

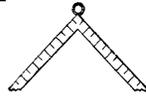
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**From the East**



Brethren,

Thank you all for making my first month as Worshipful Master of Plano Lodge a great one. I have implemented some new programs at the stated meetings and the response has been positive. I was very pleased with the participation of the brothers during these programs and the comments I received afterward confirmed that these were good additions to the meeting and were indeed something the brothers would enjoy. I have a few more ideas to try out as we continue through this year, and look forward to receiving feedback on them both positive and constructive.

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I expect we will continue to be busy at Plano Lodge through the month of August. I do know of some events we have coming up in September. At the stated meeting in September we will receive our second official visit from our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Glen Day, as well as have the report from the Audit Committee. Both should prove interesting and informative. We will also have our annual Certificate Examination at Plano Lodge on the Monday following Labor Day. For those who choose to sit for this examination, this can be quite a hectic, mind numbing experience. I have also had a request to have a Saturday degree. I am not sure when that will be able to be fit into the schedule, but be expecting it. We have had poor attendance at the last 2 Saturday degrees we have put on, so I would like to have a larger crowd for this when it comes to be.

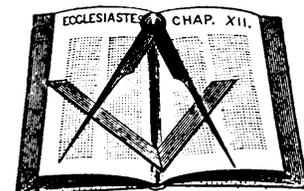
Finally, the weather (i.e. rain) seems to have lightened up to the point I can again use my pool. I know you have all been eagerly waiting for this moment, so please note the pool party has been rescheduled.

**The new date is Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.** The same requests apply. Please RSVP to me either in person, by email, or by telephone. This is a BYOT event. Bring Your Own Towel.

In Peas and Hominy,

Chris

Worshipful Master



Is the lodge website under your favorites? If not, go to [www.planomasoniclodge.org](http://www.planomasoniclodge.org) and add it. Visit it often.



## Freemasonry in the Revolution

*(excerpts from the Little Masonic Library, volume III, pp93-94, 242-243)*

The first "Antient" lodge in Boston met and organized at the Green Dragon Tavern in 1752 (the year in which Washington was made a Mason in the Old Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia) and, two years later, petitioned the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a charter. The warrant was granted in 1756, but owing to the difficulties of communication at that time did not come to hand until four years after.

This Tavern, also known as the Freemasons' Arms, described by the royal governor as a "nest of sedition," was called by Daniel Webster the "Headquarters of the Revolution," a name to which it has undoubted claim. It was a two-story brick building painted a dingy color, on a little lane off Union Street, near the shores of the Mill Pond. It was purchased by St. Andrew's Lodge before the Revolution and the site is still owned by it. The building was taken down in 1823. Here met the "North End Caucus," the "Sons of Liberty," Paul Revere's famous club and other Revolutionary bodies, and here much secret history was made. "How much 'treason,'" says the historian Drake, "was hatched under this roof will never be known. But much was unquestionably concocted within the walls of the Masonic Lodge."

The "Sons of Liberty" met at the Green Dragon Tavern where St. Andrew's Lodge also met regularly. This was the lodge of Paul Revere and Joseph Warren. It was a "North-End Lodge" whose secret meetings alternated with the "High Sons of Liberty," who controlled all the early Revolutionary movements. The men were the same in both. The record of that lodge on Nov. 30, 1773, showed only seven members present and in the record is this statement: "N. B. Consignees of Tea took up the brethrens' time." On December 16, the night of the Ocean Tea Party, the secretary after noting that the lodge closed until the next night, makes the T entry thus: - "On account of the few members in attendance" and then fills up the page with the letter "T" made big.

### Whence Came These Indians?

Mistaking the attitude of the Americans, as well as that of their king, The English East India Company had offered to refund the tax by selling tea at a less price in America than in England. The King insisted on his claimed right to tax without consent. So Edmund Burke's resolution of conciliation was voted down in the English Parliament by 270 against 78. The issue was joined: England claimed the right to tax without consent; the Americans denied such claim. England said: "Land the tea." A gathering Dec. 16, 1773, in "The Old South-Meeting House" said "No." A messenger had been sent to urge Hutchinson, the King's representative, to order the tea back to England. Long after dark his refusal was delivered by messenger. At once Adams announced: "The meeting can do nothing more to save the Country." When the church doors opened there were 40 to 50 men disguised as Indians, "and," says Avery, "in two or three hours 342 chests of tea valued at about 1800 pounds sterling were emptied into the sea." The smoothness of the performance suggests a master playwright and many rehearsals. When the work had been completed the crowd quietly dispersed, and before daybreak Paul Revere was riding fast to Philadelphia with the glorious news that "Boston had at last thrown down the gauntlet for the king to pick up."

That Ocean Tea Party was as dignified a Masonic event as the laying of a Corner Stone—as indeed in very truth it was. Here is what that eminent authority John Fiske says of it: "For the quiet sublimity of reasonable but dauntless moral purpose, the heroic annals of Greece and Rome can show no greater scene than that which the Old South-Meeting House witnessed on the day (night) when the tea was destroyed."

On April 19th, 1775, Grand Master Warren sent Bro. Paul Revere (later Grand Master) to notify the Minute-Men at Lexington and Concord and to warn Hancock and Samuel Adams upon whose head the British had set a price. Paul Revere was arrested just out of Lexington, but William Daws and Dr. Prescott, a "High Son of Liberty," escaped and reached Concord in time to arouse the Minute-Men there and prevent the capture of the military stores there. Thus the members of St. Andrew's Lodge defeated the first effort of the English to enslave them. They had passed the "south and west gates."

# Calendar of Events for August

<b>Plano Lodge Events</b>	<b>Around District 9</b>		<b>Plano Order of the Eastern Star #703</b>
<p><b>Aug 2</b> - Stated meeting "Family night" - 5:30 pm</p> <p><b>Aug 9</b> - Entered Apprentice</p> <p><b>Aug 16</b> - FellowCraft</p> <p><b>Aug 23</b> - Master Mason</p> <p><b>Aug 30</b> - Master Mason</p> <p>Please check the Calendar on the website for updates.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stated meetings in District 9 -           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Thurs. Plano - 7 p.m.</li> <li>First Tues. Lebanon - 7 p.m.</li> <li>St. John's - 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>East Fork - 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>Second Tues. Lee - 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>Melissa - 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>Empire - 8 p.m.</li> <li>Second Mon. Celina - 7 p.m.</li> <li>Blue Ridge - 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>Second Tues. Allen - 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>Third Tues. Farmersville - 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>Fourth Tues. Princeton - 7:30p.m.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<p>Aug 20 - Stated Meeting 7:30 pm</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>Adopt a Chair Program</b></p> <p><b>ONLY 18 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@verizon.net">lhkester@verizon.net</a></p>		<b>Plano Rainbow Asszmbly #320</b>
<p><b>Aug 2 - Tacos</b></p> <p><b>Aug 9 - Chicken Spaghetti Casserole</b></p> <p><b>Aug 16 - Woodman's Roast</b></p> <p><b>Aug 23 - Lasagna</b></p> <p><b>Aug 30 - Stewards' Trestleboard</b> (New designs by which the craft can pursue their hunger.)</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>Texas Young Masons</b></p> <p>For information on the Texas Young Masons, go to <a href="http://www.texasyoungmasons.org">www.texasyoungmasons.org</a></p>		<p>Aug 7 - Board Meeting 7:30 pm</p> <p>Aug 14 - Stated Meeting 7:30 pm</p> <p>Aug 21 - Lodge Clean-up</p> <p>Aug 28 - Initiation 7:30 pm</p> <p><u>Get your daughter or grand-daughter involved in Plano Rainbow</u></p>
<p><b>Events for the Super-Mason</b></p>	<p><b><u>Stock the Store Campaign:</u></b></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. <b>This is where YOU can help.</b> 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>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting August 20.</li> <li>Plano Shrine Club meeting August 28</li> <li>Museum &amp; Library History committee, Working meeting August 13th and 27th at 5:30 p.m.</li> <li>Grand Lodge Cornerstone ceremony, McKinney lodge, August 14th 2:00 pm.</li> <li>McKinney Commandry, 7:30 pm Aug 14. Dinner at 6:30 pm.</li> <li>Haggai Chapter and Council, 7:30 pm Aug 28. Dinner at 6:30 pm.</li> </ul>			

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In 1933 the legislature passed a law establishing rules for the proper display of the flag and providing for a pledge to the flag: "Honor the Texas Flag of 1836; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible." The pledge erroneously referred to the 1836 national flag, known as David G. Burnet's flag, instead of the Lone Star Flag. Senator Searcy Bracewell introduced a bill to correct this error in 1951, but the legislature did not delete the words "of 1836" until 1965."

The pledge was again amended by House Bill 1034 during the 80th Legislature with the addition of "one state under God." The revised wording became effective on June 15, 2007.

## **Pledge to the Texas Flag**

Honor the Texas flag;  
I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas,  
one state under God,  
one and indivisible.