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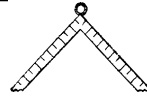
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From the East



Brethren,

I would like to start my column this month by saying Thank You to some of the brethren of Plano Lodge publicly. First I would like to say Thank You to Brother Charles McKay. Brother McKay brought me a situation regarding a Masonic widow here in Plano who was having some financial difficulties. Not only did Brother McKay bring this issue to me he worked with me to uphold our obligation by arranging more monetary help than Plano Lodge could provide on its own and worked with me to see that this issue was resolved in a very positive way. Second I would like to say Thank You to Brother Michael Young, Esq. who has provided the lodge with a contract between it and the Fillmore Pub about to open around the corner. Finally, I would like to say Thank You to Brothers Clay Smith and Jim McBeth. These brothers have taken on the duty of compiling a list of and contacting the Masonic Widows of Plano Lodge. Through their efforts we expect to have about 15 of our brother's widows join us at the Family Night Dinner in October. Next time you see these brothers please give them a pat on the back for good work they are doing on behalf of Plano Lodge.

If you were at the Lodge meeting on September 20th you know about some of the plans for the enhanced Mentor Program at Plano Lodge. I thought since there were not that many of the brothers present at that meeting I would publish some guidelines for the duties of a mentor. The Mentor has essentially three goals in working with the new candidate:

- provide a personal link between the candidate and the lodge membership,
- provide an individual to whom the candidate can turn to for information, and
- provide encouragement for the candidate to seek Masonic knowledge through education.

Some suggested "duties" of a Mentor are:

- Ask the candidate if there are any special guests he might be expecting and, if so encourage him to inform them of the degree and to invite them to attend,
- On the night of the initiation, greet the candidate and explain to him how he will be dealt with and reassure any anxiety he might have about the ritual,

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



Following the degree, reserve a seat next to the mentor for the candidate to take upon being welcomed into the lodge by the Worshipful Master,

Keep in regular contact with the new member and personally invite him to attend appropriate meetings and gatherings of the lodge,

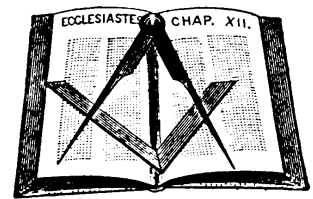
Take responsibility for the new brother and insure every effort is taken to keep the new brother engaged in progressing through the Masonic degrees,

For one year following his receipt of the Master Mason degree, keep in regular contact with the new brother and encourage him to participate in lodge activities, and

Extend a special invitation to the wife and family of the new brother to attend open lodge functions. Take time to introduce them to other wives and families for their first several visits.

This is an opportunity to create in a new brother a feeling of pride in the Fraternity and aid him in his quest for the genius of Freemasonry. Through this endeavor I believe we can create even more confident and educated Masons in Plano Lodge.

Chris Rhodes – Worshipful Master



The George Washington Inaugural Bible is coming to Plano!

The Museum & Library has requested, and St John's Lodge #1 of New York has approved, the transportation of the George Washington Inaugural Bible to Plano, Texas for the weekend of June 28, 2008. The proposal is for it to be on the altar during Plano's Installation of Officers in the morning and then to be the centerpiece of a black-tie fundraiser for the Museum & Library Saturday evening.




The central theme of the fundraiser would be the Masonic History of the Bible, the Presidential History of the Bible, George Washington, and the Masonic History of North Texas, all done in very good taste. We could have a reception, dinner, speakers, live music, and a George Washington impersonator for pictures (this would probably be the only opportunity for pictures with the Bible because of security). It would be an extremely unique opportunity for the citizens of Plano and the surrounding area, the Museum & Library, and the Lodge to showcase some of our Masonic Heritage.

Is this something you think the members of Plano Lodge can do, and do successfully? If this is something you think would be good for Masonry in Plano and North Texas, we will need your help and support to make it happen. Whether or not we do it will entirely depend upon the Lodge's response and support because there is a lot of work that will have to be done.

We will be discussing this at the October stated meeting. Please attend if you are interested.

Fraternally,
JJ Miller

Calendar of Events for October

<p>Plano Lodge Events</p>	<p>Around District 9</p>		<p>Plano Order of the Eastern Star #703</p>
<p>Oct 4 - Stated meeting "Family night" - 5:30 PM</p> <p>Oct 11 - Entered Apprentice</p> <p>Oct 18 - TBD</p> <p>Oct 25 - TBD</p> <p>Oct 27 - Blood Drive</p> <p>Oct 25 - Halloween Candy at Garden Ridge</p>	<p>• Stated meetings in District 9 -</p> <p>First Thurs. Plano - 7 PM First Tues. Lebanon - 7 PM St. John's - 7:30 PM East Fork - 7:30 PM</p> <p>Second Tues. Lee - 7:30 PM Melissa - 7:30 PM Empire - 8:00 PM</p> <p>Second Mon. Celina - 7 PM Blue Ridge - 7:30 PM</p> <p>Second Tues. Allen - 7:30 PM Third Tues. Farmersville - 7:30 PM Fourth Tues. Princeton - 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Oct 15 - 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>Plano Rainbow Asszmbly #320</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. <i>lhkester@verizon.net</i></p>		<p>Oct 2 - Board Meeting 7:30 PM</p> <p>Oct 9 - Stated Meeting 7:30 PM</p> <p>Oct 16 - Lodge Clean-up</p> <p>If your daughter is involved in Rainbow, please help with lodge clean up!</p> <p><u>Get your daughter or grand-daughter involved in Plano Rainbow</u></p>
<p>Oct 4 - Spaghetti and Meatballs</p> <p>Oct 11 - Meatloaf</p> <p>Oct 18 - Smothered Pork Chops</p> <p>Oct 25 - 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>Events for the Super-Mason</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Rite Valley of Dallas stated meeting October 15. • Plano Shrine Club meeting October 30 • Museum & Library History committee, Working meeting October 8th and 22nd at 5:30 PM. • Texas Family Weekend, October 13th at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in Arlington. • Texas Young Masons Whirlyball event, October 12th, Plano. • York Rite Halloween party, October 27th at 6:00 PM 	<p>The Texas Young Masons of Plano Lodge Present</p> <p>The Masonic Whirlyball Tournament to Benefit the Texas Masonic Retirement Center</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Where: Whirlyball Plano...3115 W. Parker, NW corner of Parker and Independence</p> <p>Price: \$9 tickets can be purchased at the door. Please RSVP to Bro. James Abell at jamesabelljr@hotmail.com</p> <p>Please bring donations for the TMRC Country Store. They specifically request more of the following:</p> <p>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)</p> <p>No Aerosol sprays! They are not allowed in the clinic.</p>		

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All blood donated goes to benefit

