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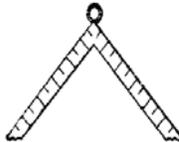
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The Chronicles of Moses



Brethren,

WOW... What a year. This year has been an absolutely phenomenal year serving as your Worshipful Master, and, I would like to thank all of you for your support and contributions. This year was blessed with many great things that make masonry the best fraternity to belong to; such as the success of our Blood Drives, (thanks JJ and all who supported him), our George Washington Birthday Celebration, (thanks Adam, Clay and of course our master chef Al Drew), the numerous degrees that we have conferred, (thanks to everyone who has participated), the brethren who have obtained their teaching certificates from the Committee on Work just to name a few. I have been so blessed and thankful to have had the opportunity to serve this lodge. I would also like to say that I am very, very proud of our Rainbow Girls and especially our own Jarah Foster who has been elected as the Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Rainbow Girls for this great state of Texas. She is an absolute Angel as are all of our Rainbow Girls. GREAT JOB Jarah!!!

We here at Plano Lodge have also been honored to have visits by our Grand Officers; workshops that have brought us more light about our fraternity and of course the initiation of new brothers who look forward to a long and fruitful life

in our Masonic order. However, as we bring new brethren into our fraternity, we must never forget about our brethren who have departed us and made the journey into the after life and to be by the side of our Supreme Architect of the Universe. These brethren will be dearly missed.

As this year comes to a close I ask that you support the new Master as he takes his station in the East. I hope that you will support him with the enthusiasm that you have shown me. As our fraternity grows with younger men becoming masons I believe that we grow stronger as an organization. It is up to each and every one of us to keep the light shining bright so that we may accomplish our end.

The Worshipful Master elect has assured me that we will still continue to practice ritualistic work. So, please, if you are interested in continuing your ritualistic work, or if you just want to learn a part, come and visit us.

Again, I invite all who have not attended lodge for some time to come back and see what you have been missing. All you need is your dues card. The fellowship is still there, now all we need is you.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Worshipful Master.

Fraternally,

Your Worshipful Master,

Joe Moses

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TEXAS LODGE OF RESEARCH
ARTICLE, PART 3 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; Thank you Bro. LeGrand.

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.

Masters Degree:
Ecclesiastes 12: 1-7

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say "I have no pleasure in them;" while the sun or the light, or the moon, or the stars be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain; In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease, because they are few; and those that look out of the windows be darkened, and the doors shall be shut in the streets. When the sound of the grinding is low; and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low. Also, when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail; because man goeth to his long home, and the

mourners go about the streets; or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was and the spirit shall return to God who gave it.

Most people will agree that one cannot simply read the Bible and expect to glean all meanings, and lessons. Given the lapse of time since it was written and the evolution of languages, some research is required. In no place in the Scriptures is this truth more evident than in the Book of Ecclesiastes, which is liberally sprinkled with metaphors. This is particularly evident in Ecclesiastes 12: 1-7, which all Master Masons will recognize as the Scripture passage read during the Master Masons' Circumambulation.

Ecclesiastes is defined as "one who assembles" or "one who collects wise sayings." It is liberally translated as "The Preacher." Neither the date this book was written nor the identity of its author or authors is certain. Until the 19th century, scholars thought it was authored by King Solomon, but modern theologians feel that the true composer is unknown. They believe it is written as if King Solomon were the author. (This was an accepted literary device at that time in history). Whoever the author may have been, he is exhorting young people to avail themselves of God's blessings while they are still young.

One can read this passage over and over again without actually understanding its meaning. At least two different Bible commentaries, however, offer the following explanations:

REMEMBER now they Creator: here, "remember" means more than just recalling to mind. It means to "reverence, honor, glorify and worship" God.

In the Days of thy YOUTH: means while men are young.

While the EVIL DAYS come not: pertains to the rigors of old age.

Nor the YEARS DRAW NIGH: means when the time comes near.

When thou shalt say "I HAVE NO PLEASURE IN THEM:" refers to the sadness of old age.

While the sun or the light or the moon or the stars BE NOT DARKENED nor the CLOUDS RETURN after the rain: refers to the storm clouds of old age.

In the days when the KEEPERS of the HOUSE shall tremble: the keepers are the hands and arms while the house represents the body.

And the STRONG MEN shall bow themselves: refers to the legs becoming crooked.

And the GRINDERS cease because they are few: refers to missing teeth.

And those that look out of the WINDOWS be darkened: indicates the eyes becoming weak.

And the DOORS shall be shut in the streets: pertains to the ears

When the sound of the GRINDING is low: pertains to toothless chewing.

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Calendar of Events for June

<p align="center">Plano Lodge Events</p>	<p align="center">Eye on Grand Lodge</p>	<p align="center">(continued from page 2)</p>																								
<p>June 1 - Stated Meeting "Family night, lamar, election"</p> <p>June 8 - FC degree</p> <p>June 15 - EA ???</p> <p>June 22 - Masters degree</p> <p>June 24 - Officer Installation</p> <p>June 29 - Masters ???</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">  <p align="center">The chuck wagon</p> </div>	<p>Grand Assembly news</p> <p>Congratulations to Ms. Jarah Foster (Plano Chapter's own) who will be installed as Grand Worthy Advisor at Grand Assembly, in Waco. The ceremony will take place June 25.</p>	<p>And he shall RISE UP at the voice of the bird: indicates the inability to sleep, gets up early when the birds start to sing.</p> <p>And all the DAUGHTERS of MUSIC shall be brought low: indicates the voice is failing and inability to sing.</p> <p>Also when they shall be AFRAID of that which is HIGH: pertains to fear of heights and the fear of falling.</p>																								
<p>June 1 - Tamale casserole</p> <p>June 8 - Meatloaf</p> <p>June 15 - Chicken Spaghetti</p> <p>June 22 - Fish fry with all the fixins</p> <p>June 29 - Swedish meatballs</p>	<p align="center">***** Events for the Super-Mason *****</p>	<p>And FEARS shall be in the WAY: indicates the fear of crime: because man cannot protect himself.</p>																								
<p><u>Plano Order of Eastern Star #703</u></p> <p>June 19 - Stated Meeting</p> <p><i>Remember brethren, any wife daughter or relative of a mason is eligible for Eastern Star membership. Get them involved</i></p> <p><u>Plano Rainbow Assembly #320</u></p> <p>June 13 - Stated Meeting</p> <p>June 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 June 13.. • York Rite Dallas June 14. • Hella Shrine. • Plano Shrine Club meeting June 27 <p align="center">Scottish Rite News</p>	<p>And the ALMOND TREE shall flourish: pertains to gray hair; referring to the almost white blossoms on the almond tree.</p> <p>And the GRASSHOPPER shall be a BURDEN: means man becomes weak, unable to lift.</p> <p>And DESIRE shall FAIL: pertains to the loss of physical appetites.</p> <p>Because man goeth to his LONG HOME: means heaven.</p>																								
<p align="center">Adopt a Chair Program</p> <p align="center">ONLY 30 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>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. 6/1</td> <td>Plano - 7 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tue. 6/6</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. 6/8</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. 6/12</td> <td>Celina - 7 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Blue Ridge - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tu. 6/13</td> <td>Allen - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tu. 6/20</td> <td>Farmersville - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tu. 6/27</td> <td>Princeton - 7:30p.m.</td> </tr> </table>	Thu. 6/1	Plano - 7 p.m.	Tue. 6/6	Lebanon - 7 p.m.		St. John's - 7:30 p.m.		East Fork - 7:30 p.m.	Th. 6/8	Lee - 7:30 p.m.		Melissa - 7:30 p.m.		Empire - 8 p.m.	Mo. 6/12	Celina - 7 p.m.		Blue Ridge - 7:30 p.m.	Tu. 6/13	Allen - 7:30 p.m.	Tu. 6/20	Farmersville - 7:30 p.m.	Tu. 6/27	Princeton - 7:30p.m.	<p>And the MOURNERS go about the STREETS : pertains to the funeral procession.</p> <p>Or ever the SILVER CORD be loosed or the GOLDEN BOWL be broken: the picture here is of a golden lamp suspended by a silver cord. The silver cord comes loose, the golden bowl crashes to the floor, and the light of life is extinguished.</p> <p align="center">(continued on page 4)</p>
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Or the PITCHER be broken at the FOUNTAIN, or the WHEEL broken at the CISTERN: this pertains to the water of life. The broken pitcher can contain no more water. With the wheel broken, water can no longer be drawn from the cistern.

Then shall the DUST return to the earth as it was: pertains to that from which God created man.

And the SPIRIT shall return unto God who gave it: Genesis 2:7 tells us that god formed man from the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. So, at the time of death, man ceases to exist on earth and his spirit returns to God, who gave it to him in the first place.

It is much easier for a young person to accept new concepts, ideas and disciplines than one who is older and “set in his ways.” By the same token, it is easier for a youth to accept (remember) God and his teachings, principles and ordinances than it is for an older person. Whatever stage of our life, it is im-
perative that we as men and Masons “REMEMBER NOW OUR CREATOR.”

Brethren,

If you read this far, you can read a bit more. I thoroughly enjoyed publishing the Trestleboard for Plano Lodge this year. It is truly a treasure that we, as Plano Masons, can be proud of. I thank all of those that assisted me in producing it this year, including; JJ, Adam, Joe and Tiny. Thank you.

Scott Shaeffer (your Junior Deacon)