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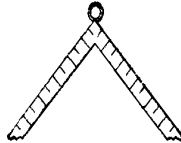
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The SMITHsonian

October - Signs



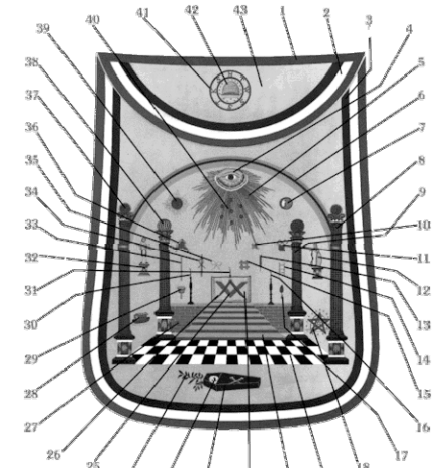
From The East,

As we all know Masonry is full of symbolism. And, an important part of the opening of a Masonic lodge is the exchange of signs or the symbols of our obligations. As we repeat these signs with each other from week to week we are silently repeating our obligations to each other.

Symbols and signs are ways that we have for reminding us of more complicated ideas. Consider the signs of our society and the meaning behind them. There is the "hook-em horns" that will be often seen in the next week indicating loyalty to a fun cause. Maybe returned by a single finger salute, an indication of perhaps an opposite opinion. The salute or wave of a hand or the offer of an empty hand shows a greeting and a peaceful intent.

The George Washington apron as presented by Lafayette has more than 43 symbols representing the many concepts in Masonry. For example, the apron border

colors of red, white and blue are the national colors of both the United States and France. Symbols are silent emblems having meaning only when interpreted. Given the unique character of the interpretation process, it can be understood that no symbol has absolute meaning.



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

Fraternally,

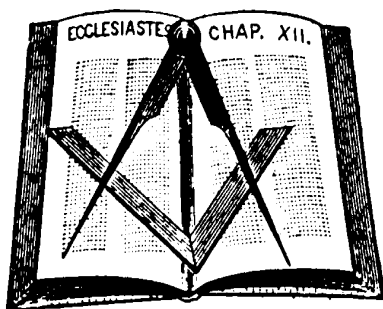
Fred Smith

Worshipful Master

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Is the lodge website under your favorites? If not, go to www.planomasoniclodge.org and add it. Visit it often.





Charity

Def. : A benevolent goodwill towards or love of humanity; aiding those in need or who are suffering.

A lesson learned and frequently seen in Masonry. As we enter the fall, ask yourself this question....
When was the last time I truly gave? (time, money, blood)
You'd be surprised how much you are needed.



The Rhodes Goes on Forever

Brethren,

First, I would like to apologize for not submitting an article for publication in last month's trestleboard.

Next, I would like to congratulate all the brothers who sat for their certificate exams either at Plano Lodge or another Lodge. We continue to uphold our tradition of having numerous brothers well versed in the esoteric work.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Scott Shaeffer and JJ Miller on the successful completion of this year's Warden's Retreat sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Texas. As these brothers can attest we face some very different problems at Plano Lodge than most of the lodges represented at these retreats. The main difference is that we are not looking for ways to boost attendance or recruit new members, but we are struggling to keep the new members we have busy and involved in the lodge. This is a good problem to have. One thing I was reminded of during my attendance at these retreats is that for all the planning and scheduling and brainstorming we do as officers, it is the membership that supports the ideas we come up with and the members may have very helpful ideas of their own.

With that in mind I would like to hear from you brothers. Please let me know if you have any ideas, no matter how small or large, on how to make Plano Lodge even more vibrant than it already is. I want to know what you want your lodge to be. I want to know if there are unserved or under served members of Plano Lodge and how we can fix that. I want to know of any details we have left out of our practices. But most of all I want to know that Plano Lodge is bestowing all the light that it can.

In the light,

Chris Rhodes

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Distinguished Masons in Plano History




Clinton Shepherd (C.S.) Haggard was an active member of both Plano Lodge #235 and #768 (of which he was a charter member). Lodge records show his attendance at nearly every meeting. Born in Kentucky in 1838, C.S. moved to Plano with his father in 1856 with plans to become stock farmers. He was a Civil War veteran and became well known for the horses and mules he bred, frequently winning prizes at local county fairs. His success brought him wealth, local fame, and respect. He became one of the largest land owners in Collin County, also owning land in Dallas and Denton counties. His contributions to the community included the co-establishment of a schoolhouse on Haggard property and donations to Add-Ran College (which became Texas Christian University). He also served on the Board of Directors for The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Plano. He and his wife were major contributors to the gift of Haggard Park to the city, which is named in honor of the contributions that the entire Haggard family has made to the community over the years.

C.S. married Nannie Kate Lunsford in 1859. Together, they raised their eight children: Mary Catherine, Nannie Elizabeth, John William, Jennie Lee, Emma Frances, Annie Bell, Clifton Turner, Mattie Sue (died young), and Walter Owen. He passed away on June 28, 1930 and is buried in Restland Cemetery.

Do you have an interest in history and research? The Historical Committee needs your help. We meet every 2nd and 4th Monday at 5:30 PM at the lodge. For further information, please contact Kevin Main at 214-796-9054 or

history@planomasoniclodge.org.

Calendar of Events for September

<p align="center">Plano Lodge Events</p>	<p align="center">Eye on Grand Lodge</p>		<p align="center">Plano Order of the Eastern Star #703</p>
<p>October 5 - Stated meeting "Family night"</p> <p>October 12 - Entered Apprentice</p> <p>October 19 - Fellowcraft</p> <p>October 26 - Master Mason</p> <p>October 28 - GIFT OF LIFE BLOOD DRIVE</p>	<p align="center">Grand Lodge</p> <p align="center">Is November 30 through December 2nd, Make your plans now.</p> <p align="center"><i>It's not too late to take a certificate examination. Just see Tiny about when and where they are being held in the Dallas Area or you can one at Grand Lodge.</i></p>	<p>October 16 - 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 align="center">Plano Rainbow Assembly #320</p>
<p align="center"> The chuck wagon</p>	<p align="center">Around District 9</p>		
<p>October 5 - Mexican Chicken Casserole</p> <p>October 12 - Pulled Pork</p> <p>October 19 - Sausage & Rice Casserole</p> <p>October 26 - Sweedish Meatballs</p> <p>October 28 - Breakfast and Lunch</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"> Stated meetings in District 9 - Thu. 10/5 Plano - 7 p.m. Tue. 10/3 Lebanon - 7 p.m. St. John's - 7:30 p.m. East Fork - 7:30 p.m. Th. 10/12 Lee - 7:30 p.m. Melissa - 7:30 p.m. Empire - 8 p.m. Mo. 10/9 Celina - 7 p.m. Blue Ridge - 7:30 p.m. Tu. 10/10 Allen - 7:30 p.m. Tu. 10/17 Farmersville - 7:30 p.m. Tu. 10/24 Princeton - 7:30p.m. 	<p>October 3 - Board Meeting</p> <p>October 10 - Stated Meeting</p> <p>October 17 - Lodge Clean-up</p> <p>October 24 - Initiation</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 align="center">Bracelets are \$5 each. Donations also accepted.</p>	
<p align="center">Events for the Super-Mason</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting October 13. (1-Day Degree 10/07/06) York Rite is having a festival in Waco on October 14. Shrine Circus Kickoff October 25 Plano Shrine Club meeting October 31 	<p align="center"><u>Stock the Store Campaign:</u></p> <p>Brother Clay Smith is continuing the "Stock the Store" campaign which provides the "Country Store" where the residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center can pick up personal items - for free. 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.</p> <p>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</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>Chairs are \$100.00 each and new name tags are available at a special price of \$10.00 each.</p> <p>Contact Larry Kester for more info.</p> <p align="center"><i>lhkester@comcast.net</i></p>			

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GIFT OF LIFE

BLOOD DRIVE
OCTOBER 28, 2006
FROM 7 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

Blood donors are eligible to give a whole blood donation every 56 days and double red blood cells every 112 days.

Brothers are encouraged to bring their friends and family to donate.

We need volunteers to help with setting up and taking down the equipment. Set-up begins at 5:45 a.m. and we start taking down at 3 p.m. Please contact Scott Shaeffer to volunteer at scott_wrs@comcast.net