



From the East

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As early as 1724, there existed written evidence that Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth were collectively identified as principles of particular importance to Freemasonry. The modern Masonic Monitor for the Grand Lodge of Texas agrees that “the principal tenets of our profession are three: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth”.

Brotherly love is expressed by the good-natured and disinterested fellowship that Masons enjoy within the Fraternity. It is also demonstrated in Freemasonry’s acceptance of men of all faiths or creeds who can express a belief in a power greater than themselves. Relief is exemplified in our support of each other in times of sickness and distress, and also, most certainly, in the very public and very visible forms of Masonic charity.

For the better part of a century, Freemasonry has been widely recognized for its devotion to those in need, particularly children, and especially those children who desperately require medical care, treatment, or therapy. Further, by acknowledging that there is philosophical and spiritual Truth to be found among the diverse paths of religious tradition, sincere Masons demonstrate a sincere understanding of “the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God”.

With respect to work upon ourselves, brotherly love teaches us to have compassion and respect for our fellow man. Relief teaches us humility and self-sacrifice. The contemplation of Truth provides a path for self-understanding and self-improvement. Every man comes to Freemasonry seeking something, and often he seeks many things that are difficult for him to express. Those who seek fraternity and fellowship will find it in the practice of brotherly love. Those who seek to serve their fellow man will find it in the practice of relief or charity. Those who seek to understand and improve themselves will fulfill this need in the pursuit of Truth. However, Masonry is a “progressive science” that requires each of us to utilize its lessons if we are to discover its secrets, and those who endeavor to apply the working tools to their own rough ashlar and improve themselves in Masonry will soon discover that they must diligently practice all three of these excellent tenets.

The success of any Masonic Lodge is determined by its vitality. The Lodge thrives when it provides an experience that inspires its members to come to Lodge and to get involved, simply because they want to share in and be a part of that experience. By balancing Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth in the activities of the Lodge, we build this unique experience upon the foundation which unites all Masons, the practice of Freemasonry in all its aspects. To this end, your officers for the upcoming year have many great events and activities planned, and I very much look forward to seeing you all at Lodge.

May the God of love and peace delight to dwell with and bless you.

Fraternally,

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Editor’s Note:

This month’s Trestleboard is an abbreviated version.

Watch for August when we will have our first expanded issue for the Masonic Year.

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By the Plumb



Brethren,

It is GREAT to be a Texas Mason! We still say this nearly every lodge. I can't remember it not happening. I love it. What do you remember? Have you been to lodge in a while? We would certainly like to see you more often. I know our necessary vocations can take us away, but remember that Masonry will return what you put into it. Please make an effort to join us. There are lots of new members to meet and we are still diligent in our degree work. There is lots of fun to be had and its always good to be seen (not viewed)!

So, as we begin a new Masonic year, I am going to make three points I'd like for you each to think and act upon.

I'm going to be at lodge 30 minutes before Called Meeting's dinners. The intent is to offer a few options for those who join in: 1. socialize, 2. practice degree parts or esoteric work, and 3. call lodge open to perform proficiency work, as needed, until dinner. The primary intent is to offer some time prior to our normal activities to break into smaller groups to prepare ourselves for the evening's activities or whatever may be the most pressing need that day. So, joint us at 5:30 every Thursday!

We need support for our degree teams, primarily for those who are willing to learn or teach a speaking part. This effort is two-fold. First, we need those who are willing to act and learn some of the various roles. This effort has a long and strong tradition in Plano Lodge. We have many who are competent in most of the degree work. However, we need more help in the charge, lectures, and various presentations in addition to the standard degree parts. Second, we need those who can mentor and aid during the degrees. The intent is to have someone teach and support one-on-one so expertise is passed down. Many new members are willing to perform, but require more than a 5 minute day-of instruction. Those who are willing could aid before and during the degree to offer support and instruction.

We are going to be adding a small "meditation" to the end of our degree nights. This short program will attempt to bring out some of the symbols and allegories that are inculcated into that Masonic degree. If you have an item or a list of items you find particularly revealing during any of the degrees and would like to share them in a 5 minute talk after its respective degree, please let me know. I'll definitely schedule the time in. I plan to start in the first month, but am positive that everyone will have some insight they'd like to share. I'd be happy to have others talk, but would be willing to share your observations at a minimum. I believe this program will add to the value of our work for everyone.

Well that is a mouth-full for this month. I hope to see you at lodge soon!

Faternally,

Brian Chaput

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 East Fork # 650 St. John's # 51 Lebanon # 837	4	5 Plano Stated Mtg Meal: <i>Cavatini</i>	6	7
8	9 Certificate Practice—EA Blue Ridge # 490 Celina # 919	10 Allen # 1435	11	12 Plano Called Mtg EA Degree Meal: Smothered Pork Chops Lee # 435 Melissa # 569	13	14
15	16 Certificate Practice—MM	17 Farmersville # 214	18 District 9 MWSA Meeting 6:30 PM Plano Lodge	19 Plano Open Mtg Masonic Education Meal: Junior Steward's Trestleboard Shrine Std Mtg	20	21
22	23 Certificate Practice—FC Scottish Rite	24 Princeton # 1436	25	26 Plano Called Mtg MM Degree Meal: Jr. Woodman's Roast	27	28 Called Meeting of Plano Lodge Travelling Master Mason Degree Norman Lodge #38 Norman, Oklahoma
29	30 Certificate Practice—Lectures					

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to thee..”

