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FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

February is upon us and this month is the Oklahoma City book sale on Friday, the 20th. More importantly, we will be touring the Guthrie Scottish Rite either Friday or Saturday morning to glean ideas about the possibilities a Masonic facility can offer. We will be doing several Museum tours over the next couple months as we try to assemble a solid business plan for our own Masonic Museum & Library. We will try to identify what works and what doesn't, what ideas we can utilize and how to make them work for us. If you are interested in participating in this research, please contact me at master@planomasoniclodge.org or call me at 214-733-1814 and I will be sure to include you in the meetings notices.

I look forward to everyone's help and support.

In 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

February 5	Stated Meeting (EA Degree) <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Steward's Trestleboard
February 12	EA Degree <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>	Smothered Chicken
February 19	MM Degree <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>	Swedish Meatballs
February 20	Tour of Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple <i>Meet at the Temple at 9:45 A.M.</i>	
February 26	Masonic Education <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Lasagna
February 28	George Washington Dinner <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. - Plano East High School Cafeteria</i>	Barbecue
March 5	Stated Meeting (EA Degree) <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Steward's Trestleboard

ARE YOU A MASON BEE?



Mason bees are named from their habit of making compartments of mud in their nests, which are made in hollow reeds or holes in wood made by wood boring insects. Unlike hone bees, Mason bees are solitary, and they have no workers within the colony. Solitary bees produce neither honey nor beeswax, so how are they productive. Mason bees are excellent spring season pollinators and, since

they have no honey to defend, will only sting if squeezed or stepped on. As such, they make excellent garden “pets”, since they both pollinate the plants and are safe for children and pets.

How do we apply this to our fraternity? Are you a solitary Mason? Are you productive to the fraternity as a whole?

These questions must be answered by the individual. From my experience, statistics within the Lodge shows that 10-15% of a lodges total membership is involved in Blue Lodge. A certain percentage move on to the appendate bodies and rarely return to visit blue Lodge. And there is a percentage that join and never get involved. If these statistics are accurate, then the way we grow our Blue Lodge is to pollinate. If we continually strive to bring new members to our Lodge then the Lodge will continue to be productive. So, I challenge you to go out and pollinate our fraternity. Find 1 person this month and give him a petition. Or if you know a female that would suit Eastern Star, give her an Eastern Star petition. I know you have a granddaughter, daughter or niece of the proper age to become a Rainbow Girl.

You may be wondering how to identify a Mason bee? Its rather easy; look for a ring, bumper sticker or lapel pin and ask the person when they went to Blue Lodge lately.

If you are a Mason bee, then “bee the best” Mason bee ever. Pollinate your little wings off.

Your Senior Warden,

Scott Shaeffer

PORTRAIT HANGING FOR JOHN CREEL

Our own Brother John Creel, Past Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star for the State of Texas cordially invites you to attend a portrait hanging ceremony in his honor at Plano Masonic Lodge on Saturday, March 28th at 1PM.

Please join him as the Plano Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star honors Brother Creel's tremendous service to Masonry and to the Order.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH

When friendship, love, and truth abound
Among a band of brothers,
The cup of joy goes gaily round,
Each shares the bliss of others;
Sweet roses grace the thorny way,
Along this vale of sorrow;
The flowers that shed their leaves to-day
Shall bloom again to-morrow:

On halycon wings our moments pass,
Life's cruel cares beguiling;
Old Time lays down his scythe and glass,
In gay good humour smiling;
With ermine beard, and forelock gray,
His reverend front adorning,
He looks like Winter turn'd to May,
Night soften'd into morning!

From these delightful fountains flow
Ambrosial rills of pleasure:
Can man desire, can heaven bestow,
A more resplendent treasure?
Adorn'd with gems so richly bright,
We'll form a constellation,
Where every star, with modest light,
Shall gild his proper station.

- 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 February 2009:

Taken together, which noble instruments for improving the mind inspire us with due reverence for the Deity and His works and encourage the study of geometry, astronomy, geography, navigation, and the arts and sciences dependent upon them?

MASONIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What is the origin of the seven liberal arts and sciences?

Fifth century author Martianus Minneus Felix Capella first organized the body of curriculum widely recognized today as a "classical education" into two distinct bodies comprising seven arts and sciences.

Students in medieval universities would begin the preparatory work with the trivium (three ways or roads): grammar, logic (or dialectic), and rhetoric. A quote from Sister Miriam Joseph makes it apparent why Speculative Freemasons would have been charged to make use of their study: "Logic is the art of thinking; grammar, the art of inventing symbols and combining them to express thought; and rhetoric, the art of communicating thought from one mind to another, the adaptation of language to circumstance."

After completing this work, one's education would continue with the quadrivium (four ways or roads): arithmetic, astronomy, geometry, and music. A student completing his work in these subjects would receive a Master of Arts degree and qualify for further study in fields like Philosophy or Literature.

References to the liberal arts and sciences among Masons is as old as any written records for the institution. The Regius Poem, often dated to 1390 but probably originating in the first half of the 15th century, contains the following lines:

*Grammar is the first science I know,
Dialect the second, so I have I bliss,
Rhetoric the third without doubt,
Music is the fourth, as I you say,
Astronomy is the fifth, by my snout,
Arithmetic the sixth, without doubt,
Geometry the seventh maketh an end,
For he is both meek and courteous,
Grammar forsooth is the root,
Whoever will learn on the book;
But art passeth in his degree,
As the fruit doth the root of the tree;*

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.

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

February 16 - 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

February 3 - Advisory Board Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
February 10 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
February 17 - Lodge Cleanup - 7:30 P.M.
February 24 - 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

February 10 - McKinney Commandery Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

February 16 - Scottish Rite (Dallas) Stated Meeting - Dinner 6:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.

February 24 - Haggai (McKinney) Chapter / Council Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

February 24 - 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.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 February:

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