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WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS!

Brethren:

You can now access the Trestleboard from any computer anywhere in the world.

Since June 2006, the Lodge has been posting the Trestleboard on the Lodge's website at www.planomasoniclodge.org in the tab labeled "Trestleboard." In fact, they are still there for your reference. I encourage you to go online to read the Trestleboard. You can also press "Print" from your computer if you want a printed copy. It's that easy!

The Post Office has almost doubled the price to mail the Trestleboard with their new requirements. To save money, we have decided it makes more sense to publish it digitally and make it more accessible to our members no matter where they are located.

If you do not already receive e-mail updates from the Lodge, please send an e-mail to master@planomasoniclodge.org so I can add you to the Lodge's e-mail list. During the next couple months, we will be contacting those of you who are still receiving a printed copy and ask for an e-mail address we can use.

Going forward, you will receive an e-mail from the Lodge letting you know the current month's Trestleboard has been posted to the website. This change will enable our members more accessibility to the Lodge's activities and also keep them more informed of what is going on.

Thanks for your support.

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/>



PLANO LODGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS & DINNER MENU

April 2	Stated Meeting (EA Degree) <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Steward's Trestleboard
April 9	EA Degree <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>	Sloppy Joes
April 16	Cigar Night at Two Brothers <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Cigar Night 7:00 P.M.</i>	Spicy Fried Chicken
April 23	FC Degree <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Chili
April 25	Blood Drive <i>Breakfast 7:00 A.M. / Lunch 11:00 A.M.</i>	Breakfast / Brisket
April 30	Masonic Education <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Goulash
May 7	Stated Meeting (EA Degree) <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Steward's Trestleboard

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THE DIGITAL TRESTLEBOARD

There have been several questions from members in reference to the WM article last month concerning the future of the Trestleboard. I would like to expand upon the WM's article and explain why the change is coming to answer some of the questions you may have.

I believe it is time for us to move to digital on the Trestleboard. The Trestleboard is a substantial expense incurred by the Lodge each year, and if there is a way to reduce this expense I think it is our duty to explore it. In addition, the USPS has tightened its restrictions on the way our Trestleboard is mailed. Beginning in March 2009, the USPS requires for the person mailing manual sorted items to be present while the items are sorted. This can require an additional 2-3 hrs. of wait time for the JD. The issue is the type of item we mail. It requires manual sorting, and if want auto sorting then we would need to go to card stock or add pages, which would increase our cost dramatically. For the Lodge to benefit from the bulk mail rate, we will need to increase our printing cost. I do not see a benefit to doing this. The USPS bulk mail rate is not designed for the amount of mailings we do. By the way, we do pay a USPS fee to maintain our bulk mail rate.

Prior to making this decision, I spoke with the Lodge leadership team to discuss making this transition. The problems that came out of the talks and my proposed solutions are listed below. If you have any further comment or questions, please direct them to me.

Problem

Solution

Not everyone has an email

Those that continue to want a printed version will receive it by mail, but this will be at the regular postage rate as we will discontinue use of the bulk mail postage which we pay for. JJ has built a large distribution list of lodge member email addresses and will continue to add to this.

We will lose track of members by not having a return address correction notice

There will be a quarterly postcard mailed out to keep our membership addresses up to date. Included in this postcard will be upcoming event dates and current info.

Losing our bulk postage rate

As noted above, we are barely mailing enough to qualify as bulk mail. We would pay regular postage for post cards and printed Trestleboard.

In closing, as JJ asked in the March Trestleboard, WE NEED YOUR email address to ensure you receive future copies of the Trestleboard.

Your Senior Warden,

Scott Shaeffer

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GIFT OF LIFE BLOOD DRIVE

APRIL 25, 2009 7:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
PLANO MASONIC LODGE

ALL BLOOD DONATED GOES TO BENEFIT



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 April 2009:

Selfish aims and vanities are absent in what sort of spirit, which must characterize the true seeker of Divine Light and Wisdom on the path of true initiation?

MASONIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What are the columns used at the Warden's stations?

These columns indicate which Warden is superintending the Craft. The Junior Warden calls us to refreshment, and his

column is raised when we are at refreshment. The Senior Warden assists the Master in governing the Lodge, and his column is raised when we are at labor. The Warden's columns probably allude to two other columns located in the West part of the Lodge, as both Wardens in early Lodges were seated in the West. Labor and rest, like all things active and passive, refer to the dualities apparent in Nature (good and evil, mercy and severity, etc.)

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

April 20 - 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

April 7 - Advisory Board Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
April 14 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
April 21 - Lodge Cleanup - 7:30 P.M.
April 28 - 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

April 4 - Scottish Rite (Dallas) Spring Three-Day Reunion "Day 3" - 6:00 A.M.
April 14 - Haggai (McKinney) Commandery Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
April 20 - Scottish Rite (Dallas) Stated Meeting - Dinner 6:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.
April 28 - Haggai (McKinney) Chapter / Council Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
April 28 - Plano Shrine Club Dinner



THE SPIRIT OF MASONRY

He who would describe that spirit must be a poet, a musician, and a seer--a master of melodies, echoes, and long, far-sounding cadences. Now, as always, it toils to make man better, to refine his thought and purify his sympathy, to broaden his outlook, to lift his altitude, to establish in amplitude and resoluteness his life in all its relations. All its great history, its vast accumulations of tradition, its simple faith and its solemn rites, its freedom and its friendship are dedicated to a high moral ideal, seeking to tame the tiger in man, and bring his wild passions into obedience to the will of God. It has no other mission than to exalt and ennoble humanity, to bring light out of darkness, beauty out of angularity; to make every hard-won inheritance more secure, every sanctuary more sacred, every hope more radiant!

- Joseph Fort Newton
(The Builders)

UNTITLED POEM

GENIUS of masonry, descend,
And with thee bring thy spotless train;
Constant our sacred rites attend,
While we adore thy peaceful reign;
Bring with thee virtue, brightest maid,
Bring love, bring truth, bring friendship
here;
While social mirth shall lend her aid,
To smooth the wrinkled brow of care.

Come, charity with goodness crown'd,
Encircled in thy heavenly robe,
Diffuse thy blessings all around,
To every corner of the globe.
See where she comes, with power to bless,
With open hand, and tender heart,
Which wounded feels at man's distress,
And bleeds at every human smart.

Envy may every ill devise,
And falsehood be thy deadliest foe,
Thou, Friendship, still shalt towering rise,
And sink thine adversaries low:

Thy well built pile shall long endure,
Through rolling years preserve its prime,
Upon a rock it stands secure,
And braves the rude assaults of time.

Ye happy few, who here extend
In perfect lines, from east to west,
With fervent zeal the lodge defend,
And lock its secrets in each breast:
Since ye are met upon the square,
Bid love and friendship jointly reign,
Be peace and harmony your care,
Nor break the admittance chain.

Behold the planets how they move,
Yet keep due order as they run;
Then imitate the stars above,
And shine resplendent as the sun:
That future masons, when they meet,
May all our glorious deeds rehearse,
And say, their fathers were so great,
That they adorn'd the universe.

- Unknown



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, eye shadow, blush, lipstick, Compacts, loose face powder (light), Chapstick, Cologne: men's and women's, Soft soap, 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 April:

<http://www.kingsolomonslodge.org/en/>