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**FROM THE EAST**

Brethren of Plano Lodge,

I pose this question: Will the times change the fraternity, or will the fraternity change the times we live in?

This question I have pondered over the last month. Our fraternity has often been accused of “wanting to take over the world”. Well, maybe the world needs a positive influence and maybe we’re the ones to provide it. Why not? If not us, then who? If not now, when?

Due to several books and subsequent movies that have been released recently, our fraternity has been placed again in the public eye. The immense success of these books and films should show us that the world wants and needs more from the oldest fraternity in the world. Was this a mere coincidence in history or were things put in motion to get our attention?

My country, your country, our country was founded on the concept of personal freedom and liberty!

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

<b>December 10</b>	<b>Stated Meeting Family Night</b>	Shepherd’s Pie
	<i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	
<b>December 17</b>	<b>3 EA Degrees</b>	Spaghetti & Meatballs
	<i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 6:30 P.M.</i>	
<b>December 24</b>	<b>Lodge Dark Merry Christmas</b>	
<b>December 31</b>	<b>Lodge Dark Happy New Year</b>	
<b>January 7</b>	<b>Stated Meeting Family Night</b>	
	<i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	

## FROM THE EAST

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And, freemasons were instrumental in laying these cornerstones for future generations. We should not apologize that a lot of the men that formed this "Great Country" were freemasons. The concept of freedom and liberty is a very important pillar for our fraternity.

Some view the Constitution as a living document that can be molded to suit the time and their needs. Others feel that we should remove the word "GOD" out of any public buildings or documents. What would our brothers say if they could talk to us? Would they say "go ahead and change it to suit you" or "these principles are not important"? Or, would they be very concerned on the path we are on and caution us to not allow any further modifications to personal and religious freedom?

All of these thoughts and ideas are for you to consider. Our fraternity has within it the ability to affect positive changes. It is up to the individual within the fraternity to go forward and do it.

Happy Holidays to all of you and your families!

Your Worshipful Master,  
Scott Shaeffer  
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## Important Notice

Brethren,

Recently annual dues notices were mailed to the Brethren. Please note that dues cards were also included in the mailing. All the Brethren are asked to please be prompt in returning their current dues payment for the upcoming year. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Your Worshipful Master  
Scott Shaeffer

## 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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## PROMISE

by William R. Fischer

Promise, which is a word of honor. The dictionary describes promise as “a declaration that one will do or refrain from doing something specific”. Yet, it has become just another meaningless word we use to get ourselves out of a situation. You know the kind of situation I’m talking about:

1. I’ll call you next week I promise.
2. You do that again and I will ground you forever, I promise you that.
3. I promised my wife three years ago I would paint this house and one of these days I’m going to do it.

A promise made is never forgotten, brake a promise and you will lose the trust and respect of others. When you make a promise your word and reputation is on the line. This is why you must weight the benefits and consequences. Do not make a promise you do not intend to keep, and know what you are getting yourself into before the promise.

There are five conditions in which a promise would not be binding.

1. Where the performance is impossible.
2. Where the promise is unlawful.
3. Where you were forced into a promise.
4. Where the conditions in which you made the promise do not exist.

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## BONE BOX

by William R. Fischer

In the early lectures of the last century, now obsolete these

questions were used as a test:

**Q - Have you any keys to the secrets of a Mason?**

**A - Yes**

**Q - Where do you keep them?**

**A - In a bone box, that neither opens nor shuts but with Ivory Keys.**

**The bone box is the mouth, the Ivory Keys the teeth. The key to the secrets is the tongue.**

### 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

December 21 - 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

December 1 - Advisory Board Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

December 8 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

December 15 - Lodge Cleanup - 7:30 P.M.

December 22 - 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

December 21 - Scottish Rite (Dallas) Stated Meeting - Dinner 6:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.

December 22 - Plano Shrine Club Dinner

December 8 - McKinney Commandery #34 - Meeting 7:30 P.M.

December 22 - Haggai Chapter and Council - Meeting 7:30 P.M.

**5. Where either of the parties are not moral agents.**

**It is obvious that these conditions do not apply to Masonic promises.**

**1. Every promise is possible to perform.**

**2. No promise is unlawful.**

**3. There are no false conditions.**

**4. You voluntarily promise.**

**5. Both parties to the promise are moral agents.**

**Our promises are one of the moral secrets of the fraternity and is the cord that "binds" us as Freemasons.**

by William R. Fischer

The Masons who were selected to build the temple of Solomon were declared free. These Free Masons were allowed to gather with their families and were exempt from paying taxes. They also had the privilege to bear arms. Thus, they were accepted as free men.

At the destruction of the Temple by Ne-buch-a-nezzar, these Free Masons were taken to Babylon and put into captivity with the Jews. Cyrus, after taking control of Babylon, gave these Masons permission to return to Jerusalem to erect a second Temple, freeing them to do so.

To be free they had to be accepted as free, hence the term Free and Accepted. Not all men in all cases are accepted as free, they are held by the restraints of doctrine and power. To be free in mind and body one must work at it. So if your are asked:

Are you a Free Man?

Yes.

How do you know you are a free man?

Because I am free to follow my dreams.

What makes you a free man?

The people around me, for I am accepted as a free man.

If you can answer these questions in this manor you are truly a Freemason.



## 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 November

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