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FROM THE EAST

What does Masonry teaches us about death? During October, November, and December the days grow shorter than the nights and the leaves and summer vegetation all wither and die back. Many ancient religions believed the these months symbolized the death of the Sun with the longer and longer nights, until it seemed darkness would overcome the Sun completely.

Death is the great leveler. No wealth, rank, or distinction of honor can prevent its coming. Its approach is uncertain. It frequently comes without warning and when we least expect it. Death reaps its harvest with the scythe of destruction. No one can calculate when they may fall victim to its power. The ninth or last class of emblems on the Master's carpet teach us to reflect and think upon our life's events and how they will be received before the tribunal of eternal Justice.

The memory of the good and virtuous Mason will always be cherished, and their ashes will be safely deposited in the urn of mortality. So live your life conscious of the balance between how your choices and actions will reflect upon you once you have passed. Your family will always remember you longer than anyone else, so give them your first consideration. It will be your family and friends who, after years have gone by, will reflect upon how you touched their lives and what you meant to them. And finally, remember that whatever faults and frailties an erring brother may have had, the broad mantle of his charity should cover them.

Live your life accordingly.

Near the light,

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

November 6	Stated Meeting (EA Degree)	Steward's Trestleboard
	<i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	
November 13	FC Degree	Chicken Pie
	<i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>	
November 20	MM Degree	Paella
	<i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>	
December 4	Grand Lodge of Texas Annual Communication (Waco)	
December 11	Stated Meeting (EA Degree)	Steward's Trestleboard
	<i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	

LODGE IMPROVEMENTS

Over the past few years we have made numerous improvements to the Lodge building. I am seeking input from the membership on what improvements you would like the officer team to focus on over the next few years. We have tried to address immediate concerns promptly, and would like to be more proactive in maintaining our Lodge.

Some of the more recent improvements include:

1. Recoating of the roof and fixing leak areas
2. Repairs and resurfacing the Lodge front
3. New AC units
4. New DLP projector for lectures
5. 2 new stoves in the kitchen, and a new fridge
6. New front door and lettering
7. Organizing the kitchen area
8. Interior trim replacement in certain areas
9. New window tint on all windows upstairs and down
10. Sealing cracks on south and east side of building
11. Sealing mortar cracks on top of building
12. Painting the two columns and deacon staffs inside the lodge
13. I'm sure I've missed a few ????????

So my question is; what can we do to beautify the lodge inside or out?

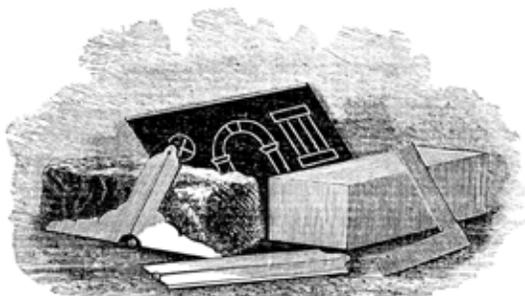
A few ideas that have been discussed:

- Repainting the interior of the Lodge room
- Repainting the entryway and stairs area
- Repainting the warden columns and altar
- Updating the bathroom
- Creating more space in the ante room
- MORE LIGHT throughout the building
- Window treatments on the interior windows
- Update the working area inside the kitchen
- Enlarge the serving window in the kitchen
- Plastic dining tables
- Painting the south and east sides of the building

If you have some ideas, please email me your thoughts scott_wrs@verizon.net. Tell me what would be important to you to improve the lodge appearance.

Your Senior Warden,

Scott Shaeffer
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HYMN OF THE MASON SOLDIERS

Brothers, met from many a nation
Far away from home,
Men of every rank and station,
Round this altar come.
Bring your hearts, so full of feeling;
Join your hands, so true;
Swear, ye sons of truth and honor,
Naught shall sever you.

Come, forgetting every sorrow,
LEVEL bring, and SQUARE;
Leave all trouble to tomorrow;
Each the COMPASS bear;
Pass a TROWEL over the discord;
Wear the LAMBSKIN white;
Brothers, one more happy meeting
In our Lodge tonight.

In the circle here extended,
Shadowy forms appear;
With our loving spirits blended,
Dead ones, ah, how dear!
Dead on many a field of battle
Lost to friends and home,
Yet in Mason's love surviving,
Round this altar come.

When to distant homes returning,
We shall say farewell,
And shall cease the tender yearning,
Now our bosoms feel.
Prattling lips and sweet caresses,
All the joys of home,
Will bring back the loving circle,
Round this altar come.

War's dark cloud will vanish,—
Joy to EAST and WEST,
Oh, Brothers!
Though the land is full of weeping,
Masons, Masons still are blest.

- Unknown

PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE

Please watch for coming details in the 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 November 2008:

To which culture are we indebted for what is great, judicious, and distinct in architecture as exemplified in the creation of the Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian orders?

MASONIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

When describing our Masonic aprons, what do our monitors mean in referring to the Golden Fleece, the Roman Eagle, the Star, and the Garter?

The Golden Fleece (of Jason and the Argonauts' fame) was among the symbols of Greek mythology as least as early as the 8th century B.C. However, this reference probably alludes to the Order of the Golden Fleece, which is a chivalric order founded by Duke Philip III of Burgundy in 1430 to celebrate his marriage to the Portuguese Princess Isabel of Aviz. The Order of the Golden Fleece was dedicated to St. Andrew. The Romans borrowed the symbol of the Eagle from the Persians as a representation of the virtue and strength of their Empire. The Eagle is used by many nations today in a similar manner. It was first adopted as a crest for a chivalric order in 1701 by the Knights of the Black Eagle at their

inception in Prussia by Friedrich I, King of Prussia. His grandson, Friedrich II (the Great) features prominently in the legendary history of the Scottish Rite.

The Order of the Star was founded by King John II in France in 1350 in response to the Order of the Garter, which was established in England as early as 1344. The Order of the Star utilized the Star of Bethlehem or the "Star of the Magi" on its crest. The Order of the Garter was probably founded by King Edward III as a distinction of honor for Knights in his service. Edward had eyes on the French throne, and it is most likely that this order was instituted to further his aims in that direction. There are many legendary stories regarding its use of a garter as a symbol. Most (but not all) suggest that a woman of nobility lost her garter while dancing near King Edward. In response to the crowd's reaction, Edward was said to have picked up the garment and said, "Shamed be the person who thinks evil of it.", which became the motto of his Order.

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

November 17 - 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

November 4 - Advisory Board Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
November 11 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
November 18 - Lodge Cleanup - 7:30 P.M.
November 25 - 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

November 15 - Scottish Rite (Dallas) 100th Year Celebration. - 10:00 A.M.

November 17 - Scottish Rite (Dallas) Stated Meeting - Dinner 6:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.

November 25 - Haggai (McKinney) Chapter / Council Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

November 25 - 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.planomasonicclodge.org

Plano Lodge Member Forum

www.planomasonicclodge.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 November:

<http://www.themasonicsociety.com/>