



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

October 3rd

Stated Meeting

October 10th

50-Year Pin
Presentation

October 17th

Called Meeting

October 19th

Adopt-a-Highway
Cleanup

October 24th

Called Meeting

October 26th

Blood Drive

October 31st

Called Meeting

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50 YEARS
of Service to the Craft



On **Thursday, October 10th**, Plano Lodge is proud to present a 50-year pin to Charles McKay, Past Master (1977-78) of Plano Lodge No. 768.

Please join us at 6:00 p.m. for dinner.

The ceremony honoring Brother McKay will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.



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FROM THE EAST

Obligations

When we receive our degrees, we incur obligations. These obligations are to ourselves, our families, Masonry and the societies we live in. How we accept and fulfill these obligations reflect on us as individuals and as Masons. Some of them are easier to follow than others, but all are equally important.

Our obligations to society are the most visible and usually the most visible and easiest to follow. We are enjoined to be good citizens and work within the rules of our societies. We may not agree with the rules, but must accept them and work to revise them within acceptable methods of change.

Our obligations to ourselves are usually not as visible as the others, but can have more impact upon ourselves and those around us. These are also the easiest to avoid and least likely to be noticed, especially those to ourselves. Of the two, the familial obligations should have priority.

The Masonic obligations are voluntary, but nevertheless important. How we approach them, will reflect upon ourselves and the Fraternity. One of our most important responsibilities is the approach we take to potential new Masons. Remember that when they visit us or our Lodge their impression of us is vital to their decision whether to continue seeking admittance. We should answer their questions as openly and honestly as we can. If we can't answer a particular question, let them know, respectfully, why we can't answer their question at that time. Initiate a conversation with them when they visit; introduce yourself and introduce them to the other Brethren. Speaking for myself, it is hard for someone coming to a Masonic Lodge the first time to know what to expect unless they have an acquaintance or relative involved in Masonry. Consider that they may be nervous and uncertain and welcome them.

Another area that tends to be neglected, are the youth organizations associated with Masonry: Rainbow Girls and DeMolay. I know they are always looking for Masons to participate in their activities and would be more than happy to accept any participation from us. So, if your time and schedule permits, please consider helping them in any way you can.

- Bill Goodell, Worshipful Master

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup



Our next cleanup date is scheduled for
Saturday, October 19th.

- We'll meet at the Lodge at 9:00 a.m.
- Coffee & donuts will be served.
- Family and friends are welcome to help!

Plano Mutual Cemetary

Brethren,

A matter (of policy) has come up that needs to be addressed by you, the Cemetary Committee or the Lodge.

Heretofore, the burial spaces have been utilized on an "as needed" basis; that is, when a member dies (or if his wife should die first), a space is picked out and used for burial with the adjoining space reserved for the surviving spouse. Generally, no one has "reserved" a space in advance. In the case of Bro. Bearden, his space, and that of his spouse, has been selected for them by Bro. Foster. Bro. Foster has now requested that the adjoining spaces be "reserved" for his wife and himself. There has also been a suggestion (by him) that another member would like to pick out and "reserve" a space as well. I have explained the current and past practice to him and the rationale, as I understand it, which is that it is available to members, (1) upon death, and (2) subject to membership in good standing at the time of death, (unless the member is an endowed member). There is no assurance that a present member expects to remain in the Plano area and will still be interested in being buried in PMC. Selection of a space in advance by one member deprives another member from selecting that space when needed. We still have many spaces available and I don't see a real problem for many years.

- Nathan White

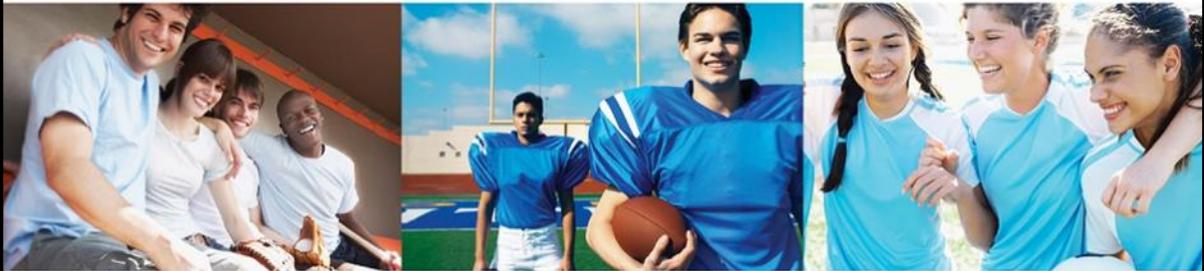


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For more information about Living for Zachary, call **877-LVG-4ZAC (877-584-4922)** or visit www.living4zachary.org

Testing Site: Center for Advanced Cardiovascular Care
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Plano, Plano Campus
4716 Alliance Blvd.
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Testing Date: Saturday, October 26, 2013

Testing Time: 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM;
the test takes 20 minutes
to complete

Testing Cost: **FREE to the first 50 registrants!** Must schedule an appointment. Spaces are limited!

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The Sun at Meridian Height

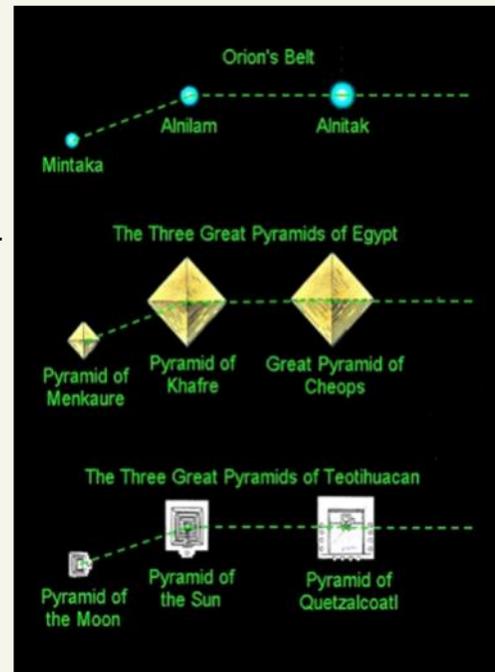
Orion's Belt

By Barry Parrish, Junior Warden



According to “conventional Egyptian chronology” North and South Egypt consolidated around one Pharaoh about 3,100 years ago. The Pharaoh was viewed as a King and in that likeness was deemed as a link between the gods. He was accorded enormous respect in life and by evidence of the pyramids, in death. On way of tying his continued presence through death was to construct pyramids in such a way as to memorialize that concept. By copying Orion's belt on Earth in siting the pyramid's as in the sky utilizing the Nile as maybe the Milky Way accomplished this goal. Although it is possible the other designated stars are in the sand yet undiscovered.

Pharaoh's were in fact very important because they really were the link between the gods and men, according to Egyptians and were accorded enormous respect in life and in death. From the moment of the 1st Pharaoh's son's birth, the future King was groomed and trained for his return to the “First Time”. All his life, every aspect of it, was associated with his journey. He was taught spells and incantations to secure a safe passage in life as well as to his return; many of these spells and incantations were collected and recorded as the *Pyramid Texts*. These were a collection of ancient Egyptian religious texts from the time of the Old Kingdom. They are possibly the oldest known religious texts in the world (1). The oldest of the texts have been dated to between ca. 2400-2300 BC. (2) The *Pyramid Texts* were reserved only for the pharaoh and were not illustrated unlike the *Book of the Dead and Coffin Texts*, which was an ancient funerary text utilized from the beginning of the New Kingdom (1550 BCE) (3)



So why did the Egyptians select Orion to copy the locations of pyramids on Earth for their personal final resting places? The Orion Coloration was developed as a way in which to explain the answer part of that question. Their theory, brought to light in 1989 in *Discussions in Egyptology*, volume 13, (4) suggests that Orion associates with Osiris, the Egyptian sun-god of rebirth and afterlife. Moreover, with satellite imagery like Google Earth etc. these views of our modern age can permit us to look at these areas of Egypt for our desk tops and draw our own conclusions as to what is physical reality. The fact that they match in form and that there are at least 2 separate locations of them is enough to raise some questions as to how and why. Just as there are strange magnetic forces in large stones of granite like that of the Enchanted Rock North East of Fredericksburg, TX, beaming onto space, maybe the Egyptian Pharaohs, through their knowledge of the *Pyramid Texts* looked towards the configuration of their future completion of their pyramids as a direct line of communication to the afterlife, with a passage in that particular portion of the sky.

The Three Great Pyramids of Theotihuacan are labeled as the “Moon”, “Sun” and “Quetzalcoatl”. In Masonry that could be translated in to Sun, Moon and Worshipful Master, lesser lights to the Great Lights. Also in size and progression they are out of alignment beginning with the smallest, the middle comes into line and finally the largest is steadfast. Maybe the youngest Entered Apprentice come into the line and is squared into alignment finally resting firmly to be raised to the heavens for communication and advice as a past servant of the craft. Obviously the number 3 and the pyramid shape in masonic history as well as Egyptian history suggest many more explanations.

The Egyptians then, as in many religions today, believed in the eventual raising of the dead. We always assumed we would be raised “up” from the Earth and then raised “up” in to heaven, where ever “up” and heaven may eventually be located. It seems the ancient Egyptians, believed, in some of their practices evidenced by some of their construction, the portal to immortality might be through Orion, more precisely, Orion’s Belt.

- 1) A claim has also been put forth for the Sumerian Kesh Temple Hymn, which may be older.
- 2) Allen, James. *The Ancient Egyptian Pyramid Texts* ISBN 1-58983-182-9
- 3) Lichtheim, Miriam (1975). *Ancient Egyptian Literature, vol 1*. London, England: University of California Press. [ISBN 0-520-02899-6](#).
- 4) Robert Bauval, Adrian Gilbert, *The Orion Mystery: Unlocking The Secrets of the Pyramids* (London: Heinemann, 1884).

**OCTOBER
26th**

BLOOD

The Gift Of Life

The "Gift of Life" program sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Texas helps children throughout the Lone Star State. Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas, the Shrine Burn Center in Galveston, and the Shrine Orthopedic Hospital in Houston require approximately 9,000 units of blood each year. Statistics show that the population of Texas uses more blood and blood products than its citizens are donating; therefore, blood is being imported into the state from other areas of the country. This places our hospitals in the position of bargaining for available blood with every other hospital in the state. In some cases, medical personnel have had to resort to walking the halls to secure blood donors for necessary surgeries.

The Gift of Life program in Texas is meeting the blood requirements of our hospitals and providing an annual surplus to be used in emergencies, both public and fraternal.

This not only meets an essential need for our hospitals but also helps our communities by making fresh blood available whenever it is needed and by providing an easy means of donation. It is important to understand that the Gift of Life program is not designed to secure donations only from Masons. All donations are important and welcome. The strength of the Gift of Life effort is in providing an easy opportunity for the general public to donate through our Masonic Lodges. There is a Masonic Lodge nearby for everyone in the state, and we have found that people want to donate blood, especially when children are involved.

By providing an easy means of donation, with the proper publicity, we can easily provide 20,000 units of blood annually. By unifying all of the Masonic Lodges in Texas under the common Gift of Life banner, we all gain the benefit of each local drive's publicity. We do this annually each fall. This provides fresh blood when the supplies are most critical and when demand is at its peak. The program also gives the public a sense of what Freemasons do in the community, especially our help for children.

Today, the Gift of Life effort is making a difference, and we all win-our hospitals, our communities, our Lodges and, most importantly, the children we serve. There are no losers. **You, too, can be a winner by participating in the Plano Lodge Blood Drive on October 26, 2013.**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/336043503195412/>

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https://ww2.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/44678



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