

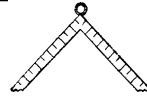
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From the East



Brethren,

It is that time of month when I must put fingers to keyboard and submit a message to the lodge. I normally spend a fair amount of time contemplating what message it is that I want or need to send in any specific month. However, this month such is not the case.

I am a subscriber to Carl Jones' email lists and recently received a message that I think every brother in Masonry should get. I have chosen to make a paraphrased version of that message the subject of my article this month.

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Making Good Men Better

Let me first start at the end of the message with a list of attributes we should strive for younger Masons to see:

Honor to the fraternity to never let it be defaced by bad intentions.

Virtuous in our lodges, and in our daily lives.

Truthful to ourselves about our need to change.

Fidelity to our practices, so that younger men will want to be like us.

Courage to speak out when others are not following Masonic principles.

Loyalty to our brothers in letting them know we care, and are willing to help.

Patience enough to wait and watch them change.

Humble enough to accept criticism when we falter, or commendation when we succeed.

Proud enough to commend the changes we see in our brothers.

This list was preceded by some suggestions of what is "good" for the Lodge and what is "not good" for the Lodge. Many of the "good" suggestions are practiced at Plano lodge, and many of the "not good" suggestions are also not practiced at Plano lodge. However, I feel the need to point out some items of both categories that I feel we can improve upon.

Is the lodge website under your favorites? If not, go to www.planomasoniclodge.org and add it. Visit it often.



As an Entered Apprentice Mason we are taught that “a lodge is ...a place where Masons meet for work” and as a Master Mason “... of who can best work and best agree”, of course we are all imperfect and striving learn to be the as perfect as possible. To that end I feel that we can improve in “Counseling”, “Edification of another”, “Controlled discussion of differences”, “Attitudes” and “Other profanity”. These items have been lifted from the afore mentioned email along with a short description.

Counseling – When a brother who is normally at lodge is absent for an extended time (for no apparent reason) we should be worried about him. We help our own first, and we worry about them when they are not with us.

Edification of another – There have been times that negatives were spoken about a Masonic issue, and younger masons started chiming in with their own negative views about Masonic issues. This cannot happen. The only way to prevent this is to ensure all do not get this kind of conversation started.

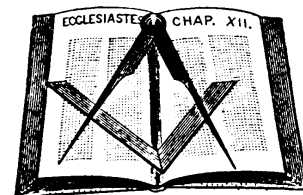
Controlled discussion of differences – Craft your discussion without emotion, or just say you don’t agree but cannot verbalize it. Keep the level of discussion to the point.

Attitudes – Please leave them at the door. All masons should have similar thoughts in mind when attending lodge. And remember, you represent your lodge when you do ANYTHING.

Other profanity – NO PROFANITY IN THE LODGE WHATSOEVER!!!

To make good men better, it takes “better men” to be role models for the “good men” to see and learn from. This is not a place where you “let your hair down”; it should be a haven clear of all negatives toward each other. We must all “mind our manner” when in lodge or fraternizing with other Masons.

From the East,
Chris



The Texas Young Masons of Plano Lodge Present

The Masonic Whirlyball Tournament to Benefit the Texas Masonic Retirement Center

Please join us on Friday, October 12 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM for an evening of Whirlyball and fellowship. Pizza and unlimited soda, beer and wine provided. (Beer and wine for 21 and older only)

Where: Whirlyball Plano...3115 W. Parker, NW corner of Parker and Independence

Price: \$9 tickets can be purchased at the door. Please RSVP to Bro. James Abell at jamesabelljr@hotmail.com

Please bring donations for the TMRC Country Store. Check the list in this Trestleboard for items needed. They specifically request more of the following:

Knee High Stockings—NUDE COLOR (one size fits all)

Word Seek puzzle books (these are very popular)




V05 hair styling products

Kleenex (always needed)

Small bottles of mouthwash (Listerine and Scope)

No Aerosol sprays! They are not allowed in the clinic.

Calendar of Events for September

<p>Plano Lodge Events</p>	<p>Around District 9</p>		<p>Plano Order of the Eastern Star #703</p>
<p>Sep 6 - Stated meeting "Family night" - 5:30 PM</p> <p>Sep 13 - Entered Apprentice</p> <p>Sep 20 - FellowCraft</p> <p>Sep 27 - Master Mason</p> <p>Please check the Calendar on the website for updates. On degree nights, we eat at 6:00 PM and open at 7:00 PM.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stated meetings in District 9 - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Thurs. Plano - 7 PM First Tues. Lebanon - 7 PM St. John's - 7:30 PM East Fork - 7:30 PM Second Tues. Lee - 7:30 PM Melissa - 7:30 PM Empire - 8:00 PM Second Mon. Celina - 7 PM Blue Ridge - 7:30 PM Second Tues. Allen - 7:30 PM Third Tues. Farmersville - 7:30 PM Fourth Tues. Princeton - 7:30 PM 	<p>Sep 17 - 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>The chuck wagon</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@verizon.net</p>		<p>Plano Rainbow Assembly #320</p>
<p>Sep 6 - Sausage and Rice Casserole</p> <p>Sep 13 - Homemade Chili</p> <p>Sep 20 - Brisket & Sausage!</p> <p>Sep 27 - Stewards' Trestleboard (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>Texas Young Masons</p> <p>For information on the Texas Young Masons, go to www.texasyoungmasons.org</p>	<p>Sep 4 - Board Meeting 7:30 PM</p> <p>Sep 11 - Stated Meeting 7:30 PM</p> <p>Sep 18 - Lodge Clean-up</p> <p>If your daughter is involved in Rainbow, please help with lodge clean up!</p> <p>Sep 25 - Initiation 7:30 PM</p> <p><u>Get your daughter or grand-daughter involved in Plano Rainbow</u></p>	
<p>Events for the Super-Mason</p>	<p><u>Stock the Store Campaign:</u></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting September 17 Plano Shrine Club meeting September 25 Museum & Library History committee, Working meeting September 1th and 24th at 5:30 PM. Certificate examination, Plano lodge, September 10 6:00 PM. Scottish Rite Fall Reunion. Day 1 Sep 8th, Day 2 Sept 22, Day 3 Sept 29 	<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. 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.</p> <p>Kleenex, Cough Drops, Sugar Free Cough Drops, Talcum and Medicated Talcum, Lectric Pre-shave, Williams Pre-shave, Knee-high stockings (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, V05 Hair Styling products.</p>		

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This article is taken from the Grand Lodge of Texas website. Enjoy! And may I say thank you for sending me to the Wardens Retreat. Plano Lodge will benefit by mine and Adam's attendance.

Your Junior Warden

The Plumb and Plumb-line

Within the Degrees are found references to the plumb and plumb-line as instruments of particular significance to the Mason. As one of the earliest and simplest instruments used in construction, the plumb and its line were an essential tool of the stone mason. As the level was to insure evenness of a surface, the plumb was to insure perpendicularity and right angles to that surface.

By attaching a weight to one end of a string and lifting the weight off the ground using the other end of the string, and holding it steady, a simple plumb is an instrument of amazing accuracy. From homes to cathedrals, this simple tool has pointed the way upward and indicated the straightness needed to obtain perfection. And so it is that this tool was taken from the operative mason to the speculative mason as a symbol of rectitude of conduct, undeviating uprightness, and constant integrity required to build a spiritual temple reflecting the best of one's efforts.

The Junior Warden is responsible for the conduct of his Brethren and, as his working tool, the plumb is a constant reminder of his need to be attentive to rectitude. Charged to watch during the hours of refreshment, the Junior Warden must watch with care. Between work and refreshment lie many opportunities to deviate in conduct.

The concept of an immortal life is that of one above, or one that rises above this earthly sphere. Hence verticality, or perpendicularity, is an essential direction toward personal improvement or achievement. The early weights were lead, a base metal, and can be seen as indicating the baseness of life and the need to move upward to a better life. To move along a straight path in life and be unwavering in one's conduct is each Brother's challenge. So, it is that when you hold a plumb and plumb-line in your hand, you hold a working tool of Masonry. Between the baseness below and the Light above, lies a straight and narrow path which, if followed with integrity and uprightness, will lead you to "that Temple, not made with Hands, eternal in the heavens". Always chose well.