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FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

After a lull in our petitions, we got back on track in May. We have three out for investigation and a couple more already for June stated. Keep up the good work!

I encourage you all to attend this years' installation on June 26 @ 10 a.m. If tradition prevails, our Senior Warden will have many new and improved ideas to bring to Plano Lodge during the next Masonic year. Get to know Brother Demasellis, because he will be an incredible asset to Plano Lodge.

One of our members, Bro. Charles Merritt has been in contact with PISD (Plano Independent School District) in reference to the loss of our time capsule that was placed in the Cornerstone of Williams High School. Look for future Cornerstones to be leveled @ upcoming schools in the district. It has been a long time since Plano Lodge has been this engaged with PISD and I commend all of the brothers hard work on building the relationship.

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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

May 6	Stated Meeting Family Night <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Mother's Meat Casserole
May 13	Masters Degree <i>6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Swedish Meatballs
May 20	Masters Degree <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Noodle Casserole
May 27	Masters Degree <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Kabobs
June 3	Stated Meeting Family Night <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	TBD

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We have Scottish Rite Hospital "Take Time to Read" calenders' for Summer 2010. If you would like to distribute some at schools in your area, just let me know.

Also, the work continues @ the Plano Mutual Cemetery. The piers and anchor bolts have been set in concrete as of this writing. We hope to be dedicating this project real soon!

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

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Weekly Certificate Practice

We are meeting every Wednesday evening at 6:30 P.M. in the Museum and Library downstairs for certificate practices. All those wanting to learn the work and those studying for the exam are welcome. The certificate exam will take place on Monday, September 13th at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is strongly encouraged to pursue a certificate this year, and if this is your first time, these practices are the best place to start. As a reminder, here are the requirements for each class:

"C" Certificate – Questions and answers from all three Degrees, the Tiler's Oath, and how to open, close, and call to and from labor all three Lodges and the Master Mason's Lodge of Sorrow

"B" Certificate – All requirements for "C" certificate and the floor work for all three Degrees

"A" Certificate - All requirements for "B" certificate and the short-form lectures for all three Degrees

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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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 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.

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POLITICS

by William R. Fischer

There is no charge more frequently made against Free Masonry than that of its tendency to revolt or affect the peace of society or interfere with the rights of government.

That was the cry of all "Barruels and Robisons", two anti-masonic groups. It was also the theme anti-masons used in preaching that we as Masons were trying to take over the affairs of government.

There has never been found any recorded history of a connection between Freemasonry and politics. Anti-masons seem to overlook that fact, and spread rumors which have lasted for centuries. Even the Ancient constitutions of the order expressly forbid connections with the government, but as always anti-masons still condemn Masonry as a political club.

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.

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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

May 17 - 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

- May 4 - Advisory Board Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
- May 11 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
- May 18 - Lodge Cleanup - 7:30 P.M.
- May 25 - 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

May 17 - Scottish Rite (Dallas) Stated Meeting - Dinner 6:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.

May 25 - Plano Shrine Club Dinner

May 11 - McKinney Commandery #34 - Meeting 7:30 P.M.

May 25 - Haggai Chapter and Council - Meeting 7:30 P.M.

Important Notice

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!

Lebanon Lodge will be hosting a Masonic Scholarship Golf Tournament on June 19, 2010 at the Westridge Golf Course. For additional information call:

- Ryan Twose: 972-795-9206
- John Blatnik: 214-771-1063
- Bill Farley: 469-231-1643
- Matt Mladenka: 972-979-9229
- Dale Smeal: 214-641-3550

<http://masonicgolf.golfregistrations.com>



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, Softsoap, 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

Plano Lodge Member Forum

www.planomasonicclodge.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

