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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Brethren:

May I be the first to wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

The year before us is a great opportunity of unlimited possibilities. Where will you be in a year? Where will the Lodge be in a year? Choose to make it the best year yet, and recognize that each of us has the power to make it happen. Make your commitment to move the Lodge move in this direction.

The Grand Lodge has announced that it will not be making a distribution this year from the endowment fund. However, Plano Lodge is prepared because we raised our dues last year to prepare for the actions we knew the Grand Lodge would have to eventually take.

This is the year for you to make your contribution to the support of Plano Lodge. We have the opportunity to make great strides this year, so come to Lodge and participate in everything that we have to offer. I look forward to seeing you.

Fraternally,

**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>January 1</b>	<b>Stated Meeting (EA Degree)</b> <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Steward's Trestleboard
<b>January 8</b>	<b>Golden Trowel Award (Open)</b> <i>3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.</i>	Chicken Divan
<b>January 15</b>	<b>MM Degree</b> <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>	Pot Roast
<b>January 22</b>	<b>Masonic Education</b> <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>	Chicken Paprikash
<b>January 29</b>	<b>MM Degree</b> <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>	Fettuccine
<b>February 5</b>	<b>Stated Meeting (EA Degree)</b> <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Steward's Trestleboard

## MASONIC NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

- Attend Lodge weekly
- Bring a friend to Lodge
- Improve your ritual work; attend schools of instruction; get a certificate
- Further your Masonic education. Read more.
- Attend Grand Lodge this year
- Attend Grand Lodge events locally
- Visit a different Lodge
- Attend a MWSA meeting
- Participate in Masonic burial services
- Tell someone about Masonry
- Teach a candidate
- Serve on a Lodge committee
- Tell Tiny how much we appreciate him
- Learn several degree parts
- Bring two people to the Blood Drive
- Tell the Stewards how great the food is
- Bring a new family member to family night
- Join the Scottish Rite, York Rite or The Shrine
- Show up at a Rainbow Meeting (you'll have fun)
- Join the Eastern Star
- Say THANK YOU to our Past Masters
- Visit a Lodge out of state
- Volunteer at the Museum & Library
- Divide your day into three parts, and stick to it

Just think of the possibility of all of us doing a few of these things. It would have a profound impact on those around us. You may have your own list; if not make your own. What are your Masonic goals for 2009?

Your Senior Warden,

**Scott Shaeffer**

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## SPECIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Do you want to get more involved?**

**Ever thought of getting in the line?**

**Would you like to have more significant parts in degrees?**

There will be an interest meeting held after lodge on Thursday, January 15, 2009.

This meeting is designed to help you:

- Voice your interest in becoming more involved at Plano Lodge,
- Discover what you need to do to show your interest in becoming an officer,
- Help get you paired with someone if you want to learn degree work,
- See how the lodge can help you get more out of Masonry.

If you have any questions, please contact Adam DeMasellis, Junior Warden of Plano 768, at [adamdemasellis@yahoo.com](mailto:adamdemasellis@yahoo.com).

## UNTITLED

ATTEND, attend the strain,  
Ye masons free, whilst I,  
To celebrate your fame,  
Your virtues sound on high;  
Accepted masons, free and bold,  
Will never live the dupes of gold.

Great Solomon, the king,  
Great Architect of fame,  
Of whom all coasts did ring,  
Rever'd the mason's name.  
Like him accepted, free, and bold;  
True wisdom we prefer to gold.

Since him, the great and wise  
Of every age and clime,  
With fame that never dies,  
Pursued the art sublime,  
Inspir'd by heav'n; just and free,  
Have honour'd much our  
mystery.

The glorious paths of those  
With heav'n-born wisdom  
crown'd  
We every day disclose,  
And tread on sacred ground;  
A mason righteous, just, and free,  
Or else not worthy Masonry.

- John Cartwright



## 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](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 January 2009:

**Together with memory, imagination, moral perception, other active powers of the soul, and our senses, which capacity represents a peculiar mystery, summing up the whole of the transcendent measure of God's bounty to man?**

## MASONIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### Who was Pythagoras and why is his theorem attributed to Euclid?

Pythagoras was a 6th century Greek philosopher, mystic, and mathematician. In fact it is said that he was the first man to describe himself as a "philosopher", literally a lover of wisdom. Apart from his well-known theorem, he is perhaps best known for his founding of a mystical school in which he and his students revered mathematics as a representation of the order of Creation and perhaps the language of God. His students styled themselves "Pythagoreans" and strictly held to a practice of silence (echemythia).

Early historians record that his followers were divided among two groups. The outer order, known as the "listeners", was only permitted to listen to lectures delivered by Pythagoras from behind a veil.

These lessons were limited to basic moral and spiritual teachings. Members of the inner order, called "mathematicians", were permitted to see and interact with Pythagoras and received the secret teachings of his system. Unfortunately, all of Pythagoras writings have been lost to history, and what we know of his philosophical and mystical ideas comes only from the writings of his students and followers.

The designation of the Pythagorean Theorem as the 47th problem of Euclid stems from Euclid's incorporation of this theorem into Elements, his well-known treatise on mathematics and Geometry compiled some 200 years after the death of Pythagoras.

As an aside, Pythagoras and his students revered nature and generally practiced vegetarianism, which makes it extremely unlikely that he would have celebrated anything by sacrificing a hecatomb, and it is actually Archimedes who legendarily coined the term "Eureka!".

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).

### 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.

[lhkester1@verizon.net](mailto:lhkester1@verizon.net)

## 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

January 19 - 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

January 6 - Advisory Board Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

January 13 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

January 20 - Lodge Cleanup - 7:30 P.M.

January 27 - 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

January 13 - McKinney Commandery Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

January 15 - Scottish Rite Robert Burns Dinner (Dallas) - Dinner 6:30 P.M.

January 19 - Scottish Rite (Dallas) Stated Meeting - Dinner 6:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.

January 27 - Haggai (McKinney) Chapter / Council Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

January 27 - Plano Shrine Club Dinner

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

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



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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 January:

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