

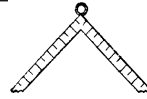
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From The East,

June 2007 Close the lodge

Very soon we will be ending the 111th Masonic year for Plano Lodge #768. As usual we have been very busy at work in the quarries. By the time the year ends on St. John the Baptist day, June 24th we will have had 12 stated meetings and 39 called meetings, (two dark Thursdays in the year.) We will have conferred more that 45 degrees – Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason, (Tiny says he will count them up after the year ends.)

Among the activities of the Lodge for the year are included:

- Annual Certificate exam where many Plano Masons showed their proficiency in our ritual work
- Good participation in grand lodge workshops
- Participation with other community organizations to distribute candy at the annual Halloween party at Garden ridge
- Institution of the family night on stated meeting days
- Beginning of the Tracking and mentoring of new Masons program
- The 79th annual Washington’s birthday barbeque
- Trip to Claremore OK to confer a Texas style degree
- Presentation 50 year awards and Lamar awards
- Two record setting blood drives
- Participation in the MWSA outdoor degree

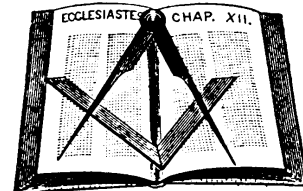
I have enjoyed my time as Master and your encouragement, and patience and good advice. I wish the best for the new team and expect that they will enthusiastically, resourcefully and competently represent Plano Lodge in the 112th year.

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

Fraternally,

Fred Smith

Worshipful Master

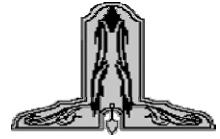


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The Rhodes Goes on Forever



Brethren,

Summer is upon us again. This is a very significant time in Masonry. June 24th marks the end of another Masonic year. This is generally a time of great change within Plano Lodge. The stated meeting in June presents us with the opportunity to elect new officers for the New Year. Traditionally, that is merely a formality as the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Senior Deacon ascend to their following stations. A new class of senior officers is installed in the Lodge and things proceed as they always have with some minor changes and sometimes with major changes.

If tradition prevails and I am elected to the station of Worshipful Master I would like to continue many of the customs of Plano Lodge, while tweaking a few things that I think need tweaking and implementing some things I think need to change. I know that change is supposed to be a "nasty" word in Masonry, but I believe Plano Lodge to be at the forefront of the progression or evolution of Masonry. For example, we instituted a program to get new members active in the lodge last year by assigning a list of tasks that we asked be completed by the time of their raising as Master Masons. R.: W.: Donny W. Broughton is implementing a Lodge mentorship program for the very same purpose, to get new members involved in the lodge early on in their Masonic careers. Another way we are leading the progression of Masonry is through our effort to establish a Masonic Museum and Library for the purpose of preserving the history of Masonry in Collin County and North Texas. This endeavor is off to a great start and will build more momentum in the year to come.

I propose that we take another important step in the evolution of Masonry by slowing down the process of becoming a Mason. I believe that Plano Lodge is strong enough to do this. The most basic way to do this is by actually taking the time to get to know a man and let him and his family get to know us. I have seen and heard many petitions in which the top 2 recommendations from members of Plano Lodge have no actual time spent with that man except for 1 or 2 hours spent at dinner at the Lodge. I have signed petitions myself under these circumstances. I believe there was once a time when you actually had to know someone before you would recommend them to be a brother; I also believe this was the greatest time in our great fraternity. It actually meant something to make that recommendation and the Lodge as a whole sort of held you responsible if you recommended someone for the degrees in Masonry and they did not live up to that recommendation. Listen to the charges given after each degree. Those are the condensed version of what it should take to become a Mason. The next way to accomplish this is for the examination committee members assigned to a particular petition to do the job correctly. We all know there are many ways to skin a cat, and there are many ways to examine a petitioner. Each lodge has their particular customs and the Grand Lodge has written how they would like it done. And each brother has his own idea of how to behave on an investigation. These are all acceptable. We really should be examining a potential brother as just that. Dig deep and see if this is really someone you would invite into your family and be proud to call a brother and introduce to the world as such.

I was very excited to be sitting in Brazil earlier this month reading email from brothers both pro and con to my previous article. This, along with some face to face discussions on the topic made me feel good because I have proof that the brethren care about their lodge and are willing to express that when prodded enough. To that point I am sure I will hear about this article too and I welcome the feedback. For those who do not have my email it is copen27@aol.com, my cell number is 214-536-2452, my home number is 972-384-0405, and my office number is 972-881-9052 x 103. Please feel free to contact me concerning **YOUR** lodge during the upcoming year.

Finally, should tradition prevail and I am elected to the station of Worshipful Master for 2007-2008, installation will be June 30th at 10:00 am. There will be a pool party that afternoon at my home probably beginning at 3:00 pm. Please RSVP via one of the above contacts if you plan on attending the party to begin celebrating the wonderful year I expect we will have at Plano Lodge.




In the light,

Chris Rhodes

Brethren there are still 45 members of Plano Lodge whose 2007 dues are delinquent! Check your dues card and if the expiration date is December 31, 2006, then you are in arrears. The automatic suspension date is June 24, 2007 at which time you will be suspended in all Lodges. If you are having difficulty paying these dues please contact the Secretary so that arrangements can be made to assist you.

Send dues (\$108.00) to: Plano Lodge #768 P.O. Box 860282 Plano, TX 75086
or Contact the secretary at (972) 424-7153 or tinypowell@tx.rr.com

Calendar of Events for September

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| <p>Plano Lodge Events</p> | <p>Around District 9</p> |  | <p>Plano Order of the Eastern Star #703</p> |
| <p> June 7 - Stated meeting "Family night" June 14 - Entered Apprentice June 21 - FellowCraft June 28 - Master Mason June 30 - Officer Installation Please check the Calendar on the website for updates. </p> | <p> • Stated meetings in District 9 - Thu. 6/7 Plano - 7 p.m. Tue. 6/5 Lebanon - 7 p.m. St. John's - 7:30 p.m. East Fork - 7:30 p.m. Th. 6/14 Lee - 7:30 p.m. Melissa - 7:30 p.m. Empire - 8 p.m. Mo. 6/11 Celina - 7 p.m. Blue Ridge - 7:30 p.m. Tu. 6/12 Allen - 7:30 p.m. Tu. 6/19 Farmersville - 7:30 p.m. Tu. 6/26 Princeton - 7:30p.m. </p> | <p> June 18 - 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> June 18 - 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>  The chuck wagon </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. <i>lhkester@comcast.net</i> </p> |  | <p>Plano Rainbow Assembly #320</p> |
| <p> June 7 - Sausage & Rice Casserole June 14 - Mexican Chicken Casserole June 21 - Spagetti & Meatballs June 28 - Meatloaf 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> Adopt a Bookcase For the Museum & Library \$500 Contact JJ at jjmiller768@yahoo.com </p> | <p> June 5- Board Meeting June 12 - Stated Meeting June 19 - Lodge Clean-up June 26 - Initiation <u>Get your daughter or grand-daughter involved in Plano Rainbow</u> 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. Bracelets are \$5 each. Donations also accepted. </p> | <p> June 5- Board Meeting June 12 - Stated Meeting June 19 - Lodge Clean-up June 26 - Initiation <u>Get your daughter or grand-daughter involved in Plano Rainbow</u> 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. Bracelets are \$5 each. Donations also accepted. </p> |
| <p>Events for the Super-Mason</p> | <p> Stock the Store Campaign: 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, 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> Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting June 11. Plano Shrine Club meeting June 26 Museum & Library History committee, Working meeting June 11th and 25th at 5:30 p.m. There are several installations in the area over the next month. Please check with our other lodges and see our brothers get installed </p> | <p> Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting June 11. Plano Shrine Club meeting June 26 Museum & Library History committee, Working meeting June 11th and 25th at 5:30 p.m. There are several installations in the area over the next month. Please check with our other lodges and see our brothers get installed </p> |

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Attention.....

Stated Meeting and Officer Elections for Plano Lodge #768 are June 7, 2007

Family night dinner begins at 5:30p.m.

Stated Meeting begins at 7:00p.m.

Please come to the meeting as we will be voting on the new Officers and possibly increasing the amount for an endowed membership.

We will also be presenting Lamar and possibly a community builder award during dinner.