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**WORKING TOOLS**

How do you apply each of the working tools to your life? Which one is your favorite? Do you use the 24 inch gauge and common gavel? Do you behave with honor and integrity in all of your duties? Do you act upon the square and treat people on the level? Are you spreading the cement of brotherly love? What are you doing to forge the bonds of brotherhood?

Every day we are presented with opportunities and challenges which we can use to our advantage by applying our working tools.

Each day use the 24 inch gauge to help balance the demands upon your time with your responsibilities. When someone makes you angry or frustrated, use your compasses to circumscribe your anger and the common gavel to break that anger down into the fine material needed to make mortar. By using your working tools to redirect negative energy into something productive, you will always come out ahead.

When confronted by something difficult, use your working tools to assess the issues and then resolve the problem. Use your square to determine each angle of the issue, use the level to compare the equality and justice of different resolutions, and the plumb to be certain the solution leaves your honor and integrity intact. It is hard to do these things all the time and often we fall short of what we seek to accomplish. However, the more we practice using our working tools, the better we become at it and the more successful you will be at life.

If you are not using your working tools each day, get started today. Set to work improving yourself, spend some time reviewing and researching the working tools, and learn how to apply them to your everyday life. You will be so much better for it.

**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**

<b>September 4</b>	<b>Stated Meeting (EA Degree)</b>	Steward's Trestleboard <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>
<b>September 8</b>	<b>Certificate Exam</b>	
<b>September 11</b>	<b>Plano Masonic History (Open)</b>	Honey Mustard Chicken <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>
<b>September 13</b>	<b>MM Degree in Alexandria, VA</b>	
<b>September 18</b>	<b>MM Degree</b>	Tamale Pie <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>
<b>September 25</b>	<b>FC Degree</b>	Cassoulet <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>

## MASONIC PROTOCOL

Have you ever felt uncomfortable not knowing the proper way to address Grand Lodge Officials or local Lodge Officers? I will attempt to clear up some of the confusion on this topic.

### Always Refer to the Grand Master as:

“Most Worshipful”  
 “Most Worshipful Grand Master”  
 “Grand Master Griffin”

### Never as:

“Brother Griffin”  
 “Mr. Griffin”

- Ritualistic titles such as “Most Worshipful” or “Worshipful Master” should never be used in public non-Masonic events.
- Never use ritualistic titles in newspapers or press releases. Never use ritualistic titles on the outside of an envelope or card.
- The terms President, Master or Honorable would be appropriate for public address, letter writing or press releases.
- Saluting the Brothers office or Masonic rank is their wage for a job well done.

### Grand Lodge Officers:

“Most Worshipful Sir”  
 “Right Worshipful Sir”  
 “District Deputy Grand Master” or  
 “Right Worshipful Sir”

### Lodge Officers:

“Worshipful Master” or  
 “Worshipful Sir”  
 “Brother Junior Warden”  
 “Brother Secretary”  
 “Past Master Blackmore”

What is proper attire at Grand Lodge or at Plano Lodge?

- Better to over dress than to under dress at Grand Lodge or at Plano Lodge.
- The Grand Master sets the tone at Grand Lodge; the Worshipful Master sets the tone at Plano Lodge. If the Grand Master or the Worshipful Master wears a suit or coat then they are setting the protocol for that event.
- When addressing the Lodge, as every candidate is taught, always stand up to speak. Address the Lodge in proper form: Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren.

If you have any questions or comments, let me know!

Your Senior Warden,

Scott Shaeffer

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## MASONIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**Why are the rods belonging to the deacons and stewards not used in most lodge ceremonies as they are in other Masonic jurisdictions?**

Texas and Mississippi are unique in deciding not to use the rods during the course of the degree work. While the specific reasons are unknown, it is believed that this was a result of the influence of J. W. Speight, Past Grand Master of Mississippi (1853), who was a member of Holland Lodge #1 in 1855 when he was selected to serve on the first Committee on Work for Texas under the chairmanship of William M. Taylor. This committee was appointed to develop an authorized ritual for state of Texas, which actually took over three years. Upon the completion of their work in 1858, Brother Speight and Brother Taylor were the only members of the committee to have served since its creation, and Brother Speight was the only member not to have received his Masonic degrees in Texas. Brother William M. Taylor, of course, went on to author the first Masonic Monitor for the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1859.

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](mailto:trestleboard@planomasoniclodge.org).



### THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES

Inferior virtues rise from these,  
 Affording pleasure, comfort, peace,  
 And less'ning all our cares;  
 Here Justice see, at Mercy's word,  
 Conceals her scales, and drops her sword,  
 Appeals'd by her, the guilty victim spares.

Here Fortitude, of Hope the child,  
 With conscious resignation fill'd,  
 Displays her dauntless brow;  
 Sees, fearless, human ills surround,  
 He views them all with peace profound,  
 And smiles at threaten'd woe!

Now ruddy Temp'rance shows her  
 blooming face,  
 Replete with health, with ease, and  
 fair content;  
 Whilst pamper'd luxury mourns her  
 sickly case,  
 And finds, too late, a glutton's life's  
 misspent.

With cautious step and serious grace,  
 A form behold with hidden face,  
 Veil'd o'er with modest fears;  
 Till Confidence, unused to doubt,  
 Resolves to find the goodness out,  
 Withdraws the veil, and Prudence,  
 see, appears!

- J. Cawdel

### PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE

Please watch for details in October'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](mailto: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 September 2008:

**What divine art teaches us to read the wisdom, strength, and beauty of the Almighty Creator in the celestial hemisphere?**

## FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITTING THE MUSEUM & LIBRARY

<http://www.miraclegolfconcepts.com/eventdetail.php?id=290>

On October 20, 2008, the North Texas Masonic Historical Museum and Library is hosting a fundraising golf tournament at the Golf Club at Twin Creeks in Allen, TX. This will be a 4 person scramble event and the cost will be \$125 per player. **The deadline for signing up is October 7, 2008...so don't wait!**

Alternatively, you could PLAY FOR FREE! How? We have partnered with Miracle Golf Concepts and PGA Tour Superstore to offer an exciting package that will help the Museum & Library raise additional funds. All you have to do is sign up for the tournament by going to the website above and clicking on "Register to Participate in this Event." Through this website you can choose to either pay the entry fee to play in the tournament, sign up as a fund raiser, or donate directly to the event. If you raise \$250, you'll earn a \$50 gift card to

PGA Tour Superstore; raise \$500 to receive a \$150 gift card; raise \$1000 and earn a **\$300 gift card!** After you sign up to help, you'll have the opportunity to email a pre-written donation request letter to all your family and friends, who will then go to the website and make a donation. It's that easy to help the Museum & Library raise some much needed operating funds!

**Even if you're not a golfer, you can help!** You can participate by being an all-time putter on your team. Or, you can sign up as a Fundraiser on the Miracle Golf website.

Each golfer will enjoy a complete program of special events, including: 18 holes of golf (including cart), a complimentary green fee voucher, a "Lone Star Rewards" card, a \$27 practice round, a prize package, 15% discount in the pro shop, a \$20 gift card to PGA Tour Superstore, and an exciting awards banquet. Plus, you can win prizes in a putting challenge on the practice green, two longest drive contests, closest to the pin challenge, and a Hole-in-One Contest!

We are still looking for sponsors for the event, so please have anyone who is interested contact me at 214-435-4758.

Thank you so much for your support!

**Eric Beck**

### 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

September 15 - 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

September 2 - Advisory Board Meeting - 7:30 P.M.  
September 9 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.  
September 16 - Initiation Meeting - 7:30 P.M.  
September 23 - Initiation Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

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

September 15 - Scottish Rite (Dallas) Stated Meeting - Dinner 6:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.

September 20 - Scottish Rite (Dallas) Fall Three-Day Reunion "Day 1" - 6:00 A.M.

September 23 - Haggai (McKinney) Chapter / Council Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

September 27 - Scottish Rite (Dallas) Fall Three-Day Reunion "Day 2" - 6:00 A.M.

September 30 - 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](http://www.planomasoniclodge.org)

### Plano Lodge Member Forum

[www.planomasoniclodge.org/forum](http://www.planomasoniclodge.org/forum)

### Texas Young Masons

[www.texasyoungmasons.org](http://www.texasyoungmasons.org)

### MWSA - District 9

[www.9thmws.ntxmason.org](http://www.9thmws.ntxmason.org)

### Grand Lodge of Texas

[www.grandlodgeoftexas.org](http://www.grandlodgeoftexas.org)

### North Texas Masonic Historical Museum & Library

[www.northtexashistory.org](http://www.northtexashistory.org)

### Featured Website for July:

[www.twtmag.com](http://www.twtmag.com)