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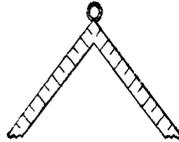
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The Chronicles of Moses



The Mason's Hand

Within operative masonry the hand is a tool with which to build. From drawing plans to the actual edifice, the hand is an efficient instrument of construction, molding mortar, brick, stone and other materials into a creation of beauty and service. It brings feeling, strength, and purpose together to the builder's use. Great temples are testaments to the hands of the artist, the builder, and the Freemason.

But to the Speculative Mason there is greater depth of meaning found in the hands. They are tools to reach out and aid Brothers to build their Temples. Time and again, in the darkness, as well as in the Light, a Brother is taken by the hand and given assistance, support, and guidance. The clasped hands are representative of the fidelity and trust which are essential to the character of a Freemason. "To lend a helping hand" reminds each of support and insuring a "hand to the back" in aiding, not only a fallen Brother, but all Brothers in their journey to a better life.

primarily through the hands, especially in the dark. We grope for familiar objects to find a path and when we find a friendly grip, or the hand of another, whom we know to be true and faithful, we move confident of direction and purpose. Hand in hand, we move forward toward Light.

While we know of the differences ascribed to the left and right hand, both have equal significance in allowing us to touch one another. The Hand of the Great Architect has always reached out to touch Man, and offer the Path to the Great Temple, not made with hands. His reaching out is an act of Love and Affection taught in each degree.

It is not without significance the clasped hands teach us to reach out toward our Brothers, and our fellow man, not only when asked, but when not asked! This voluntary act of Brotherly Love goes beyond obligation and represents an act of the will toward goodness and happiness in this world. To touch life is to do good, and to do good is to be a true Mason.

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

Fraternally,

Your Worshipful Master,
Joe Moses

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Brethren,

Our By-laws were sent out in March. There is a correction that will be handed out as an insert soon.

Thanks,

JD

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



Of the five human senses, feeling and touch are communicated

TEXAS LODGE OF RESEARCH
ARTICLE, PART 1 OF 3

The following is taken from volume XXXII 21 June—21 March 1998 of The Transactions of the Texas Lodge of Research book.

The article was published by Bates LeGrand, Full Member, Texas Lodge of Research, Past Master of Richardson Lodge #1214:

In many instances, the Circumambulation Scriptures read during the first three degrees in Masonry are given little thought. They are parts of the Holy Writings, however, and as such deserve attention.

Part 1

Entered Apprentice
Degree: Psalm 133

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity: It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garment: As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord com-

manded the blessing, even life forevermore.

This is one of approximately thirty-six songs of joy and praise that are recorded in the Book of Psalms, this being one of many written by King David. He begins by telling us to "observe," "take note," "be sure you understand or "examine closely" the joy and pleasure that is derived from unity or harmony among brethren.

The Psalmist gives two examples of how valuable the unity is. The first is that of the precious "ointment" or oil with which Aaron, Moses' older brother and spokesman, was consecrated as Israel's first high priest. Expensive as it was, it is evident that it was used here in abundance since it ran from his head to his beard and all the way down to the hem of his robe.

The second example is that the dew of Hermon, which was essential to the success of Israelite agriculture. They usually got the earlier and later rains, but the dew was necessary to sustain their crops during the long hot summers in that arid region. Mount Hermon is the most beautiful mountain in Israel, so one can imagine how much more beautiful it looked to the Israelites when it was covered with the life-sustaining dew. In the same manner, Mount Zion was beautiful to them because Jerusalem, the Holy City, was built there. This

is where they went to offer their sacrifices and to hold their religious feasts and where the Lord God made that blessed promise of life everlasting.

This Scripture was probably chosen because unity is essential to the success of Masonry. The unity we enjoy also adds to the pleasure of belonging to a fraternity of like-minded brothers, an interest in the same moral and ethical principles.

Calendar of Events for April

Plano Lodge Events	Eye on Grand Lodge	The Seasoned Mason																							
<p>April 6 - Stated meeting "Family Night"</p> <p>April 10 - Briscoe workshop</p> <p>April 13 - 1 EA Degree</p> <p>April 20 - 1 EA Degree</p> <p>April 27 - 1 FC Degree</p> <p>May 4 - Stated meeting</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">  <p style="text-align: center;">The chuck wagon</p> </div>	<p>If you would like to receive emails from Grand Lodge, just p o i n t a n d c l i c k www.grandlodgeoftexas.org.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Briscoe Workshop to be held at Plano Lodge.</p> <p>Monday April 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Seasoned Mason</p> <p style="text-align: center;">He sits on the side lines His hair has turned gray. We pass him by, as if to say, Sorry, Old Brother, you've had your day.</p> <p>If we would stop and shake his hand, and tell him we are glad he came. It would mean so much to a tired old man, just to feel the warmth of a friendly hand.</p> <p>He lays no claim to renown or fame, only a few remember his name. We may not know from whence he came, but he's our Brother just the same.</p> <p>He sowed the seeds for us to reap, he paved the way so we could meet. Ever humble yet somewhat proud, Ever alert to keep his vows.</p> <p>His stored up wisdom of many years, he leaves to us if we could only hear. We are Brothers; Let's act as such, For the years of the aged have seen much.</p>																							
<p>April 6 - Spaghetti</p> <p>April 10 - TBD</p> <p>April 13 - Beef Stroganoff</p> <p>April 20 - Chick. enchilada cass.</p> <p>April 27 - Burgers & venison saus.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Events for the Super-Mason</p>																								
<p><u>Plano Order of Eastern Star #703</u></p> <p>April 17 - Stated Meeting</p> <p><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></p> <p>April 11 - Stated Meeting</p> <p>April 25 - 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 April 11.. • York Rite Dallas April 12. • Hella Shrine. • Plano Shrine Club meeting April 25 <p style="text-align: center;">Scottish Rite News</p>																								
<p style="text-align: center;">Adopt a Chair Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONLY 30 CHAIRS LEFT!!!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Remember a loved one forever, and help grow the Plano Lodge Building Fund.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairs are \$100.00 each.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New name tags are available at a special price of \$10.00 each.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Larry Kester for more info.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>lhkester@comcast.net</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Around District 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated meetings in District 9 - <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">Thu. 4/6</td> <td style="width: 15%;">Plano - 7 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tue. 4/4</td> <td>Lebanon - 7 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>St. John's - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>East Fork - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Th. 4/13</td> <td>Lee - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Melissa - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Empire - 8 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mo. 4/10</td> <td>Celina - 7 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Blue Ridge - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tu. 4/11</td> <td>Allen - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tu. 4/18</td> <td>Farmersville - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tu. 4/25</td> <td>Princeton - 7:30p.m.</td> </tr> </table>	Thu. 4/6	Plano - 7 p.m.	Tue. 4/4	Lebanon - 7 p.m.		St. John's - 7:30 p.m.		East Fork - 7:30 p.m.	Th. 4/13	Lee - 7:30 p.m.		Melissa - 7:30 p.m.		Empire - 8 p.m.	Mo. 4/10	Celina - 7 p.m.		Blue Ridge - 7:30 p.m.	Tu. 4/11	Allen - 7:30 p.m.	Tu. 4/18	Farmersville - 7:30 p.m.	Tu. 4/25	Princeton - 7:30p.m.
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Masonic Humor

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Whose job is it?

This is the story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Horse Sense

A horse can't pull while kicking,
This fact I merely mention,
And he can't kick while pulling,
Which is my chief contention.
Let's imitate the good old horse
And lead a life that's fitting
Just pull an honest load—and then
There'll be not time for kicking.;

Fore!

All were sitting around after lodge one night over coffee and donuts. The Chaplain asked the Senior Deacon how come he doesn't play golf with the Master anymore. "That's easy!" was the reply. "Would you play golf with anyone who cheats—who picks up a ball when your back is turned—or who undercounts his score?" "Course not!" said the Chaplain. "Neither will the Master" said the Senior Deacon.