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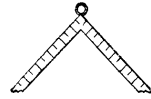
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From The East,

February 2007

Honor the flag, introduce visitors

With a battery of gavels and a declaration in the name of God and the Holy Saints John the lodge is opened. The Master announces the purpose of the lodge and we get to the business of the evening.

In our lodge we begin the business of the evening by acknowledging the sovereignty of our country and state through a pledge to the flag of our country and to the Texas flag.

It is the Sr. Deacon's responsibility in our lodge to greet visitors, make them feel welcome and examine them if necessary to assure that they are Mason's recognized by our Grand Lodge and are in good standing. He then, after the lodge is open, introduces them to the Lodge and also presents to the Lodge any grand officer present. Even if a visitor is already known as a Mason, he is usually introduced to the lodge. Such introductions in lodge may be the threads of which fraternity is woven; if they are as kindly, courteous and interested as the hospitality of Masonry indicates, they may be woven into a cloth of friendliness which is equally a cloak of warmth to visitor and to host.

Dignitaries visiting a lodge are almost always formally introduced. No matter how well known he may be, no lodge would receive a Grand Master without presenting him formally (introducing him) to the brethren. The forms and ceremonies

for this differ in different Grand Jurisdictions but the intent is the same in all; to honor the distinguished official of Grand Lodge and to set him before the brethren with dignity and importance.

Please make plans to attend our annual George Washington's birthday dinner. Tiny Powell recalls that this event had been practiced in Plan long before he became a Mason. This year, as in the recent past years, the dinner will be held at the Plano East High School cafeteria beginning at 6:00 PM. Please invite you family and friends. There will be entertainment following dinner and everyone is urged to stay and enjoy.

See you in lodge. We have another busy month ahead. And I wish everyone a very Happy Ground Hogs Day.

Fraternally,

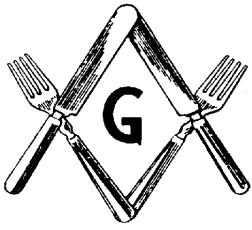
Fred Smith

Worshipful Master

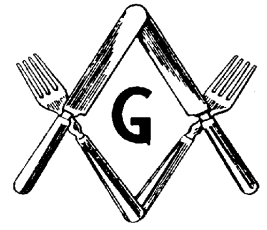
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George Washington's

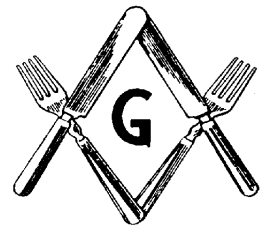
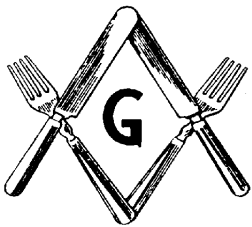
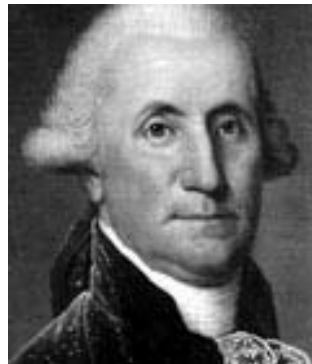


Birthday Dinner

6 pm, February 24, 2007

Plano East High School Cafeteria

This event is free of charge in honor of one of America's most famous Masons. Invite your friends and family and anyone who might be curious about Freemasonry




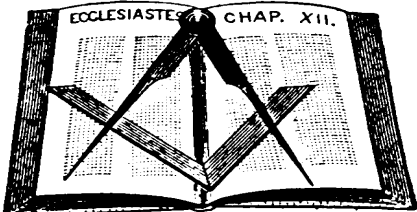



Distinguished Masons in Plano History

Dr. Charles Joseph Hicks Sr. became a member of Plano Lodge #768 in the summer of 1912 and served as master of the lodge in 1934. Born in Tyler County, Texas in 1885, Charles was born into a large family, having 11 brothers and sisters. He graduated from college in Jacksonville, Texas in 1901 and graduated with a Doctorate of Dental Surgery from Atlanta Dental College in 1905. Charles moved to Plano in 1910. He was an active member of the community, involved in hosting Plano's Old Settlers Reunion Picnic and Barbeque. He also hosted an elite social club known as the Thursday Evening Club, which assembled to play the game Forty-Two. Charles served one term on the Plano City Council but was best known for his expertise in and contributions to dentistry. He served as a member of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. In 1935, he moved to McKinney and later expanded his practice to include that of his son.

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 history@planomasoniclodge.org.



Calendar of Events for September

<p>Plano Lodge Events</p>	<p>Eye on Grand Lodge</p>		<p>Plano Order of the Eastern Star #703</p>
<p>February 1 - Stated meeting "Family night"</p> <p>February 8 - Entered Apprentice</p> <p>February 15 - Master Mason</p> <p>February 22 - Master Mason</p> <p>February 24 - George Washington Birthday Celebration See opposite page for details.</p> <p>Please check the Calendar on the website for updates.</p>	<p><i>The committee on work is holding Forums and examinations in the Dallas area.</i></p> <p>2/17/07 at James Ladd Burgess #1305</p> <p>2/24/07 at Burluson #649</p> <p><i>Forums start at 8:00 a.m. and examinations start at 11:00 a.m.</i></p>	<p>February 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>Plano Rainbow Assembly #320</p>
	<p>Around District 9</p>		<p>February 6 - Board Meeting</p> <p>February 13 - Stated Meeting</p> <p>February 20 - Lodge Clean-up</p> <p>February 27 - Initiation</p>
 <p>The chuck wagon</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stated meetings in District 9 - Thu. 2/1 Plano - 7 p.m. Tue. 2/6 Lebanon - 7 p.m. St. John's - 7:30 p.m. East Fork - 7:30 p.m. Th. 2/8 Lee - 7:30 p.m. Melissa - 7:30 p.m. Empire - 8 p.m. Celina - 7 p.m. Mo. 2/12 Blue Ridge - 7:30 p.m. Tu. 2/13 Allen - 7:30 p.m. Tu. 2/20 Farmersville - 7:30 p.m. Tu. 2/27 Princeton - 7:30p.m. 	<p>February 6 - Board Meeting</p> <p>February 13 - Stated Meeting</p> <p>February 20 - Lodge Clean-up</p> <p>February 27 - 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.</p> <p>Donations also accepted.</p>	<p>February 6 - Board Meeting</p> <p>February 13 - Stated Meeting</p> <p>February 20 - Lodge Clean-up</p> <p>February 27 - Initiation</p>
<p>February 1 - Mexican Chicken Casserole</p> <p>February 8- Pulled Pork</p> <p>February 15 - Chicken Alfredo</p> <p>February 22 - Spaghetti & Meat Balls</p> <p>February 24 - George Washington Birthday Bar-B-Que</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>PLANO Gift of Life BLOOD DRIVE</p> <p>SATURDAY APRIL 28, 2007</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>Blood donors are eligible to give a whole blood donation every 56 days and double red blood cells every 112 days</p> <p><i>Mark your Calendars now and start recruiting your office, church, and family to give for this good cause.</i></p>	<p>PLANO Gift of Life BLOOD DRIVE</p> <p>SATURDAY APRIL 28, 2007</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>Blood donors are eligible to give a whole blood donation every 56 days and double red blood cells every 112 days</p> <p><i>Mark your Calendars now and start recruiting your office, church, and family to give for this good cause.</i></p>
<p>Events for the Super-Mason</p>	<p>Adopt a Chair Program</p> <p>ONLY 18 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>lhkester@comcast.net</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting February 12. Plano Shrine Club meeting February 27 Presentation at Farmersville lodge by Bob Pannell on February 20 			

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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).

There is a holiday almost every month, It's Time To Give Back and take care of our Statesman and Good Ladies.

Remember

GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY BAR-B-QUE

February 24, 2007.....see inside for details...