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FROM THE EAST

Brethren of Plano Lodge,
(part 2 of 2)

In seeking good men for our fraternity, we should examine them closely to ensure they are a good fit. Do you feel we are pre-qualifying prospective members of our fraternity. What brought “you” to the door of Masonry? We should strive to get to know these men on a personal level and ask questions that lead them to a conclusion that is beneficial to themselves and Masonry. In the professional world, we call these leading questions, and are meant to illicit a “yes” answer. An example to use with a Masonic prospect would be:

- Do you consider yourself to be of high moral character?
- Would you like to surround yourself with men of equal moral character?
- Are you wanting to “make a difference” in the world around you?
- Have you ever considered being a part of the largest fraternal organization in the world?

At this point speak candidly about our fraternity. Be proud of what it has given you and share this with the person. If you show a sincere pride, then

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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

October 1	Stated Meeting (Family Night) <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Jambalaya
October 8	EA Degree <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>	Baked Penne
October 15	EA Degree <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>	“Stake” Kabobs
October 22	2 Fellowcraft Degrees <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Red Beans and Rice
October 29	Open Meeting - Education <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Pot Luck
October 31	Blood Drive	Breakfast and Lunch
November 5	Stated Meeting (Family Night) <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Beef Stew

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it will be noticed and will be something he will want to be a part of. The discussion could turn to:

- Our symbols that are used and how they fit together.
- The common bonds that we all share.
- How important the private aspects of the fraternity are to us, and why.
- The importance we hold dear to those generations of Masons before us.
- A rich history of philanthropic endeavors, community service, public service and how the fraternity shaped this great country and will continue to influence its future.
- Our beliefs in one Supreme Being.

These are all very important aspects of our fraternity and should be shared with one desiring admission into our ancient and honorable order. Help that person understand the journey they are to undertake. This will lead more men to our doors that are yearning for something more out of their lives. The Masonic fraternity can fill this void with a beauty not seen in the outside world. Make your own set of questions and discussion topics with a prospective mason. Share your thoughts and ideas about "how do we bring good men to our doors" with other members of the fraternity.

Your Worshipful Master,
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GIFT OF LIFE BLOOD DRIVE



October 31, 2009 7 AM – 3 PM
PLANO MASONIC LODGE
(Breakfast and Lunch Provided to Donors)

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.

Your Worshipful Master,
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PILLARS OF THE PORCH PILLARS OF CLOUD AND FIRE

by William R. Fischer

It is thought that King Solomon erected these pillars as a reference to the Pillar of Clouds and the Pillar of Fire.

He did not simply erect them as ornaments, but as memorials of Gods repeated promise of support to his people.

The name of the pillar on the left came from two words, IN and STRENGTH meaning of which is “in strength it be established” the name of the pillar on the right came from one word, JEHOVAH meaning “God”.

When you place them together you have “God will establish his house of Israel”. These pillars stood as a daily reminder to those who entered the Temple.

I mentioned Pillars of Cloud and Fire, at the beginning.

The Pillar of Cloud, emblematic of water, went before the Israelites by day and the Pillar of Fire emblematic of light, lead them by night in their journey through the wilderness.

The one on the right represents the Pillar of Cloud, and the one on the left the Pillar of Fire.

The names of the pillars are symbolic of the strength and stability of the Institution.

They have many meanings but what they represent is the superintending and protecting power of the Deity.

RELIGIOUS BELIEF

by William R. Fischer

“A man is obliged by his tenure, to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine.”

This was taken from part of the old charges.

In ancient times the brother Mason had to be of the religion of the country he was in.

In modern times, a man only has to declare a belief in the deity. He may be of any religion, because of this we are not to discuss religion while in the Lodge, for one mans religious belief may be offensive to another.

For the same reason we do not talk politics while in the Lodge.

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

October 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

October 6 - Advisory Board Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
October 13 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
October 20 - Lodge Cleanup - 7:30 P.M.
October 27 - Rainbow 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

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

October 27 - Plano Shrine Club Dinner

October 13 - McKinney Commandery #34 - Meeting 7:30 P.M.

October 27 - Haggai Chapter and Council - Meeting 7:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENT

“An important “thank you” from the kitchen to all of those who contributed to the food drive. Your donations will feed those who need it most and your help is very much appreciated.”

Fraternally,
The Stewards of #768



October Trivia Question True or False?

On Friday October 13, 1307 Jacques de Molay along with Geoffroy de Charnay were burned at the stake on the Isle de Juifs, in Paris, France?

Send me an email to master@planomasoniclodge.org, call me or drop a note with your name and answer. All correct answers will be entered in a drawing for a copy of *The Lost Symbol*, by Dan Brown. This book will be signed by all of the officers of Plano Lodge. Entries must be received by October 13, 2009. The winner will be announced @ the November stated meeting. Enjoy the search!



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

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 October:

<http://freemasonryresources.com/>