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**FROM THE EAST**

Brethren of Plano Lodge,

Spring will soon begin and the good Mason has thoughts of his time in the Northeast corner beginning a new journey. As we move away from the solitude of winter, consider your current place in Masonry. Was there a seed planted in the fall last year that is waiting to break through the topsoil? A plant has a special time when it will begin the process of transformation. When is your time? Are you waiting for a time to cultivate your thoughts and ideas or are you taking action? This is what I ask you to consider for the month of March.

**For the latest on Lodge news and events and to download an electronic copy of the Trestleboard, go to:**

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

If the goals and plans you make are not put into action, then the world does not benefit from them. A time of reflection is always a good thing to consider where you are and where you want to go. What is holding you back? Are there obstacles that need to be removed for you to flourish? Only you know the answers! Break through the topsoil in your life and behold the LIGHT that is so very close.

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

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<b>March 4</b>	<b>Stated Meeting Family Night</b> <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Baked Ziti
<b>March 11</b>	<b>Fellow Craft Degree</b> <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Chicken & Mushroom Marsala
<b>March 18</b>	<b>Fellowcraft Degree</b> <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Corned Beef
<b>March 25</b>	<b>Masters Degree</b> <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Stuffed Cabbage
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Stated Meeting Family Night</b> <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Campfire Casserole
<b>April 24</b>	<b>Blood Drive</b>	

## FROM THE EAST

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Lodge Update: Due to a water leak in our kitchen, we have embarked on a project to renovate the kitchen area. This is a project well overdue. Our current and future Stewards will benefit from new plumbing and fixtures, as well as, increased space and storage. I encourage you to visit the lodge and see the progress.

Your Worshipful Master,  
Scott Shaeffer  
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## Important Notice

Brethren,

Due to the increased costs for printing and mailing the Trestleboard each month, we are going to be providing the Trestleboard electronically. Each month it will be posted on the Lodge Web site and e-mailed to each Brother with an e-mail address on file. If anyone knows of a Brother without access to e-mail please provide their mailing address to the Worshipful Master, Senior or Junior Deacons. Likewise, if anyone knows of a Brother who has e-mail access but hasn't been receiving the Trestleboard, please provide their e-mail address to one of the above officers. Thanks for the assistance.

## 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  
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**Brother Red Skelton's  
Tribute to the Flag**

**The Ragged Old Flag**

I walked through a county courthouse square. On a park bench, an old man was sitting there.

I said, "Your county courthouse looks kind of run-down." He said, "Nah, it'll do for our little town." I said, "Your old flagpole's leaned a little bit, And that's a ragged old flag you've got hanging on it."

He said, "Have a seat," and I sat down. "Is this the first time you've been to our little town?" I said, "I believe it is."

He said, "I don't like to brag, But we're kind of proud of that ragged old flag. You see, we've got a little hole in that flag there from when Washington took it across the Delaware. And it got powder burns the night Francis Scott Key sat watching it, writing, "Oh Say Can You See." And it got a bad rip down in New Orleans with Packer and Jackson tugging at its seams. She almost fell at the Alamo, next to the Texas flag, but she waved on, though. She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville, and she got cut again at Shiloh Hill. There were Robert E. Lee, Beauregard, and Bragg, and the southwinds blew hard on that ragged old flag. On Flanders Field, in World War I, she got a big hole from a Bertha gun. She turned blood-red in World War II. She's hung limp and low a time or two. She was in Korea and Viet Nam, and she went where she was sent by her Uncle Sam. She waved from our ships upon the briny foam, but they've

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**THE MASONIC OAK OF TEXAS**

In 1835 a group of Masons met under a large oak tree in Brazoria, Texas, and took the first step to form Holland Lodge No. 1. The tree, known as the Masonic Oak,

has continued to grow and is still in existence.

On May 15, 1966, the Masons of Texas made a pilgrimage to the Oak. There was singing, dinner, preaching and much fun. The Grand Master, H. W. Fullingim, dedicated the place by placing a Texas State Historical Marker near the Oak to commemorate the start of the lodge there.

**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**

- March 2 - Advisory Board Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
- March 9 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
- March 16 - Lodge Cleanup - 7:30 P.M.
- March 23 - 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**

**March 15** - Scottish Rite (Dallas) Stated Meeting - Dinner 6:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.

**March 23** - Plano Shrine Club Dinner

**March 9** - McKinney Commandery #34 - Meeting 7:30 P.M.

**March 23** - Haggai Chapter and Council - Meeting 7:30 P.M.

about quit waving her back here at home. In her own good land, she's been abused, she's been burned, dishonored, denied, and refused, and he government for which she stands is scandalized throughout the lands. She's looking threadbare and wearing thin, But she's in good shape for the shape she's in. 'Cause she's been through the fire before, and I believe she can take a whole lot more. So we raise her up every morning and bring her down every night. We don't let her touch the ground, and we fold her up right. On second thought, I do like to brag ... 'Cause I'm mighty proud of that Ragged Old Flag."

Jacques DeMolay #1390 / Masonic Moment July 8, 1999

Rudyard Kipling, the famous English author, was born in India of English parents. He was educated in England but returned to India in 1880. He was initiated in Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, Lahore, Punjab, India in 1886. A special dispensation was necessary as he was only twenty years and six months at the time. When he took the degrees, there were four Holy Books upon the alter representing the dominant religions in the area. Upon his rising he was immediately elected secretary; and he prepared the minutes of that meeting himself.

Many years later he wrote: "I was secretary for some years of Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, E. C., Lahore, which included Brethren of at least four creeds. I was entered by a member of Brahma Somaj, a Hindu; passed by a Mohammedan; and raised by an Englishman. Our Tyler was an Indian Jew. We met, of course on the level, and the only difference anyone would notice was that at the banquets, some of the Brethren, who were debarred by caste from eating food not ceremonially prepared, sat over empty plates."



## 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 March

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