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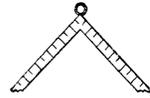
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## The SMITHsonian



### From The East,

December - Gavels

The familiar rap of a gavel focuses our attention and directs us to prepare for the opening of the lodge, or to attract the attention of an officer of the lodge or many other usages, (you all know them of course.) But, the one use of the gavel that I would like to explore a little is the ceremonial gavels by the Master and Wardens just after the prayer during opening and closing of the lodge.

As Freemasons we are taught that the common gavel is one of the working tools of an Entered Apprentice. It is used by operative masons to break off the corners of rough ashlar and thus fit them the better for the builder's use. Perhaps the "gavels" in our lodge openings and closing are to admonish us of the duty, often painful, of divesting our minds and consciences of all the vices and impurities of life...

The gavel represents the force of conscience. It is our will power, through which we govern our actions and free ourselves from debasing influences. It requires repeated exercise of our will power to subdue our passions. Will power is common to all and it is fittingly symbolized by the "common" gavel, but just as the gavel is of no worth unless it is used, so is our will power.

The gavel is an instrument common to the lowest and the highest in the Lodge. The common gavel is shown to each Entered

Apprentices to remind him that symbolically he should use it in Freemasonry to divest himself of the vices and superfluities of life. Years later, even when one has attained the highest rank in the Lodge by becoming its Master, the same implement of a gavel is placed in his hand as a reminder that we all need to continue to strive for improvements in our manner and character.

So again, we find new meaning in our ceremonies. Let the next lodge opening be a reminder of those first lessons we learned.

See you in lodge. We have another busy month ahead. And I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas,

Fraternally,

Fred Smith

Worshipful Master

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Museum & Library members,

Listed below are the topics covered by this e-mail which is being sent out to the Board of Directors and committee members. If you are receiving this e-mail it is because you have expressed an interest in the Museum & Library to me. Please feel free to forward this to anyone else who may be interested.

**1. \$100 monthly support**

I have spoken to several of you about a 12 month commitment of \$100 each month to support a trial stage for the Museum & Library. We have leased the retail space downstairs from the Lodge and we need your support. All contributions will be deductible for income tax purposes and the list of donors will be confidential. Please reply to me with what you can contribute (more or less is acceptable) and I will send you a monthly reminder going forward. I will also send you an annual "contribution report" in January for your income taxes. We need a minimum of \$700 a month to keep moving forward.

**2. Furniture and equipment needed**

The Museum and Library needs furniture and equipment! We are in need of several desks, chairs, tables, bookshelves, computers, and printers. All donations are tax deductible for income tax purposes.

**3. List of Board and committee members**

Board of Directors:

3 year term: Chris Rhodes, Steve Sullivan, JJ Miller

2 year term: Larry Moyer, Fred Smith, Warner Richeson

1 year term: Jeff Forrester, Billy Meeks, Joe Moses

Committees:

Historical: Kevin Main, Bill Goodell, Brian Chaput, Larry Moyer, Page Thomas

Legal: Michael Myers

Building: Steve Sullivan, Scott Shaeffer, Cliff Martin, Jerrad Jasperson, Chris Rhodes, Brian Chaput

Finance: Chris Rhodes, JJ Miller, Chao Teng, Mark Paul, Eric Beck, Bill Goodell, Cory Dodd, Warner Richeson

Events: Jeff Forrester, Fred Smith, Mark Paul

**4. Election of Board of Directors and Officers in January, 2007.**

In January, there will be 4 opening on the Board of Directors - 3, 3 year terms, and 1, 1 year term. Warner has notified me he will resign from the Board because of the conflict of interest created by renting the Museum & Library space from him. We are going to be looking for people who are interested in getting very active in the next year's operations and have the time available to make this commitment. If you are interested, or know of someone who is, please contact me.

We will also be looking to elect Officers who can make the Museum & Library a top priority for the next year. So if you are ready to make that commitment, please let me know.

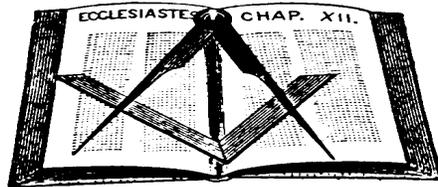
**5. Masonic Museum & Library trip to Bryan and Houston**

Sometime in January or February we are going to schedule a trip to the Masonic Museum & Library in Bryan, Texas (near College Station...actually it is as close to College Station as you can legally have a library) and in Houston, Texas. It will be on a Saturday and the plan will be to visit one first thing in the morning - have a meeting, then travel to the other for a late afternoon meeting. If you are interested in attending, please let me know.

Thank you for all of your help.

Sincerely,

JJ Miller  
214-733-1814



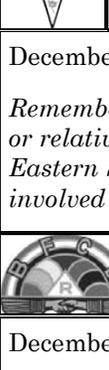
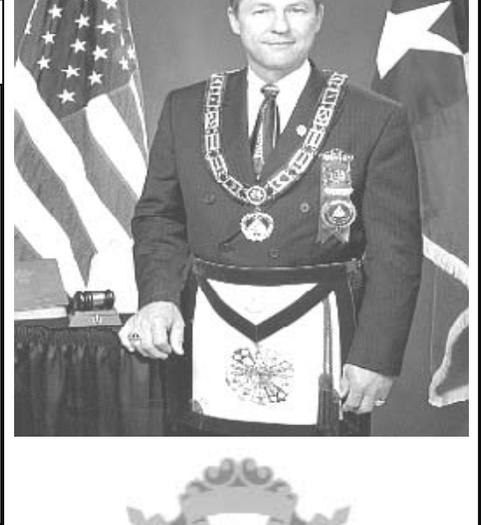
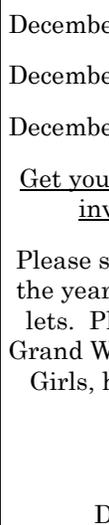
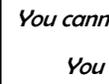
## Distinguished Masons in Plano History

***Thomas Finley Hughston*** was a member of both Plano Lodge #235 and #768. Born in Alabama, Thomas served during the Civil War. He narrowly survived Shiloh only to be gravely injured at a battle in Georgia. He spent a year in the field hospital and disabled camp before being discharged. While on his way home, he was captured as a prisoner of war. Shortly after his parole in 1865, Thomas moved to Collin County and settled near Plano. He affiliated with Plano Lodge in 1869 and served as Worshipful Master from 1895 to 1896. He later served as Tiler for 29 years. On his 71st birthday, Plano Lodge presented him with a gold disc charm for his watch chain. Thomas was a farmer of corn, oats, wheat, and cotton as well as an active member of his community. He served two terms on the City Council, was the County Commissioner, and also served as Deputy Tax Assessor for Collin County.

Thomas married Ann Beverly on July 29, 1871. Together they raised their 5 children: Wallace, Nettie, Eva Lee, Carrie, Tom Allen. They also raised their niece, Hester Henry, whose mother had died when she was an infant.

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.

# Calendar of Events for September

<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>December 7 - Stated meeting "Family night"</p> <p>December 14 - Entered Apprentice</p> <p>December 21 - Master Mason</p> <p>December 28 - Plano lodge is Dark for Holidays</p>	<p>Congratulations to our New Grand Lodge Officers and Good Luck to Grand Master Donny Broughton</p>		<p>December 18 - 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>Plano Rainbow Assembly #320</b></p> <p>December 5 - Board Meeting</p> <p>December 12 - Stated Meeting</p> <p>December 19 - Lodge Clean-up</p> <p>December 26 - 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>Bracelets are \$5 each. Donations also accepted.</p>																								
<p><b>December 7 -</b> Hawaiian Chicken</p> <p><b>December 14 -</b> Mexican Casserole</p> <p><b>December 21 -</b> Chicken &amp; Dumplings</p> <p><b>December 28 -</b> Dark for Holidays</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>			<p><b>PLANO Gift of Life BLOOD DRIVE</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY APRIL 28, 2007</b></p> <p><i>Cutoff dates:</i></p> <p><i>You cannot give 2RBC after January 6, 2007,</i></p> <p><i>You cannot give Whole Blood after March 3, 2007, if you are going to give at the Plano Blood Drive</i></p> <p><b>Blood donors are eligible to give a whole blood donation every 56 days and double red blood cells every 112 days</b></p> <p><i>Mark your Calendars now and start recruiting your office, church, and family to give for this good cause.</i></p>																								
<p><b>Events for the Super-Mason</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting December 11.</li> <li>Grand Chapter and Grand Council Annual Sessions are December 3-5</li> <li>Plano Shrine Club meeting December 26</li> </ul>	<p><b>Around District 9</b></p>																										
<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 and 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stated meetings in District 9 -</li> </ul> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Thu. 12/7</td> <td>Plano - 7 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tue. 12/5</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. 12/14</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. 12/11</td> <td>Celina - 7 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Blue Ridge - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tu. 12/12</td> <td>Allen - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tu. 12/19</td> <td>Farmersville - 7:30 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tu. 12/26</td> <td>Princeton - 7:30p.m.</td> </tr> </table>	Thu. 12/7	Plano - 7 p.m.	Tue. 12/5	Lebanon - 7 p.m.		St. John's - 7:30 p.m.		East Fork - 7:30 p.m.	Th. 12/14	Lee - 7:30 p.m.		Melissa - 7:30 p.m.		Empire - 8 p.m.	Mo. 12/11	Celina - 7 p.m.		Blue Ridge - 7:30 p.m.	Tu. 12/12	Allen - 7:30 p.m.	Tu. 12/19	Farmersville - 7:30 p.m.	Tu. 12/26	Princeton - 7:30p.m.		
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## **Stock the Store Campaign:**

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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.

Kleenex, Cough Drops, Sugar Free Cough Drops, Talcum and Medicated Talcum, Polygrip and Polydent brands, Williams Pre-shave, Stockings: Knee-highs and panty hose (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, Dove bar soap, Brand name toothpaste: Colgate, Crest and Sensodyne, Toothbrushes, Mouthwash (Listerine – it's what they are used to), Peanut Butter or cheese filled cracker snacks, hard candy, moonpies, Trident Gum and regular gum, V05 Grey for men, Flushable moist wipes, Room deodorizers, aerosol and solid, Spray Starch, Brand name Hair Spray (Suave, V05).

***Write a special note for the holidays and put it in the box. There is no better gift than knowing you are loved.***