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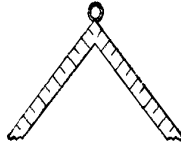
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**The SMITHsonian**



From the East,

In our preparations to open a Masonic Lodge we must satisfy ourselves that all present are Masons. Masonically, to "purge the Lodge" means to determine by proper Masonic means if all present are Masons and entitled to sit within the tiled doors. We do this by vouching for one another, verifying that we personally know the brother and can give the date and lodge that we have we have "sat" together in.

cause we have secrets now days but continues a tradition formed in days where our ideas of democracy, fraternity and freedom of worship were indeed radical. I wonder what radical thinking the have to offer our present-day world. Have we as Masons given all we had to give? Is our mission done? Could this be a reason that our fraternity isn't attracting the numbers of new members it once did? Are we simply another social club?

The ideas nurtured by our ancient brethren of equality, democracy, learning and brotherhood are no-longer new ideas to us or our society. Yet many men in our world don't have or understand these concepts.

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We do this for a couple of reasons. First, it is our tradition that our meetings are conducted privately and only for regular members. This is not really so much be-

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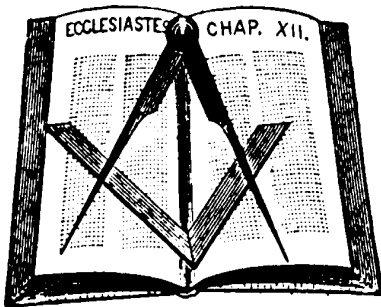
It just might be considered a radical idea to those "cowens and eavesdroppers" that we as men are working to make ourselves better men, ethical and moral, and supporting of each other and our families. And, one of our most guarded secrets is that we care for one another.

See you in lodge. We have another busy month ahead.

Fraternally,

Fred Smith

Worshipful Master



**REMEMBER**  
**YOU GET OUT OF**  
**MASONRY**  
**WHAT YOU PUT IN.**  
**ATTEND LODGE,**  
**MENTOR THE NEW GUYS,**  
**AND SEE**



## The Rhodes Goes on Forever

Brethren,

We have had another busy month here in Plano. We had degrees on each Thursday along with a Saturday Fellow Craft degree, an open air degree, and an MWSA quarterly meeting. Coming into August we will have the opportunity to advance some of the Entered Apprentices we have initiated. Let's keep up the good work and continue to grow Plano Lodge.

Also please do not forget about Certificate practice on Wednesday night at 6:30 for all those who would like to sit for the exam. If you plan to sit for the exam please let me know so that we can have a count. The exam will be in Plano on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars.

Your Senior Warden,

Chris Rhodes




## Distinguished Masons in Plano History

*Wyatt D. McFarlin* was an active member of Plano Lodge #768, serving as the charter Secretary in 1894 and as Chaplain in 1906. Records of this period show him to be present at nearly every meeting. He originally petitioned Plano Lodge #235 in April of 1886. Born in Tennessee in 1846, he settled in Plano in 1885 with his wife Sallie E. (Spellings), daughter Nannie T., and son Amory Starr McFarlin. Wyatt owned and operated grocery and dry goods stores in Plano until 1895, when he became Plano's "Refractionist" or optician. His various businesses were damaged by the fires of Plano in October 1895 and again in 1915. In 1898 he was elected and served as mayor for two consecutive 2 year terms from 1898 to 1902. He was later elected Justice of the Peace, serving for 14 years, during which time he was well known as the "Marrying Judge" owing to the great number of ceremonies he performed.

Do you have an interest in history and research? The Historical Committee needs your help. We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 5:30 PM at the lodge. For further information, please contact Kevin Main at

[history@planomasoniclodge.org](mailto:history@planomasoniclodge.org).

# Calendar of Events for July

<p><b>Plano Lodge Events</b></p>	<p><b>Eye on Grand Lodge</b></p>		<p><b>Plano Order of the Eastern Star #703</b></p>																								
<p>August 3 - Stated meeting "Family night"</p> <p>August 10 - Entered Apprentice</p> <p>August 17 - Masters Degree</p> <p>August 24 - Fellowcraft Degree</p> <p>August 31 - Fellowcraft Degree</p>	<p>There will be a Cornerstone leveled by The Grand Lodge at Farmersville Intermediate School on August 12, 10 a.m.</p>		<p>August 14 - 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><b>The chuck wagon</b></p>	<p><b>Events for the Super-Mason</b></p>		<p><b>Plano Rainbow Assembly #320</b></p>																							
<p><b>August 3 -</b> Chicken Spaghetti Casserole  <b>August 10 -</b> Smothered Pork Chops  <b>August 17 -</b> Chicken &amp; Dumplings  <b>August 24 -</b> Lasagna  <b>August 31 -</b> Brisket &amp; Sausage</p> <p>All EA's, Fellowcrafts, and new Master Masons are reminded that they should help in the kitchen at least one week. Talk to the stewards about scheduling a time to help.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting August 14.</li> <li>York Rite McKinney is having its festival on September 9 and 23.</li> <li>Hella Shrine.</li> <li>Plano Shrine Club meeting August 29</li> </ul>		<p>August 1 - Board Meeting</p> <p>August 8 - Stated Meeting</p> <p>August 15 - Lodge Clean-up</p> <p>August 19 - Prospect party 10a.m. (Please refer all girls 11 and up)</p> <p>August 22 - Initiation</p>																								
<p><b>STUDY, STUDY, STUDY.....</b></p> <p><b>Certificate Examinations are coming on September 11, 2006</b></p> <p><b>The lodge is holding practice sessions on Wednesdays, until that time.</b></p>	<p><b>Around District 9</b></p>		<p><u>Get your daughter or grand-daughter involved in Plano Rainbow</u></p> <p>Please support The rainbow charity of the year by purchasing support bracelets. Plano's very own Jarah Foster, Grand Worthy Advisor for the Rainbow Girls, has selected the Templar Eye Foundation.</p> <p>Bracelets are \$5 each.</p> <p>Donations also accepted.</p>																								
<p><b>PLANO Gift of Life BLOOD DRIVE</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY OCTOBER 28, 2006</b></p> <p><i>Cutoff dates:</i></p> <p><i>You cannot give 2RBC after July 8, 2006,</i></p> <p><i>You cannot give Whole Blood after September 2, 2006, if you are going to give at the Plano Blood Drive</i></p> <p>Blood donors are eligible to give a whole blood donation every 56 days and double red blood cells every 112 days</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stated meetings in District 9 -</li> </ul> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Thu. 8/3</td> <td>Plano - 7 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tue. 8/1</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. 8/10</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. 8/14</td> <td>Celina - 7 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Blue Ridge - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tu. 8/8</td> <td>Allen - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tu. 8/15</td> <td>Farmersville - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tu. 8/22</td> <td>Princeton - 7:30p.m.</td> </tr> </table>	Thu. 8/3	Plano - 7 p.m.	Tue. 8/1	Lebanon - 7 p.m.		St. John's - 7:30 p.m.		East Fork - 7:30 p.m.	Th. 8/10	Lee - 7:30 p.m.		Melissa - 7:30 p.m.		Empire - 8 p.m.	Mo. 8/14	Celina - 7 p.m.		Blue Ridge - 7:30 p.m.	Tu. 8/8	Allen - 7:30 p.m.	Tu. 8/15	Farmersville - 7:30 p.m.	Tu. 8/22	Princeton - 7:30p.m.		<p><b>Texas Young Masons</b></p> <p>are putting together a Stew Cook-off team, Chili Cook-off team and an Entered Apprentice Degree team.</p> <p>If you are interested, please contact Adam DeMasellis at adamdemasellis@yahoo.com.</p> <p>The stew cook-off team is competing in Sulphur Springs on September 16.</p>
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	<p><b>Adopt a Chair Program</b></p> <p><b>ONLY 30 CHAIRS LEFT!!!</b></p> <p>Remember a loved one forever, and help grow the Plano Lodge Building Fund.</p> <p>Chairs are \$100.00 each.</p> <p>New name tags are available at a special price of \$10.00 each.</p> <p>Contact Larry Kester for more info.</p> <p><a href="mailto:lhkester@comcast.net">lhkester@comcast.net</a></p>																										

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A Call for HELP,

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The Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC) in Arlington is home to 49 Master Masons and 63 wives and widows of Masons. Most of the residents entered under the Total Asset Turnover plan, where all of their property, retirement funds and Social Security checks are turned over to the TMRC. In return, they have a very nice place to live, three meals a day, medical care, a very busy schedule of activities and a monthly allowance of \$70 each. They would purchase any personal items they want out of the \$70/month they receive, including toiletries such as toothpaste and hair spray. However, the TMRC has a "Country Store" where the residents can pick up these types of items - for free. The Country Store is managed by a volunteer who opens it for a few hours twice a month and it is stocked by donations from Masonic lodges around Texas. The TMRC provides a small budget so some things can be purchased at the dollar store to fill gaps in inventory. Our retired Masons and their wives and widows are making do with dollar store products like tissues and hoping that the Country Store doesn't run out of something they need - or they wait two weeks to go back. **This is where YOU can help.** When you buy these types of products for yourselves, please buy one or two extra and bring them to the lodge. Here is a list of items they will always need.

**Items needed:** Kleenex, Cough Drops, Sugar Free Cough Drops, Talcum and Medicated Talcum, Lectric Pre-shave, Williams Pre-shave, Stockings: Knee-highs, thigh-highs (beige or nude), Aloe Vera and Cocoa Butter creams, Oil of Olay, Cleansing cream, Ponds Cold Cream, Moisturizing Cream (day and night creams), Toner and Astringent, Liquid make up (light color), eye pencils, eye shadow, blush, lipstick, Compacts, loose face powder (light), Chapstick, Cologne: men's and women's, Softsoap, Toothpaste: Colgate, Crest and Sensodyne, Toothbrushes, Individually wrapped snacks and candy (mini candy bars), Trident Gum and regular gum, Sleep caps, Flushable moist wipes, Room deodorizers, aerosol and solid, New and use VHS and DVD movies, Spray Starch, Hair Spray