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FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

This month, we close another chapter on Plano Lodge. Be proud of our 116 year old lodge. The members of Plano Lodge have been an integral part of the community and will continue to be so. Carry the teachings of freemasonry outwards and “the world at large will see its good effects”.

I have enjoyed my time in the east and my #1 goal for this year was to leave the lodge in better shape. History will decide if I accomplished this goal. We had a very busy degree load until March. Our membership grew for the year, but will even out due to a few demits. We should all reflect upon our dearest brethren that passed on to the next plain during the year. Ok, that’s enough for looking back.

Your new officers were elected last week @ stated meeting. We will miss Brother Tiny Powell’s leadership in the lodge and wish him well in his next endeavor. Thank you Brother Powell! Here is your new leadership team.

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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

June 3	Stated Meeting Family Night <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Chicken Salad Casserole
June 10	EA Degree <i>6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Southern Feast
June 17	Master Mason Proficiency <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Beer Brats
June 24	Master Mason Education <i>Dinner 6:00 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	Mystery Dinner
June 26	Officer Installation	
July 1	Stated Meeting Family Night <i>Dinner 5:30 P.M. / Meeting 7:00 P.M.</i>	TBD

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Worshipful Master – Adam C. Demasellis
 Senior Warden – C. Clay Smith
 Junior Warden – Kevin K. Main
 Treasurer – Michael G. Heidenreich
 Secretary – H. David Moore

Get to know these brothers. They will carry the lodge to the next level. I find them all to be driven, intelligent and have a deep caring for the success of our lodge. Give them all a firm shake and a thank you when you see them.

See you at the installation; scheduled for June 26 @ 10 a.m. This is an open installation so friends and family are encouraged to attend.

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

Your Worshipful Master,
 Scott Shaeffer
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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,
 Scott Shaeffer
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THE MODERN COWAN

by Floren L. Quick

In Scotland, the operative Mason knew cowans to be ignorant builders who put stones together without mortar. They piled rough fieldstones into a wall without hewing them true, or squaring them. They masqueraded as Masters, but they did not have the Word.

Now and again, today - fortunately not too often - we find a modern equivalent of the operative imposter. One such is the Mason who manages a place in an officer's line with little or no effect of his own to deserve it. With only that exertion that is necessary to maintain his place, he continues to advance in line until he receives the jewels and honours that he prizes so highly. But he does not know the Constitution, and he does not understand the traditions and dignity of the Craft. As a presiding officer, his vocal ability is more noteworthy than his executive ability; and when his term is ended, he is seldom seen until another honour or prize appears to be within his grasp.

He is a contemporary builder who works without the benefit of the mortar of real enthusiasm or accomplishments. His structure is liken unto the rough stone wall, having little beauty of value. He is the cowans of modern speculative Masonry.

He is to be pitied, for he is a Masonic failure. His honours are shallow. Bringing no interest to his position, he received little of the satisfaction and respect that belong to the real Master.

Masonry has failed to reach him with a clear understanding of those marks of true devotion which she has to offer. He never knows the opportunities that the Craft makes available to those who diligently seek them. He misses the opportunities that the Craft makes available to strive for a just and worthy cause. He misses the opportunity for continuing fellowship and friendship. He misses the

ALTER

by William R. Fischer

The most important article of furniture in the Lodge is the altar. When we talk about this type of furniture, we intend it to be a chair, a table, a desk, etc. not the symbolic furniture.

Altars in ancient times were made generally of turf and stone. When permanently erected, were cubical and built long before temples. Altars of sacrifice were erected outside, and altars of incense inside. These altars were for sacrifice and incense, only because at this early period the holy scripture had not yet been written.

The Masonic altar is both sacrificial and incense. You lay down your passions and vices in an obligation to the All Mighty God as a sacrifice to him. You offer up the thoughts of a pure heart as a fitting incentive to the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

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

June 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

June 1 - Advisory Board Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
June 8 - Stated Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
June 15 - Lodge Cleanup - 7:30 P.M.
June 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

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

June 22 - Plano Shrine Club Dinner

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

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

Important Notice

The altar is therefore the most holy place in the Lodge. opportunity for loyalty and devotion. He misses the opportunity for development of his executive, intellectual and oratorical abilities. And most of all, he misses the opportunity for service - to God - to his community - and to his fellow man.

These are the jewels that Masonry has to offer, but in his quest for position and honours, the modern cowan misses them. Like the operative cowan, he does not have the Word.

-reprinted from the Masonic Shimbun in the GLBC Bulletin, Nov. '79

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

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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, 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.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

