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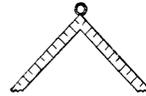
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From The East,

March 2007- The work of the lodge

The work of the Lodge begins with the Master announcing the purpose for the meeting. In our Plano Lodge we either have a stated meeting as required in our by-laws or a called meeting for the purpose of conferring degrees. This month we plan to confer five Master Mason degrees and perhaps an EA degree in five or six called meetings. A called meeting is announced in the Stated Meeting to give notice to all members of the lodge of our intention to hold the called meeting. Otherwise, if the lodge desires to call a meeting not previously announced, all members must be notified by mail or telephone.

In a broader sense, the work of the lodge is all those things that we do to assist our brothers, or join in fellowship with our brothers or contribute to our communities. We meet in fellowship each week at meal time; we offer assistance to our brothers in need. We contribute to the community through our programs such as "Gift of Life" or "Lamar Medals" and recognize community leaders with our "Community Builder" award. Our affiliated organizations such as Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine have operated some of this countries most well known philanthropies'.

We have contributed to our community for 79 years with our annual George Washington's Birthday Dinner celebration, the first being held in 1928 the last year of Calvin Coolidge's presidency and

the year of the first Academy Awards.

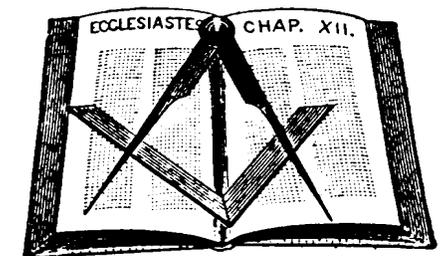
We have begun talking with our brothers in Claremore Oklahoma about renewing our mutual visitation weekends. We may be traveling to Oklahoma this spring if we can work something out.

See you in lodge. We have another busy month ahead. And I wish everyone a very Happy Saint Patrick's day.

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.



The Rhodes Goes on Forever



Brethren it was good to see all the brothers, families, friends, and children that came out to celebrate Brother George Washington's Birthday at our annual get together. According to Brother Kevin Main, this has been a tradition in Plano Lodge for nearly 80 years. I hope you all had a great evening and enjoyed the event as much as I did.

We are gearing up for another busy month in Plano. I am calling the month of March, March Master's Madness. It seems that all the Entered Apprentices we created last year have finally caught up with us and we will be raising 5 Master Masons in the month of March. We even have had to schedule 2 of them for a Saturday. What a wonderful "problem" to have. Let's keep this trend up and see just how large we can grow.

As many of you know Brother Everett McPhail has moved to the Tulsa area. He has been visiting many lodges up there in "Indian Territory" searching for a new lodge to call home. In his travels he has become quite comfortable and very welcome at Will Rogers Lodge in Claremore. Many of the brothers at Will Rogers Lodge have expressed an interest in starting up the lodge visitation program we once shared with them. For those of you who have joined Plano since that tradition trailed off let me explain how it works. Once a year the 2 lodges get together, alternating in Texas and Oklahoma, and perform a degree out of state (i.e. a Texas degree conferred in Oklahoma). I personally think reviving this tradition would be a great way to spread brotherly love and affection, not to mention creating friendships that can last a lifetime. Many of the brothers that have participated in the past can attest to what I am talking about. I plan on bringing this up at the Stated Meeting to gauge the level of participation we can expect and we will go from there. If you have an interest in participating in the revival of this tradition please let me know, since the more Plano brothers we can have participate the more likely the tradition will continue. Plus a good showing always enhances the reputation of Plano Lodge.

In the light,

Chris Rhodes

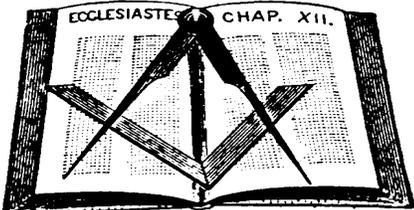


The Original Plano Masonic Lodge Library

On February 7, 1935 Plano Lodge #768 decided to purchase a subscription to the Grand Lodge Magazine through which the lodge would receive additional bonus books with the intention of starting a library. Members quickly began to donate their own books to the library with special thanks extended in the meeting minutes to Wilbur Keith for his donations. The Library was formally established on June 6, 1935 with the adoption of rules and regulations pertaining to the circulation and maintenance of the books authored by Howard D. Hays who was elected to be the first lodge Librarian. On that same day, Eva and Carry Harrington donated two books to the library that had originally been in the possession of Thomas Finley Hughston. One of these was a copy of Light from the East. The second volume was a book simply entitled Freemasonry which was collated by the original Secretary of Plano Lodge #768, Dr. James Wilson. Another donation of note was a 2 volume set of Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry on April 8, 1953 from Mrs. Emma Howey, the widow of Robert Balfour Howey, who had been the Secretary of Plano Lodge #768 for a period spanning four decades.

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> March 1 - Stated meeting "Family night" March 3 - 2 Master Masons March 8 - Master Mason March 15 - Master Mason March 22 - Master Mason March 29 - Master Mason 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> 3/24/07 at Sam R. Hamilton # 1031 in Grand Prairie Forums start at 8:00 a.m. and examinations start at 11:00 a.m. </p>	<p> March 19 - Stated Meeting <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> March 6 - Board Meeting March 13 - Stated Meeting March 20 - Lodge Clean-up March 27 - Initiation </p>																								
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<p> March 1 - Bar-B-Q March 8 - Swedish Meatballs March 15 - Smothered Pork Chops March 22 - Meatloaf March 24 - Chicken Spaghetti Casserole 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> Get your daughter or grand-daughter involved in Plano Rainbow </p>	<p> PLANO Gift of Life BLOOD DRIVE SATURDAY APRIL 28, 2007 <i>Cutoff dates:</i> You cannot give 2RBC after January 6, 2007, You cannot give Whole Blood after March 3, 2007, if you are going to give at the Plano Blood Drive Blood donors are eligible to give a whole blood donation every 56 days and double red blood cells every 112 days Mark your Calendars now and start recruiting your office, church, and family to give for this good cause. </p>																								
<p>Events for the Super-Mason</p>	<p> Adopt a Chair Program ONLY 18 CHAIRS LEFT!!! Remember a loved one forever, and help grow the Plano Lodge Building Fund. Chairs are \$100.00 each and new name tags are available at a special price of \$10.00 each. Contact Larry Kester for more info. lhkester@comcast.net </p>	<p> Get your daughter or grand-daughter involved in Plano Rainbow </p>	<p> Blood donors are eligible to give a whole blood donation every 56 days and double red blood cells every 112 days Mark your Calendars now and start recruiting your office, church, and family to give for this good cause. </p>																								
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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.

If you visit another Lodge.....tell them about this way they can help