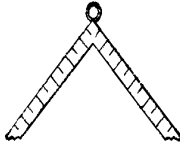


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**From The East,**

The first things the Master does to open a Lodge is to direct his brothers to prepare for the work of the lodge by tying on their aprons. He then directs the officers to assume their jewels of office and move to their proper place in the lodge room to prepare for the opening of a new lodge. As we begin this new Masonic year there will be tying on of new aprons for some and exchanging jewels among officers indicating new duties and new goals.

Our tradition of "moving through the chairs" benefits the lodge by bringing new ideas and new outlooks for the work of the lodge. This tradition allows for enough time to learn and practice a new job and

contribute a fresh approach without getting burned out, (although two years in the kitchen is tough.). Each of our officers are planning for their new duties in the upcoming Masonic year and eager to serve the lodge.

The officers of the lodge have met to discuss plans for 2006-2007 year and for Masonic years beyond. Many of our plans include the events and ways of doing the business of the lodge that have made Plano lodge the success it is today. We carry over the successful plans from past years and hope to add new ones to be passed on to future Masonic years. But a plan is not static. It can be revised as new ideas occur or new opportunities present themselves. We want everyone in the lodge to feel that they can contribute ideas to the plan or participate in the many activities and (continued on page 3)

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Brethren,

Thank you again for the faith you have all placed in me to continue in the leadership line for Plano Lodge. I cannot begin to tell you how excited I am to be serving the Lodge in this capacity.

For this year your officers have put together some very interesting and hopefully helpful new programs for Plano Lodge. I am sure you will hear more about these new ideas we have agreed will benefit the Lodge and will continue year to year if they are successful.

It is known that Plano is the place to go, in Collin County, if you want to see the ritual performed by people with a true passion for the work. We have many new brothers that have picked up the work very quickly and are performing in many of the degrees in various parts.

With this in mind I would like to point out that we have set a goal for our Lodge to have 25 people certified in the esoteric work. Last year we had 19. This is not counting the Life Certificates, which we are very proud of, but are not required to examine every year.

If you plan on sitting for the certificate exam in September

please let me know so that I can track who will be trying for a certificate. Also, if you have a certificate and do not plan to renew it please let me know. We do get recognition for this at Grand Lodge and the more certificates we have the better we look.

In the light,  
Chris Rhodes

**STRESS**

Brother Norman Vincent Peale, of "positive thinking" fame, is quoted as saying, "America has become so tense and nervous it has been years since I have seen anyone asleep in church — and that's a sad situation!"

In some lodges we've attended lately we've seen a lot of Masons lacking that tenseness and nervousness.

**Lodge Attendance**

If your car starts one out of three times, do you consider it faithful?... If your alarm clock goes off four out of five times, do you consider it dependable?... If your paperboy skips the Monday and Friday editions, are they missed?... If your refrigerator quits for a day now and then, do you excuse it and say, "Oh well, it works most of the time?"... And if your paycheck is a week late one out of five times, do you just laugh it off and say, "That's

all right; most of the time it is here on time.?" (What's your excuse for not coming to Lodge?)

**Near . . . Not In!**

After a successful year in the East, a friend of ours told of attending the first meeting of his lodge as a Past Master. The new Master welcomed him to his lodge and invited him to have a seat "near the East"

(Was there a message?)

*Brain Twister*

It is said that in an old church, in Wales, there is a mysterious inscription carved over the door above the Ten Commandments. A scholar discovered that by adding a single letter . . . and only that letter throughout the inscription, it made sense. Can you determine the letter and read the hidden message?

PRSVRYPRFCTMN  
VRKPTHSPRCPTSTN

(It's that important letter "E".)  
When added, the message is:

PERSEVER YE PERFECT  
MEN  
EVER KEEP THE PRE-  
CEPTS TEN

# Calendar of Events for July

## Plano Lodge Events

- July 6 - Stated meeting  
"Family night"
- July 13 - Masters
- July 15 - FC Degree
- July 20 - Entered Apprentice
- July 27 - Entered Apprentice
- July 29 - Outdoor MM Degree 9 a.m., Farmersville



### The chuck wagon

- July 6 - Beef stroganoff
- July 13 - Sausage & rice cass.
- July 15 - Breakfast
- July 20 - Pulled pork i
- July 27 - Mexican casserole

### Plano Order of Eastern Star #703

July 17 - Stated Meeting  
*Remember brethren, any wife daughter or relative of a mason is eligible for Eastern Star membership. Get them involved*

### Plano Rainbow Assembly #320

July 11 - Stated Meeting  
July 25 - Initiation  
Get your daughter or grand-daughter involved in Plano Rainbow

## Adopt a Chair Program

**ONLY 30 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.

*lhkester@comcast.net*

## Eye on Grand Lodge

There will be an outdoor Masters Degree held 3 miles south of Farmersville on July 29 @ 9 a.m. "Bring a chair" to watch or to participate, contact Mac Macgriff, the MWSA or Nevada lodge for more details.

There will be a Cornerstone leveled by The Grand Lodge at Farmersville Intermediate School on August 12, 10 a.m.

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### Events for the Super-Mason

- Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting July 11..
- York Rite Dallas July 12.
- Hella Shrine.
- Plano Shrine Club meeting July 25

### Scottish Rite News

## Around District 9

- Stated meetings in District 9 -
  - Thu. 7/6 Plano - 7 p.m.
  - Tue. 7/4 Lebanon - 7 p.m.
  - St. John's - 7:30 p.m.
  - East Fork - 7:30 p.m.
  - Th. 7/13 Lee - 7:30 p.m.
  - Melissa - 7:30 p.m.
  - Empire - 8 p.m.
  - Mo. 7/10 Celina - 7 p.m.
  - Blue Ridge - 7:30 p.m.
  - Tu. 7/11 Allen - 7:30 p.m.
  - Tu. 7/18 Farmersville - 7:30 p.m.
  - Tu. 7/25 Princeton - 7:30p.m.

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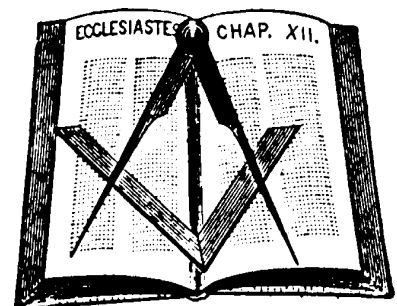
functions that we plan each year. Ask any officer for a copy of the current plan.

Brothers, we all look forward to what this new Masonic year will bring to our lodge. We hope to continue the growth of new Masons that we have seen in the past years. We hope to see these new Masons begin to assume the leadership that will sustain us. We want to emphasize to our new brothers that we want and expect their involvement in our lodge. We anticipate including our families in more activities and we search for ways to reach our community. We eagerly anticipate this new year for we know all too well that it will end too soon.

Fraternally,

Fred Smith

Worshipful Master



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## THE LAST PAGE

My life is like a story book  
With each chapter it unfolds,  
Excepting that, I cannot look  
To see what the last page holds.

When all my trials I have stood  
And the day of days arrive,  
I hope I'll have done some good  
Though the evil of my sins survive.

Though I am keeper of my life,  
God has supreme control;  
He guides me thru my woes and strife,  
And is the guardian of my soul.

I can always think of days gone by  
Until I'm bent with age,  
But this will be left when I die,  
The reading of that last page.