotherly love; teach and encourage the idea of peace, harmony, and good will among the people and loyalty to the constituted authority of state and country.

The essential qualification for admission into and continuing membership is a belief in a Supreme Being. Membership is open to all men of any race or religion who can fulfill the essential qualifications and are of good repute.



# Calendar of Events for January

## Plano Lodge Events

January 5 - Stated Meeting  
 January 12- EA practice  
 January- 19- FC Degree  
 January 21- EA Degree  
 January 26- MM practice



### The chuck wagon

January 5 - TBD  
 January 12 - TBD  
 January 19 - TBD  
 January 21 - Breakfast  
 January 26 - TBD

### Plano Order of Eastern Star #703

January 16 - Stated Meeting

*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.*

### Plano Rainbow Assembly #320

January 10 - Stated Meeting

January 24 - Initiation

Get your daughter or grand-daughter involved in Plano Rainbow

## Adopt a Chair Program

**ONLY 33 CHAIRS LEFT!!!**

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

**Chairs are \$100.00 each.**

**New name tags are available at a special price of \$10.00 each.**

**Contact Larry Kester for more info.**

## Eye on Grand Lodge



**Grand Master  
Brian Dodson**

### Events for the Super-Mason

- Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting January 10..
- York Rite Dallas January 11.
- Hella Shrine.
- Plano Shrine Club meeting January 31

### Scottish Rite Announcement

## Around District 9

- Stated meetings in District 9 -  
 Thu. 1/5 Plano - 7 p.m.  
 Tue. 1/3 Lebanon - 7 p.m.  
 St. John's - 7:30 p.m.  
 East Fork - 7:30 p.m.  
 Th. 1/12 Lee - 7:30 p.m.  
 Melissa - 7:30 p.m.  
 Empire - 8 p.m.  
 Mo. 1/9 Celina - 7 p.m.  
 Blue Ridge - 7:30 p.m.  
 Tu. 1/10 Allen - 7:30 p.m.  
 Tu. 1/17 Farmersville - 7:30 p.m.  
 Tu. 1/24 Princeton - 7:30p.m.

**Come one, come all. Let us all celebrate the birthday of a Great American Mason!!!! Who is it you ask?**

**Is his name:**

1. Abe Lincoln
2. Ronald Reagan
3. George Washington

**You knew all along didn't you!**

**Mark your calendars on February 25 for the George Washington Birthday Celebration. Bring family and friends!**

**The location is Plano East High School. Live entertainment, dancing, and good fun will be had by all.**

**And the best thing will be the entertainment in the kitchen where "Al Drew and the Stewards" will be serving up great brisket and fix-ins. If you would like to help out in the kitchen, contact Adam or Clay.**

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**Thank you to the Brethren of Plano Lodge #768:**

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I just wanted to say "Thank You" to all of the brothers that assisted my wife and I after our car accident. It has been so special to see brethren getting together to help another brother who has fallen. It is so different and more meaningful when you are the one on the receiving end of such a great fraternity. Everyone helped in their own way but I would like to single out a few that went above and beyond the call of duty:

My Lovely Wife and son who took so very good care of me for days and weeks on end. I Love You both.

JJ and April Miller for always being there regardless of time or need.

Jim McNeese for organizing home cooked or restaurant meals being delivered to our house numerous times.

Clay Smith for loaning us his fathers recliner so that I was able to sleep for the first 6 weeks.

Tiny Powell who came over to my house and taught me my EA, FC, and Masters Q&A.

Robert Westenhaver for sitting and talking while my wife went out to run errands, and teaching my dog to fetch.

Chau Hung Teng and Chris Rhodes for taking me to lodge or bringing me home from lodge.

Adam DeMasellis and for coming over and mowing my grass, and Adam for doing the Trestleboard.

Terry Wagnon for keeping me up to date on what was happening at Farmersville Lodge #214.

All of the brethren that delivered wonderful meals to our home. They were all delicious!

Those brothers that helped move our bed ,TWICE, to a family member who had a bed I could sleep on.

And all the other brethren that I didn't name. If you ever need anything, don't hesitate to call on me!