



From the East

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Concerning Truth, one of the three tenets of Freemasonry, our Entered Apprentice lecture explains:

“Truth is a Divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson taught in Masonry. On this theme we contemplate and by its dictates endeavor to regulate our conduct. Hence, while influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us, sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us, and the heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity.”

It is important to consider that truth, in this context, is much more than “honesty”. Honesty concerns itself with matters of fact that may be discerned from a complete knowledge of the information at hand. Honesty proscribes deception of ourselves and others when accurate facts may be reasonably ascertained. In contrast, truth touches upon matters of ethics, virtue, morality, our relationship to God, and our relationship to our fellow humans. While it might be easier if truth could be found at the end of a clear, black and white, and analytical process utilizing the facts at our disposal, thousands of years of human history show that truth rather lies at the end of a rough and rugged journey upon which we continue to travel. It is not only possible, but altogether common that well-intentioned, intelligent, and reasonable men may wholly disagree on some matter pertaining to the domain of truth.

It is on the basis of these possible distinctions that Freemasonry confines itself to that to which all good men may agree. As Anderson writes in his Constitutions of 1751, “For the Craft, instead of entering into idle and unnecessary Disputes concerning the Different Opinions and Persuasions of Men, admits into the Fraternity all that are good and true; whereby it hath brought about the Means of Reconciliation amongst Persons, who, without that Assistance, would have remained at perpetual Variance.” Our Fraternity inspires an environment in which we emphasize that which we hold in common, rather than what distinguishes us.

This naturally raises some questions when we consider the “true” part of being good and true, and several clues may be found in the explanation from our lecture above. We are to contemplate truth and regulate our own actions according to the Light we there find. Our inner and outer lives, our hearts and tongues, work in concert with each other. To be true in this sense is to be authentic. What you see in our words and actions should faithfully uphold that which is truly within us, and hopefully, with the passage of each day, there is a little less hypocrisy and deceit, and more sincerity and rejoicing in the progress and successes of our brothers and companions on this journey.

Finally, when there is disagreement and dissension among Brothers, as human nature so often provides, it is important that we strive for our own authenticity. Let the words we speak truly reflect that which is most deeply within us, and in listening and interpreting the words of others, even though they may sound hard or harsh, let us strive to find the authentic and good intentions that lay behind imperfect and ordinary human actions. Such a capacity for both integrity and compassion may truly distinguish us among men,

Fraternally,

Kevin Main

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FROM THE SECRETARY:

Many of our members have not yet paid their annual dues. Please support YOUR LODGE by submitting your dues payment TODAY!

By the Plumb



Brethren,

First, our extracurricular activities:

- **Museum & Library.** We will hold our next planning meeting on Thursday, February 21st at 5pm downstairs in the M&L. Activities are well underway in our projects and planning. We need people who would like to contribute to the M&L by taking a concept and helping to implement it. There are a lot of activities identified, but we are always open to new ones. Come be a part, or just hang out with us prior to Dinner upstairs at 6.

- **Festive Board** is Saturday, March 2nd. Follow the web-site "Announcements" link to reserve your spot (limited to 28). Cost is \$50 benefiting the Museum & Library including food and drinks.

- **Adopt-a-Highway** clean-up day. Saturday, March 30th. We have a small team already planning to help. More volunteers are welcome to help

Lodge Picnic Day. Saturday, May 4th. We will have a co-picnic (with East Fork Lodge) at Bob Woodruff Park in East Plano. Lunch will be served. A chili cook-off is planned. Activities for all members and family members will be there starting from 10am into the afternoon. If anyone is interested in helping me with any part of this, please contact me.

Bring school supplies as we try to help the local teachers with supplies to get them through the remainder of the school year.

I hope make some time to enjoy the fraternity to which you belong by spending some of your Thursday evenings with us. Dinner is always good (at 6pm) and we usually have a Masonic program or degree at 7pm after that. You are welcome for any of all of the evening. We earnestly solicit attendance at our meetings.

If you wish to try or know you want take an active part in our degrees, especially our newest members, just ask and officer anytime. There are many parts in each degree available to those who desire. Brothers will even help you learn the roles!

Thank you & see you Thursday,

Brian Chaput

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Fantastic Teeth Fan Club



The Fantastic Teeth Fan Club, a program created by Masonic Home and School of Texas (MHS) to help children and parents learn to prevent painful dental problems and avoid expensive treatment, exceeded all expectations. Thousands of children across Texas have received free prevent tooth decay kits. The tremendous success of this program depends on Masonic Lodges launching this service in their community with free kits from MHS. Lodge members assemble the kits and deliver them to participating schools. MHS coordinates with local schools and provides press releases about the project to local news organizations.

Masonic Home and School of Texas ♦ Brother Brian Cook is leading the effort on behalf of Plano Lodge by coordinated the assembly of kits that will benefit 250 first graders at 3 local schools: Forman, Memorial and Sigler. Look for a nice little write-up in the local newspaper.

Special thanks to Brothers Bob Vinson, Larry Kester, and Robert Pannel for their efforts in assisting with this worthwhile cause.

School Supplies Drive

Contact Bro. Bob Walton 972-578-5763 for more details.

- Glue Sticks
- Pink rectangle erasers
- Highlighters (Big or Small)
- Dry Erase Markers (Mostly Black)
- Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- Spiral Notebooks (8 1/2 X 11)
- Folders
- Eraser Tops
- Correcting pens (?)
- Rulers (A few)
- Elmer's Glue
- White Paper 8 1/2 X 11

Please help stock the box at the front of the lodge room with the following NEW items by March 1st

- Scotch tape
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Watercolors
- Anti-bacterial Wipes
- Clorox Disinfectant Wipes
- Sample size deodorant
- Binders (Not Many)
- Color Pencils
- Dividers
- Markers (Colors)
- Manila Paper (8 1/2 X 11)
- Pencil sharpeners (Individual)



North Texas Masonic Historical Museum and Library

1414 J Avenue, Plano, TX, 75074

Spring Festive Board – March 2, 2013

Plano Lodge is hosting a Spring Festive Board on Saturday, March 2, 2013, at 6:30 PM in the North Texas Masonic Historical Museum & Library (on the first floor of the Lodge).

We will have traditional Masonic toasts and an excellent Masonic educational program by our special guest speaker, Brother Jason E. Marshall, an accomplished author of a number of published papers of Masonic interest with a forthcoming book on the subject of comparative religion.

Dinner will include Appetizers, Salad, Prime Rib, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, and Dessert.

Attendance is open to all Masons (Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and Master Masons) and limited to the first 28 to register. The cost is \$50, payable at the time of registration.

Copy and past the link below in your browser to navigate to a PayPal button that may be used to confirm your registration.

<http://www.planomasoniclodge.org/?p=1194>

Brethren,

Plano Lodge is updating the master contact file. Please fill out the info below and mail it to the lodge, or you can email it to master@planomasoniclodge.org.

Name: _____ **Wife Name:** _____

Address: _____ **C/S/Z:** _____

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“Masonry, knock and it shall be opened
unto thee..”



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