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**FROM THE EAST**

Brethren of Plano Lodge,

Wow, I would first like to thank you all for making July a very productive month for Plano Lodge. Called meeting nights were full with new candidates and proficiency's. And we had a bit of fun, with a movie night, face painting & story time for the kids. I believe this trend will continue as we move towards the fall months. We have a couple of special things going on this month as the Knights of Mecca will confer two Masters degrees @ Plano Lodge. I am always honored when they come, as I was raised by the Knights of Mecca.

The officer team will continue their study nights for the certificate exam, in September. Anyone that would like to receive their certificate, please join us on Monday evenings in the Museum & Library. For all of you Texas Young Masons, James Abel has put together a social gathering on August 14. A very special event will happen August 29 as Brother Tiny Powell will receive the Demolay Legion of Honor. This will take place at Richardson Lodge, 7:30 p.m. Let's all try to visit this event in support of our long time secretary.

One question I would like to ask you all. How do we, as Plano Masons, market our Fraternity? I believe this can benefit the Lodge for many years to come. I will look for different ways that we can use Marketing to our fullest advantage. There are numerous media outlets located within our city that is starving for content. I feel we should seek these out, and tell our story. If you have ideas, please send them my way. Have a great month brothers, and I hope to see your face @ lodge soon.

**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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 IN FELLOWSHIP

**PLANO LODGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS & DINNER MENU**

<b>August 6</b>	<b>Stated Meeting/Family Night</b> <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Stuffed Peppers
<b>August 13</b>	<b>2 EAs</b> <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>	Spaghetti
<b>August 20</b>	<b>Knights of Mecca Master's Degree</b> <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Sausage/Rice Casserole
<b>August 27</b>	<b>FC Degree Night</b> <i>Installation 10:00 A.M.</i>	Enchiladas
<b>August 29</b>	<b>Demolay Legion of Honor Induction Tiny Powell</b>	

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## IN FELLOWSHIP

By BRO. C. M. BOUTELLE

(From The Builder, Anamosa, Iowa, November, 1915)

My foot to thy foot, however thy foot may stray;  
Thy path for my path, however dark the way.

My knee to thy knee, whatever be thy prayer;  
Thy plea my plea, in every need and care.

My breast to thy breast, in every doubt or hope;  
Thy silence mine too, whatever thy secret's scope.

My strength is thy strength, whenever thou shalt call;  
Strong arms stretch love's length, through darkness, toward thy fall!

My words shall follow thee, kindly warning, fond,  
Through life, through drear death-and all that lies beyond!

FROM THE JUNIOR DEACON

Brethren All,

My apologies for the delay in publishing the Trestleboard. Between my "usual vocations" and terminal computer illiteracy, it has been a struggle. I have published this as an interim measure, but have some exciting changes I want to make in the weeks ahead which I hope you will enjoy. Anyone who wishes to have anything placed in the Trestleboard, can e-mail me at: [w.goodell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:w.goodell@sbcglobal.net). Feedback is always welcome and now that I'm out of the kitchen, it is safe to eat in lodge again.

## COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

Brethren,

I have often heard the question "how can I help in the Lodge". I have the answer as we move toward the new Masonic year. There are several committees that will be finalized over the next few weeks, and I would like the membership to fill some of these positions. If you are interested, please contact me to offer your time. Everyone has a skill set or knowledge base that can contribute to the success of a committee. I need your help in filling these positions.

Committee opportunities available in a support capacity:

- **Widows:** Ensure communication between Lodge and Widows
- **Lodge communication:** Ensure website is updated, communicate with Lodge members
- **Museum & Library liason:** Keep the Lodge updated on M&L happenings
- **Prospect committee:** Communicate with new non-mason visitors to the Lodge
- **By-Laws committee:** Update our By-Laws & roster during 2009

I look forward to hearing from you on filling these positions. Together the Lodge will grow and prosper.

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**THE MASTER’S AUTHORITY:**

**DURING HIS TERM IN OFFICE, THE BROTHER WHO HAS BEEN ELECTED AS MASTER IS THE MOST POWERFUL MEMBER OF THE LODGE. HE ALSO SHOULDERS ALL OF ITS MANY RESPONSIBILITIES.**

**THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER HAS THE AUTHORITY TO:**

- 1. RULE ANY BROTHER OUT OF ORDER ON ANY SUBJECT AT ANY TIME.**
- 2. DECIDE WHAT CAN AND CANNOT BE DISCUSSED. SHOULD A BROTHER BELIEVE THAT THE MASTER IS ARBITRARY, UNJUST OR UNFAIR OR IS ACTING IN AN ILLEGAL MANNER, HE CAN APPEAL TO THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER. IF THAT OFFICER AGREES THAT THE APPEAL IS A VALID ONE, HE WILL FORWARD THE COMPLAINT TO THE GRAND MASTER.**

**IF, HOWEVER, THAT BROTHER INSISTS ON SPEAKING AFTER THE MASTER HAS RULED THAT HE IS OUT OF ORDER, HE MAY BE COMMITTING A MASONIC OFFENSE.**

**COURTEOUS BRETHREN ACCEPT THE REQUESTS MADE BY THE MASTER TO SERVE ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES SUCH AS THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE, THE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE AND OTHER DUTIES, AS DETERMINED BY THE LODGE’S NEEDS. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT MASONIC OFFENSES, THEY ARE SIMPLY A LACK OF MASONIC ETIQUETTE...OR IN OTHER WORDS, CONSIDERED TO BE “BAD FORM” OR BAD MANNERS.**

[HTTP://WWW.MASONIC-LODGE-OF-EDUCATION.COM/MASONIC-ETIQUETTE](http://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/masonic-etiquette)

**WEEKLY CERTIFICATE PRACTICES**

We are meeting every Monday evening at 6:30 P.M. in the Museum and Library downstairs for certificate practices. All those wanting to learn the work and those studying for the exam are welcome. The certificate exam will take place on Monday, September 14th at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is

strongly encouraged to pursue a certificate this year, and if this is your first time, these practices are the best place to start. As a reminder, here are the requirements for each class:

“C” Certificate – Questions and answers from all three Degrees, the Tiler’s Oath, and how to open, close, and call to and from labor all three Lodges and the Master Mason’s Lodge of Sorrow

“B” Certificate – All requirements for “C” certificate and the floor work for all three Degrees

“A” Certificate - All requirements for “B” certificate and the short-form lectures for all three Degrees

**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**

June 6 - Officer Installation - 2:00 P.M.  
June 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**

June 2 - Advisory Board Meeting - 7:30 P.M.  
June 6 - Officer Installation - 9:00 A.M.  
June 9 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.  
June 13 - Grand Assembly Practice - 10:00 A.M.  
June 16 - Lodge Cleanup - 7:30 P.M.  
June 20 - Grand Assembly Practice - 10:00 A.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**

June 9 - Haggai (McKinney) Commandery Meeting - 7:30 P.M.  
June 15 - Scottish Rite (Dallas) Stated Meeting - Dinner 6:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.  
June 23 - Haggai (McKinney) Chapter / Council Meeting - 7:30 P.M.  
June 30 - Plano Shrine Club Dinner

## FUN FOR KIDS

Stated meeting night is “fun for the kids” night @ Plano Lodge

Date: August 6 (First Thursday’s, every month, mark your calendars!)

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Plano Lodge #768

Bring kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, friends! FUN fun fun

5:30 - 7 p.m. Dinner & Face painting/  
Balloon animals

7 – 7:30 p.m. Story time in the Museum  
& Library downstairs (bring a blanket)

## EXCERPT FROM THE BUILDERS

Here are the real foundations of Masonry, both material and moral: in the deep need and aspiration of man, and his creative impulse; in his instinctive Faith, his quest of the Ideal, and his love of the Light. Underneath all his building lay the feeling, prophetic of his last and highest thought, that the earthly house of his life should be in right relation with its heavenly prototype, the world temple —imitating on earth the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

If he erected a square temple, it was an image of the earth; if he built a pyramid, it was a picture of a beauty shown him in the sky; as, later, his cathedral was modeled af-

ter the mountain, and its dim and lofty arch a memory of the forest vista—its altar a fireside of the soul, its spire a prayer in stone.

And as he wrought his faith and dream into reality, it was but natural that the tools of the builder should become emblems of the thoughts of the thinker. Not only his tools, but, as we shall see, the very stones with which he worked became sacred symbols—the temple itself a vision of that House of Doctrine, that Home of the Soul, which, though unseen, he is building in the midst of the years.

- Joseph Fort Newton  
*From The Builders (1916)*



## 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, 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](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 August:

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