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BUILDING YOUR MASONIC FAÇADE

Why did you join the Lodge? Has your reason for staying in Lodge changed? As an Apprentice, you were placed in the Northeast corner and given instructions upon which to build a moral and Masonic edifice, a floor plan for living a good life. The questions and answers provided you with the cornerstone, but how much of your façade have you completed since laying that first stone?

Have you actively practiced charity, compassion, brotherhood, temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice? And what kinds of materials are you using to build your personal façade? Are you deliberately taking the extra time to use stone and mortar or are you cutting corners and using wood or straw? Are you breaking off the rough and unusable parts of the stones so they fit tightly?

Every one of us must strengthen and fortify our character to successfully weather life's turbulent, rough, and tumble storms. We must be actively reflecting upon what the esoteric work is trying to teach us about how to craft and place the many stones that compose our whole life. Do not get in a hurry to complete your great work because you are building a Temple, not a shed.

Every day, take time to work on your Masonic edifice. Deliberately strive to improve yourself and carefully measure, cut, and place each personal and spiritual stone. By reflecting upon the lessons of the esoteric work and how you can apply them to the challenges you face each day, you will construct a Temple that magnificently reflects who you are.

JJ Miller

Worshipful Master

For the latest on Lodge news and events and to download an electronic copy of the Trestleboard, go to:

<http://www.planomasoniclodge.org/>



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PLANO LODGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS & DINNER MENU

August 7	Stated Meeting (EA Degree)	Steward's Trestleboard
	<i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	
August 14	EA Degree	Sausage and Potato Casserole
	<i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>	
August 21	EA Degree	Beef Stroganoff
	<i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>	
August 28	FC Degree	Smothered Pork Chops
	<i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>	

MASTER'S WAGES

What do you, as a Master Mason believe are Master's Wages? Have you ever considered this? What are the benefits of receiving Master's Wages?

The Wages of a Master may be classified under two headings; first, those inalienable rights which every Freemason enjoys as a result of fees, initiation and the payment of annual dues to his Lodge; second, those more precious privileges which are his if he will but stretch out his hand to take.

- Comfort knowing that Freemasons around the world took an oath to provide relief to a brother that is down.
- When traveling in a foreign land; the ability to prove yourself a Mason.
- The world is full of opportunities to do for others.
- Serving on a committee within the Lodge is thankless work, but necessary for the Lodge to prosper.
- Instructing a new brother in his work, training officers or standing in for an officer when not in his station.
- The enjoyment of fellowship, which grows into friendship.
- The knowledge of a relationship with the Great Architect of the Universe.
- The security of knowing your widow and children will be cared for after we have returned to the Celestial Lodge above.
- Being linked to the great minds of history, such as; George Washington, Wolfgang Mozart, Sir Winston Churchill and King Solomon to name a few.

These are a but few examples of Master's Wages. Once we received the word, our work began. Once a Mason is raised, his brethren and his Lodge has started the process, it is up to you to continue the journey. Freemasonry gives us wages according to our labor; and if we work faithfully, we shall receive each man his penny. We can all find satisfaction in a job well done, and thus we continue to search for ways to improve our fraternity. See to it, my brother, that you are a Master in fact as well as in name; so shall you learn the real meaning of the Word by which some day you will travel in a far, far country, where there is neither gold nor silver. At that point you will truly receive – Master's Wages!

Your Senior Warden,

Scott Shaeffer

WEEKLY CERTIFICATE PRACTICES

We are meeting every Monday evening at 6:30 P.M. in the Museum and Library downstairs for certificate practices. All those wanting to learn the work and those studying for the exam are welcome. The certificate exam will take place on Monday, September 8th at 6:00 P.M. If this is your first time, these practices are the best place to start. As a reminder, here are the requirements for each class:

“C” Certificate – Questions and answers from all three Degrees, the Tiler's Oath, and how to open, close, and call to and from labor all three Lodges and the Master Mason's Lodge of Sorrow

“B” Certificate – All requirements for “C” certificate and the floor work for all three Degrees

“A” Certificate - All requirements for “B” certificate and the short-form lectures for all three Degrees

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A MASON'S heart is prone to love,
To love and loyalty;
To cherish his time-honour'd Craft—
Of ancient Masonry:

To cheer the languid hopes of life
With feeling sympathy,
And greet, with friendship's warmest
smiles,
The sons of Masonry.

To guide us through the shoals of life,
Thy beacon light appears,
To steer our bark with safety through
This world of hopes and fears.

Within the bonds of brotherhood,
In love and unity,
We still adhere to virtue's cause,
To love and Masonry.

Within the halo of thy light
O may we ever be
Like stars, resplendent, shining bright,
Blest sons of Masonry.

And may the compass points direct
Our hearts to heaven and Thee,
Our ruler and great Architect,
The hope of Masonry.

- W. T. Harding



PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE

Please watch for details in next month's Trestleboard about how you will be able to pay your dues and make donations to the lodge using online bill payments, as well as pay your dues for the coming year in monthly installments.

MASONIC TREASURE HUNT

Each month during this Masonic year, the Trestleboard will contain a question based upon information contained in the Monitor of the Lodge for the Grand Lodge of Texas. For those of you who still have the copy you received at your initiation, it should be easy to find the answer, although the questions will become increasingly difficult over time. Collect all of your answers throughout the year, and the final puzzle in June will provide the last clue, which will require your answers from all of the previous questions for its solution. All correct answers to this final puzzle that are submitted to trestleboard@planomasoniclodge.org on or before Wednesday, June 24, 2009 will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to the local restaurant called Love and War in Texas. Do not send in your individual monthly answers. Only correct answers to the final puzzle will be accepted. Good luck! (There will be no other hints provided, so don't ask.)

Question for August 2008:

What symbol of time, which makes havoc among the human race, alludes to the harvest as a reminder of our own mortality?

MASONIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

In the Charge to a Master Mason, we are told that the ancient landmarks of the order are entrusted to our care, that we are to carefully preserve them and never allow them to be changed. What are the landmarks of Freemasonry?

Landmarks are those customs, traditions, and regulations that any Masonic jurisdiction must adhere to if it is to be considered truly Masonic by the rest of the Fraternity. Landmarks are considered both ancient and irrevocable. It is odd that the landmarks are entrusted to our care, and yet we are never given the slightest hint of what those landmarks might be. In fact, anyone who begins to research the subject will quickly find that there really is no agreement as to which customs and traditions should be considered genuine landmarks.

Three landmarks are the most generally recognized among many Grand Lodges: the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and a belief in a future life to come. Other

jurisdictions add to these the use of a Volume of Sacred Law, the requirement for secrecy, our modes of recognition, the division of our system into three degrees, or the legend of the third degree. Still others include the right of Masons to visit other lodges or address specific concerns of Masonic jurisprudence, such as the autonomy of individual lodges, the notions of recognition and regularity, the prohibition of religious or political discussion in Lodge, or the qualifications for being a Grand Master.

Many Masonic authors have attempted to create elaborate lists of landmarks. Among them were George Oliver, Roscoe Pound, Rob Morris, Albert Mackey, Joseph Fort Newton, and of course, James Anderson, who published his list of regulations in the Charges of a Free-Mason in 1723. The Grand Lodge of Texas bounds its own authority within the "Ancient Landmarks" in Article III, Section 2 of its own Constitution and seems to acknowledge Anderson's regulations as authoritative with a statement in Article III, Section 3. However, Anderson's Charges are more a series of guiding principles and regulations than an itemization of any binding landmarks of Freemasonry, which returns us to the original question. It seems that landmarks, like Masonic symbolism, are really left to individual interpretation.

Thanks to all of our members and their families who are submitting questions about Masonic history, philosophy, and symbolism that need an answer. If you have a question that you would like to submit, please send an E-mail to trestleboard@planomasoniclodge.org.

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 information.

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DISTRICT 9 STATED MEETINGS

First Tuesday	East Fork - 7:30 P.M. Lebanon - 7:00 P.M. St. John's - 7:30 P.M.
First Thursday	Plano - 7:00 P.M.
Second Monday	Blue Ridge - 7:30 P.M. Celina - 7:00 P.M.
Second Tuesday	Allen - 7:30 P.M.
Second Thursday	Empire - 7:30 P.M. Lee - 7:30 P.M. Melissa - 7:30 P.M.
Third Tuesday	Farmersville - 7:30 P.M.
Fourth Tuesday	Princeton - 7:30 P.M.



PLANO ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR #703

August 18 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

Brethren, as a Mason, you, your wife, your daughters or any other female relative at least 18 years of age is eligible for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.



PLANO RAINBOW ASSEMBLY #320

August 5 - Advisory Board Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
August 12 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
August 26 - Rainbow Initiation Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
August 29 - Lodge Clean-Up

If your daughter is involved in Rainbow, please help with lodge clean up!

Brethren, your daughters and granddaughters aged 11 to 20 should be a part of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

APPENDANT BODIES

August 18 - Scottish Rite (Dallas) Stated Meeting - Dinner 6:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.

August 26 - Haggai (McKinney) Chapter / Council Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

August 26 - Plano Shrine Club Dinner

Be sure to check out the Member Forum on the Plano Lodge Website. To sign up, go to:

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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. There is a large box at the top of the stairs to drop the items as you come in.

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, 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, eyeshadow, 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 used VHS and DVD movies, Spray Starch, Hair Spray, V05 Hair Styling products.

FREEMASONRY AND THE INTERNET

Plano Lodge

www.planomasoniclodge.org

Plano Lodge Member Forum

www.planomasoniclodge.org/forum

Texas Young Masons

www.texasyoungmasons.org

MWSA - District 9

www.9thmws.ntxmason.org

Grand Lodge of Texas

www.grandlodgeoftexas.org

North Texas Masonic Historical Museum & Library

www.northtexashistory.org

Featured Website for July:

www.freemasons-freemasonry.com