



# TRESTLEBOARD

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## FROM THE EAST

Brethren of Plano Lodge,

We all know of the charity works that we do within Plano Lodge, but we have fallen a bit short on tracking and compiling the things we do. So, I need your assistance with this. If you are involved with any charitable projects either at the lodge or in your personal life, we need you to track the following information:

- Name of project and organization
- Hours spent on project
- The role you played
- Any personal expenses incurred
- Mileage used during project
- Date of event or a recurring event

You may be wondering why we need this information. It's not just our lodge, but also the Grand Lodge of Texas that needs these charity acts.

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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

<b>November 5</b>	<b>Stated Meeting (Family Night)</b> <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Beef Stew
<b>November 12</b>	<b>2 Entered Apprentice Degrees</b> <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Chili
<b>November 19</b>	<b>Masters Degree</b> <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Degree 7:00 P.M.</i>	Turkey
<b>November 26</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b> <i>Lodge Dark</i>	
<b>December 3</b>	<b>Grand Lodge Communication</b> <i>Lodge Dark.</i>	
<b>December 10</b>	<b>Stated Meeting Family Night</b> <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Shepherd's Pie

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## FROM THE EAST

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For Plano Lodge, the City of Plano, Collin County and the Quad C's all granted us tax exempt status. This exemption will be reviewed at the end of five years and we will need to show our contribution to the community to extend the tax exemption. The Grand Lodge of Texas needs the information to maintain their 501c(3) tax exempt status. We are to submit a monthly report showing the charity projects we are involved in.

There are a couple of ways that you can give me this information. Either send me an email monthly to [master@planomasoniclodge.org](mailto:master@planomasoniclodge.org) or there will be a folder on the secretaries desk that will have a form you can fill out. I am sure we are all involved in many charity works in the community such as; Boy or Girl Scouts, church projects, school fundraisers, PTA's, food pantry's, neighborhood crime watch, and Salvation Army just to name a few.

I appreciate your attention in this matter.

Your Worshipful Master,  
Scott Shaeffer  
214-384-0317  
[master@planomasoniclodge.org](mailto:master@planomasoniclodge.org)

## Congratulations

A big "congratulations" are in order for several Plano Lodge Masons. As we search for light, these brothers have put it into practice! The next time you see them, give them a pat on the back and a firm grip. Thank you, brothers for your dedication to our appendant bodies.

### 33rd Degree Scottish Rite White Hat

Brother Buford Cliff Martin, Jr.

### 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Red Hats'

Brother Robert W. Foster  
Brother John Creel  
Brother David Raucer  
Brother Sam Tiner  
Brother Greg White

## 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,  
Scott Shaeffer  
214-384-0317  
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# FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP

by William R. Fischer

There are duties owing by every Mason to his brethren. By allusion to certain points of the body, we are taught the "The Five Points of Fellowship."

1. To serve
2. Pray for
3. Keep the secrets of
4. Support
5. Counsel

We must be constantly reminded of these points so we will not lose sight of them, once we leave the Lodge. More the brother who does not attend than he who attends regularly.

As always, we forgive the brother who does not frequent the Lodge. We should, because we know not the reason for his absence.

The five points of fellowship are a daily responsibility, and should become a habit. They should be so familiar to us, that we would act upon them with no more thought, than would be give to washing your hands or opening a door.

We constantly help, or serve our family, our brothers, our friends, and even strangers when we see the need.

We pray for others and ourselves, for strength and for peace.

We diligently keep the secrets from our detractors, from the ignorant, from the obsessed.

We support those who try to make life better, and we support those who fail. Then we counsel them, so they may have more knowledge, more understanding.....more light.

## UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

by William R. Fischer

While reading a book of adventure, more fiction than fact, I came upon this paragraph.

"We came to an area of great construction and was stopped by a guard. He told us that we could not proceed in this direction. Knowing it would take at least a week to circumvent the vast work sight my mysterious friend approached the sentinel. After shaking his hand and speaking in that universal language of Masons we were permitted to pass unmolested. My friend told me that we would be welcome if we should pass this way again, plus this will stop anyone trying to follow us."

What a surprise to find out that we  
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## DISTRICT 9 STATED MEETINGS

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|-----------------|--|
| First Tuesday   | East Fork - 7:30 P.M.<br>Lebanon - 7:00 P.M.<br>St. John's - 7:30 P.M. |
| First Thursday  | Plano - 7:00 P.M.  |
| Second Monday   | Blue Ridge - 7:30 P.M.<br>Celina - 7:00 P.M.                           |
| Second Tuesday  | Allen - 7:30 P.M.  |
| Second Thursday | Empire - 7:30 P.M.<br>Lee - 7:30 P.M.<br>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

November 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

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

- November 16 - Scottish Rite (Dallas) Stated Meeting - Dinner 6:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.
- November 24 - Plano Shrine Club Dinner
- November 10 - McKinney Commandery #34 - Meeting 7:30 P.M.
- November 24 - Haggai Chapter and Council - Meeting 7:30 P.M.

### 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**

have a language! Boy have I been missing something!

It is said by some, that Masons have a universal language to which they use to communicate to every Mason in the world. We know this is not true. Or do we?

Our actions, thoughts and beliefs are universal. Through our actions our thoughts are well known, and we all believe in the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Maybe we do have a universal language.

Through our acts of brotherly love we relieve distress and in this manner stay true to ourselves and to our obligations. So our universal language is the Three Great Tenets of a Masons profession.

In the ancient world of Operative Masonry the masons were often required to move from job to job much as in our modern time. It was further explained that ancient master masons, just as 1st class masons of today of today, were more likely to travel great distances than those of lesser ranks (FC & EA). Due to their experience (and today, usually a membership in the labor union representing the craft) they could move freely from job to job. Those doing so were normally members of a Masonic guild, whose members would, if known, vouch for the qualifications of (or recommend) another 'traveling' mason.

In speculative masonry we as Master Masons may freely move from Lodge to Lodge (either visiting or moving membership) and upon proper avouchment or by testing be found worthy to attend another Master Mason Lodge. This is much the same as moving from one job to another or from one ancient Masonic guild to another.

Also, a Master Mason is a traveler from west to east, as east is the where the sun comes up, hence the source of light. This is why the master sits in the East. Because it is the source of light. Thus being a traveling man represents our journey from darkness to Masonic light (enlightenment). We "traveled" symbolically when we were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Remember the words, "It will be necessary for you to travel"? and the condition of the road we would have to travel?

In Masonry we are told to seek the light. Light in Masonry is knowledge and from that knowledge comes information and understanding.



## 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.planomasonicclodge.org](http://www.planomasonicclodge.org)

### Plano Lodge Member Forum

[www.planomasonicclodge.org/forum](http://www.planomasonicclodge.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 November

<http://www.lewisimasonic.us/>