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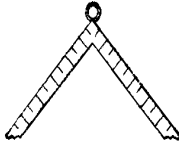
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The Chronicles of Moses



Brethren,

Well Brethren, we have had another very active month in April and are on track for another stellar month in May. I expect that we will have 3 MM degrees along with a couple of EA degrees. It looks as though some of our Saturdays may come into play.

Our lodge continues to grow and I am very proud of the members, week in and week out, who continue to contribute to our success. As our newly raised brethren continue to learn they continue to impress me with attention to detail when it comes to our ritualistic work.

Our blood drive was yet another success thanks to our brother Senior Deacon JJ Miller and ALL of the

brethren who helped make it successful. I believe that JJ will have a full report to give come this stated meeting.

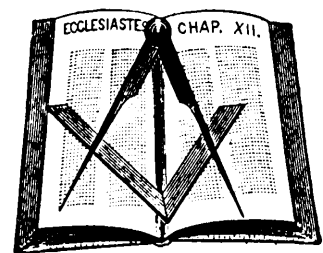
At our stated meeting in June we will be presenting the Lamar Awards and having our annual elections.

Please keep in mind that the agenda may be changed to accommodate the multiple degrees. We may need to set aside a couple of Saturday mornings to perform degree work. I will let you know.

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

Joe Moses

Worshipful Master



TEXAS LODGE OF RESEARCH
ARTICLE, PART 2 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 2

Fellowcraft Degree:
Amos 7:7-8

Thus He shewed me: and behold the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand.

And the Lord said unto me, "Amos, what seest thou?" And I said, "A plumb line". Thus saith the Lord, "behold, I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel. I will not again pass by them anymore.

Amos was a Judean shepherd in the middle 700s B.C. when he was chosen to be a prophet of God. His main calling was to warn the people of Israel of their impending destruction if they failed to repent their sins.

God delivered the nation of Israel from slavery in Egypt about 1270 B.C. by many miracles, signs and wonders.

After all these and many other miracles, the Israelites continued to be an obstinate and disobedient people. God tried on numerous occasions to bring them back into fellowship with Him. They would usually say they would obey Him, God would forgive them, and then they would revert to their wicked ways.


Then, in the days of Amos, some five hundred years after the Exodus, the Israelites had sunk to an all time moral and spiritual low. The nation was prosperous, but its prosperity was based on selfishness, unfairness to the poor, robbery, theft and murder. The people practiced a token worship of God, but they perverted true worship by paying homage to pagan gods and idols including the use of temple prostitutes and child sacrifices. There was a complete lack of mercy and justice and absolutely no regard for human life. It was at this time that God, through Amos, told them that He will "Set a plumb line in the midst of them," that is to set a standard of up-

rightness and justice for them; and that He will "not again pass by them anymore;" he will not overlook their sins anymore.

True to form, the people of Israel, being complacent in their prosperity, did not heed Amos' warning. As a result, Jerusalem was destroyed, and the people enslaved in Assyria in 722 B.C.

This lesson admonishes us that while God is forgiving, there is a limit to his patience.

Calendar of Events for May

<p align="center">Plano Lodge Events</p>	<p align="center">Eye on Grand Lodge</p>	<p align="center"><i>Blood Drive Wrap-up</i></p> <p>Brethren,</p> <p>I want to thank all of you for your help and support in another successful blood drive. In April, we drew 103 units of blood and had another 13 deferrals. This exceeded our previous drive of 102 units of blood and 6b deferrals.</p> <p>Plano Lodge has provided a total of 1,355 units of blood for The Scottish Rite Hospital in the 10 years since our first blood drive in October, 1996.</p> <p>At \$800 a pint that is almost \$1.1 million dollars we have saved The Scottish Rite Hospital. This is something we can all take great pride in.</p> <p align="right">Your Senior Deacon, JJ Miller</p>																							
<p>May 4 - Stated meeting "Family Night"</p> <p>May 11 - 2 EA's</p> <p>May 18 - 1 Masters</p> <p>May 25 - 1 Masters</p> <p>May 27 a.m. - 1 Masters</p> <p>June 1 - Stated meeting</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">  <p>The chuck wagon</p> </div>	<p>If you would like to receive emails from Grand Lodge, just point and click www.grandlodgeoftexas.org.</p> <p align="center">*****</p> <p>Athens Lodge, Post Oak Island Lodge and Valley Lodge will be celebrating 150 years supporting Texas Masonry, in May.</p>																								
<p>May 4 - Stir fry and dumplings</p> <p>May 11 - Pulled pork</p> <p>May 18 - Jambalaya</p> <p>May 25 - Chicken alfredo</p>	<p align="center">Events for the Super-Mason</p>																								
<p><u>Plano Order of Eastern Star #703</u></p> <p>May 15 - 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>May 9 - Stated Meeting</p> <p>May 23 - 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 May 9.. • York Rite Dallas May 10. • Hella Shrine. • Plano Shrine Club meeting May 30 <p align="center">Scottish Rite News</p>																								
<p align="center">Adopt a Chair Program</p> <p align="center">ONLY 30 CHAIRS LEFT!!!</p> <p align="center">Remember a loved one forever, and help grow the Plano Lodge Building Fund.</p> <p align="center">Chairs are \$100.00 each.</p> <p align="center">New name tags are available at a special price of \$10.00 each.</p> <p align="center">Contact Larry Kester for more info.</p> <p align="center"><i>lhkester@comcast.net</i></p>	<p align="center">Around District 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated meetings in District 9 - <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Thu. 5/4</td> <td>Plano - 7 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tue. 5/2</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. 5/11</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. 5/8</td> <td>Celina - 7 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Blue Ridge - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tu. 5/9</td> <td>Allen - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tu. 5/16</td> <td>Farmersville - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tu. 5/23</td> <td>Princeton - 7:30p.m.</td> </tr> </table>	Thu. 5/4	Plano - 7 p.m.	Tue. 5/2	Lebanon - 7 p.m.		St. John's - 7:30 p.m.		East Fork - 7:30 p.m.	Th. 5/11	Lee - 7:30 p.m.		Melissa - 7:30 p.m.		Empire - 8 p.m.	Mo. 5/8	Celina - 7 p.m.		Blue Ridge - 7:30 p.m.	Tu. 5/9	Allen - 7:30 p.m.	Tu. 5/16	Farmersville - 7:30 p.m.	Tu. 5/23	Princeton - 7:30p.m.
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