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<http://www.planomasoniclodge.org/>



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## FROM THE EAST

Brethren of Plano Lodge,

First of all, I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. I want to clear up my article from last month because I had a few phone calls. My point that I obviously did not convey properly was that I believe keeping the word God in our founding documents and culture is the right thing to do. I hope that clears up my article last month. .

The first six months of my term is gone with goals achieved and new goals being set for the New Year. Our lodge continues to see a renewed interest in the Fraternity by those wanting to make a difference. I see this trend continuing for 2010 because of the new inquiries we are receiving either through the website, email or phone. We will look at ways to improve our connection to those seeking membership.

The leadership team continues to look for ways to make the lodge more financially stable moving forward. During December, you received a "notice of dues" that included your dues cards. This was done to save additional postage.

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### PLANO LODGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS & DINNER MENU

January 7	<b>Stated Meeting Family Night</b> <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Tamale Pie
January 14	<b>Lodge Dark Grand Master's Visit</b>	
January 16	<b>Masters Degree</b> <i>Breakfast 8:00 A.M. / Degree 9:00 A.M.</i>	Breakfast
January 21	<b>Two EA Degrees</b> <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Meatball Hoagies
January 28	<b>Masters Degree</b> <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Mac & Cheese
January 30	<b>Grand Master's Conference at Midlothian</b>	
February 4	<b>Stated Meeting Family Night</b> <b>DDGM Official Visit</b> <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	TBD

## FROM THE EAST

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If you have not remitted your lodge dues, please do so in a timely manner. I included a letter to the endowed & 50 year members requesting a \$50 donation to offset the money we used to receive from Grand Lodge on our endowed memberships. We have received numerous \$50 donations and several brothers has sent the lodge additional money. It is appreciated and will be used in a proper manner. I will publish the amount of donations received over the coming months.

We continue to try and move to a digital "Trestleboard" and hope to be 75% electronic in the very near future. The digital version will have more content and links to various websites for continuing your Masonic education. If you are receiving a print version of this "Trestleboard" and are able to receive it electronically, send me your email address to [master@planomasoniclodge.org](mailto:master@planomasoniclodge.org).

I wish everyone a very special and blessed 2010!

"Tomorrow hopes that we have learned something from yesterday".

Your Worshipful Master,  
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## THE HIDDEN LESSONS FROM RITUAL WORK

by Micheal Mayer

So many times we seem to look at Ritual Work as not being that important, and that it doesn't have to be done that well. We feel that just need to have more Masons for our Lodges. If we fail to share the teachings properly, who do you think loses?

I would like to have you think back to that first night, it could of been a warm or cool night, that we all share. That night we were so apprehensive , or for the sake of better words, confused as to what was going to happen. Those first words you heard said at the Lodge door, asking questions and wanting answers of you, and how you were treated was only the start of your Masonic life. That life that leads most of us on a continuous journey of Masonic travel the rest of our lives.

For some of us, who had to memorize the Degree and Obligations, we

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## 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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### Presentation of a Master's Carpet

Mrs. Fran Pannell graciously presented Plano Lodge with a spectacular wall hanging designed by our Brother Chaplain Bob Pannell and with artwork by our Senior Deacon Kevin Main. Brother Bob has agreed to explain the symbolism to anyone interested.

### REVIVAL

by William R. Fischer

In London 1717 the Grand Lodge of England was organized. In Masonic history this was known as the "Revival of Masonry".

In 1738 William Preston explained the events. In February of 1717 at the Apple-Tree Tavern the Grand Lodge of England was formed by the four lodges in the south of England. On St. Johns day Anthony Sayer was elected Grand Master of Masons. This was the beginning of Speculative Masonry. There were some speculative masons before this time but they were not widely accepted.

Masonry was faltering at that time, mainly due to Pagan architecture and a lack of Operative Masons. The knowledge that there were good men who were not workers in stone, but had the quality of Masonic thinking made Speculative Masonry

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### 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

January 18 - 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

- January 5 - Advisory Board Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
- January 12 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
- January 19 - Lodge Cleanup - 7:30 P.M.
- January 26 - 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

- January 18 - Scottish Rite (Dallas) Stated Meeting - Dinner 6:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.
- January 26 - Plano Shrine Club Dinner
- January 12 - McKinney Commandery #34 - Meeting 7:30 P.M.
- January 26 - Haggai Chapter and Council - Meeting 7:30 P.M.

a clear need.

The constitution and charges were changed so that Speculative Masonry was more acceptable and a split in the order occurred in 1751 because of these changes. A faction calling themselves the Ancients abandoned the order over these changes made by what they called the Moderns.

This caused the formation of two Grand Lodges the Moderns and the Ancients. This split spread through out the world and in America you could find both Ancients and Moderns in the same community, sometimes in the same building.

In 1813 they reconciled their differences and merged but the two different forms are still being taught today.

share something that no one else can understand. This task of learning them, that we choose to do, and we did. This struggle teaches us what we all can do with hard work and a true desire to accomplish things.

So many times I have listened to the lectures, and still I find them as interesting as the first time I heard them. Every time I hear them, I find a new perspective that I have missed before. I fear for those that do not choose to listen to them in this way, as they will never find the lessons that are taught there in Masonry.

And as for those that give those grand lectures, they learn as well. They learn how it feels to give that perfect lecture and also when they don't get it perfectly right! Most of the time just stopping for a moment to think or to taking a breath. I think we can all learn hidden lessons here too. How we should overlook everyone's little mistakes that we all make in life. Also to remember sometimes the best intentions go wrong by accident.

“Value Your Word”

For What Worth Hath a Liar!



## 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 January**

<http://www.the-relevant-mason.com>