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FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Plano Lodge has been very busy cleaning up our degrees. Many new faces are taking parts in the various degrees. This will serve the lodge well in the future. We have run into a lull in our new petitions, so I challenge you all to bring me a new petition for the May stated meeting. This will help prepare us for the summer and fall.

There is an update on the Plano Mutual Cemetery Archway project. The final version was approved by the PMC board, in early April. The contract has been signed and the work has begun. As of this writing, it is looking like late April for completion of this project. I'll update you via email as I know a ribbon cutting date. All will be welcome to come see the latest addition.

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

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

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PLANO LODGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS & DINNER MENU

April 1	Stated Meeting Family Night <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Chicken Enchilada
April 8	Masters Degree <i>6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Steward's Trestleboard
April 15	Fellowcraft Degree <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Spaghetti
April 22	Masters Degree <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Taco Salad
April 29	Golden Trowel Award <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	TBD
April 24	Blood Drive	
May 6	Stated Meeting Family Night <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Mother's Meat Casserole

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FROM THE EAST

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We still do not have emails on everyone that received the trestleboard. It is very important that you send me your email, as we move to electronic only on this trestleboard. Just send me a note with the subject line "add to email distribution list" and I will get you added. Send the email to:

master@planomasoniclodge.org
or
scott_wrs@verizon.net

P.S. Hope you are all happy and healthy!

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 liaison:** 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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CHALLENGE

by William R. Fischer

In life challenge is abundant, life is a challenge, and because of this life has meaning.

In Operative Masonry the challenge was to build a great structure from rough stone. The challenge progressed from one building to another throughout the life of the Mason. He had a purpose and worked diligently with his brothers to fulfill that purpose.

In Speculative Masonry the challenge is to build a better person through instruction, deeds, and example. The purpose is no less noble than our operative brothers purpose, just more challenging.

Over the centuries Masonry has been persecuted by those who oppose it. Through these challenges Masonry has grown and become stronger. We have faced and defeated every challenge, and become satisfied. "Maybe too satisfied"

Now we face a new and more fearsome challenge.

"APATHY"

As a teen, we did not care. "Who cares?" "It doesn't matter." Now as adults many of us have the same bad habits, but it does matter. The only challenge most Masons think they have, is memorization of the degree work. The only education is teaching that memorization.

We have forgotten our young brothers who are starving for knowledge and information about Masonry. Even now it had to be ordered by the Grand Master so there would be an educational talk at every meeting.

THE BUILDER

by William R. Fischer

The chief architect of King Solomon's Temple was and is often referred to as "The Builder." This term is also applied general to the Craft, for every speculative mason is

as much a builder as was his operative predecessor.

Masons are known as moral builders. As the operative Mason spreads the cement to bind the stone, speculative masons spread brotherly love, relief, and truth to bind men morally and spiritually. The operative builder, builds for a century and the speculative builder, builds for eternity. In this sense "The Builder" is the most noble title that can be bestowed on a Mason.

ADOPT A CHAIR PROGRAM

ONLY 8 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

**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**

April 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**

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

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

April 27 - Plano Shrine Club Dinner

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

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

AID AND ASSISTANCE

by William R. Fischer

The duty of "Aid and Assistance" is an important obligation, imposed upon every brother of the order. "To aid and assist all worthy distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans."

This is according to human nature that will always prefer a friend to a stranger.

Expressed in the language of "Long Tom Coffin":

No one cared
No one sought
No one taught

A messmate before a shipmate.
A shipmate before a stranger.
A stranger before a dog.

It's time for you to:
Care
Seek

As we have the opportunity, let us do well for all men, especially to those of the same house.

We must be ready to aid those who need our help, brothers or strangers.

If those we could have helped and don't, are lost, we lose even more.

For these poor people only lose what they have, but we lose them, our dignity, and our own self worth.

This brings up another challenge, our educators need to be enlightened before they can instruct others. All because of the lack of education and apathy.

And teach, if given a chance.

Help face this challenge and help challenge others to learn, to seek, to ask and most of all to care.



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

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

