



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

January 2nd

Stated Meeting

January 9th

FC Degree

January 16th

Education Night

January 23rd

Honors Night

January 30th

MM Degree
(Tentative)

[Online Calendar](#)



**The officers of Plano Masonic
Lodge No. 768 wish you and
your family a happy and safe
New Year!**

**We encourage you to join in the
activities of your lodge during
2014!**



JOIN US ON
FACEBOOK!

Visit (and be sure to
LIKE) our
[PUBLIC PAGE](#)

Request to join our
[GROUP PAGE](#)

From the Secretary's Desk

I want to thank the brethren for their timely remittance of their 2014 dues. We still have a few brethren who have not sent their dues to the lodge. Please send that check now while you have been reminded of that duty.

If you are having financial problems that are keeping you from sending your dues, please contact the Worshipful Master, Bill Goodell, at 214-288-1838, so he can help resolve this difficulty.

- H. David Moore, Secretary

Winter Festive Board

On Saturday, January 18, 2014 we will enjoy a Festive Board in the North Texas Masonic Museum & Library beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$40 per person.

Payment can be made via PayPal using [this link](#).

Seating is limited.

Menu

Appetizers
Standing Rib Roast
Braised Leeks
Roasted Root Vegetables
Dessert

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 1ST

Scholarships

Plano Lodge, in conjunction with the North Texas Masonic Historical Museum & Library is awarding two \$1,000 scholarships toward higher education to local students. The decision will be based upon qualification and merit of an essay focused on Masonic history in Texas or its historical territories.

The due date is February 1st at 7:00 p.m. for the following school year (Fall to Spring). Applications can be submitted:

By Mail:

**Plano Masonic Lodge #768
Attn: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 860282
Plano, TX 75086**

or

In Person:

**Plano Masonic Lodge #768
1414 ½ J Ave
Plano, TX 75074**

We will accept applications and essays anytime throughout the year leading to the deadline.

The Scholarship Committee will review, rank, and approve the submitted applications. The scholarships will be awarded to the two best essays.

Decisions will be announced in May.
Awards will be presented in July.

The lodge will make payment directly to the college or university upon enrollment by the scholarship recipient.

Scholarships, continued

While the scholarship is based upon the historic essay, we would like to know about you, your situation, your plans, and any circumstances that you feel we should know.

Masonic affiliation is not a prerequisite to apply, but is definitely allowed.

Essay Guidelines:

- Fraternal or Masonic History in Texas
- At least 3 full pages (double-spaced, 1" margins, 12-pt Times New Roman font)
- Proper referencing of source material.
- Masonry can be interpreted to include other fraternal or appendant bodies.
- **Suggestions:** Personal biographies, Masonic functions, social functions, educational functions, charitable functions, Masonic places, eras and local fraternal impact, fraternal organization history
- Texas history may be Plano, Dallas, Peter's Colony, Republic of Texas, State of Texas, or other geographical or historical tie to our community

Essays will become property of the North Texas Masonic Historical Museum & Library collection, and may be republished or publicly displayed with credit assigned to author.

The North Texas Masonic Historical Museum & Library will be open for research during normal hours of operation.

Application Must Include

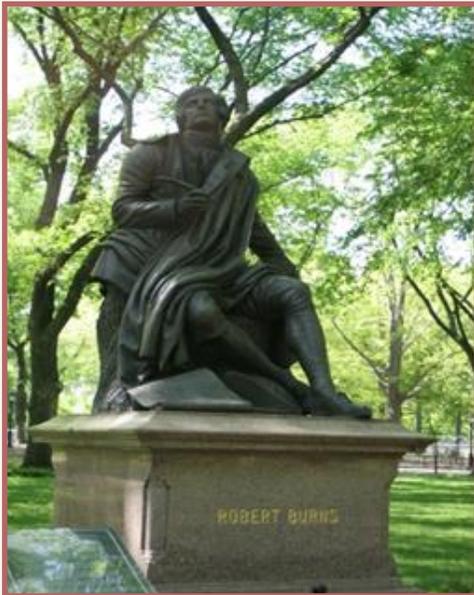
1. Full Name
2. Address (must live within Collin County or an adjoining county)
3. Phone Number
4. Email Address
5. College or Institution's Name & Address (if known)
6. Past Semester's Transcript (Minimum of 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 Scale)
7. Interest or Degree Plan
8. Personal Paragraph

The Sun at Meridian Height

Rabbie Burns

By Barry Parrish, Junior Warden

The very mention of Robert Burns today brings visions of Sam in his dress, Brian pretending to be Phil Collins and Larry with a touch of red in his nose, not to mention Charles clad in the family colors his Texas/Scottish twang reciting poetry while presenting the haggis. Alas, January is upon us and to start off the New Year we again visit the yester lore poetry of Brother Burns. There is another side of Burns that is not as well known: Burns the radical — Burns, the supporter of the French Revolution — Burns, the critic of Religious hypocrisy and Puritanism — Burns, the Freemason. (Please do not associate any of these characteristics with Sam and Larry playfully chatting in the Library.) Burns was sort of like a Franklin-Jefferson mix in the times of the American Revolution professing "liberty, fraternity and equality", and speaking out against the excesses of the secular, as well as religious establishment and their influences on we the people and Government.



Excerpt From: *A Dream*

*“For me! before a monarch's face
 Ev'n there I winna flatter;
 For neither pension, post, nor place,
 Am I your humble debtor:
 So, nae reflection on your Grace,
 Your Kingship to bespatter;
 There's mony waur been o' the race,
 And aiblins ane been better
 Than you this day.”*

It could be concluded that some well-read members of the Continental Congress attempted to interject some of Burns philosophy in our own Declaration of Independence as Burns was popular in this period and respected for a “well known” literary carrier.

Since there is so much written of him and his life on the internet and in books, a short note of his life and loves here would not do him justice, but to note that in being a Mason, the camaraderie and spirit of brotherhood that prevailed in the lodge room and the charity towards the widow and orphan, just as Sam and Larry, Freemasonry evidentially became one of the cures for his society's numerous social ills.

In the poem "Libel Summons", Burns describes two brothers in a court docket: one for lying and being two-faced, the other for the neglect of his duties. Utilizing the two brothers for examples, Burns reminds any Brother reading the work that the Masonic ideals of brotherly love, relief and truth do not stop at “the lodge-hall door, but should be shown to any person, regardless of Masonic affiliation.”

*“The hour of cause, at our court ha'
At Whiteford's arms, ye'll answer a';
Exculpate proof ye needna bring,
For we've due notice o' the thing,
But as reluctantly we punish,
And rather mildly would admonish,
We for that ancient secret sake,
You have the honour to partake,
An' for that noble badge you wear,-
You, Sandy Dow, our brother dear,
We give you as a man an' mason,
This serious, sober, friendly lesson,
Your crime a manly deed we verit,
As man alone can only do it;
But in denial persevering,
Is to a scoundrel's name adhering;
Far best confess, and join our core,”*

With Sam and Larry representing our modern day Burns spirit, it is only fitting to think if Burns were alive today and came into the Library on a regular basis, what would he conclude of this wild discussion of modern times thrust upon us. Would he join in on the talk and discussion? If he could still write how would he craft his thoughts...

*Two Brother's that wist the oath of long,
To this, our fraternity they belong.
They joust and jaunt and jab each with points,
And sometimes comment on those who anoint.
They tend to draw ye around to listen,
So, Just when your curiosity is missin,
They sorn your pride with another side
Of the next fact, of which your blind.*

*But Alas, Friday it will be,
The Library fills of more brothers you see.
The life blood of Scotland begins to flow,
And the noses of all the coggers glow.
They cheer to the song of Auld Lang Syne
Taking those not akin to wondering why,
A cheer to those Brothers', Brother's to the ends,
Reminding each of us,
No man is a failure when he has friends.*

~B. Parrish

Plano Masonic Lodge #768

Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

1414½ J Avenue

Plano, TX 75074

Phone: 972-290-1357

www.PlanoMasonicLodge.org



2013-2014 SENIOR OFFICERS

Worshipful Master	Bill Goodell	214-288-1838	w.goodell@sbcglobal.net
Senior Warden	Brian Chaput	469-831-3993	chaputba1@yahoo.com
Junior Warden	Barry Parrish	214-876-6819	ellisparrish1@hotmail.com
Treasurer	Kevin Campbell	561-306-0257	kevinmcampbell2003@yahoo.com
Secretary	H. David Moore	972-380-5610	dmoore@ghizmo.com

2013-2014 JUNIOR OFFICERS

Chaplain	Jonathan Buck	469-438-5095	sbuck@cox.smu.edu
Senior Deacon	Jim Harbor	469-744-6028	jim.harbor@gmail.com
Junior Deacon	Brian Cook	972-849-1819	go2e@sbcglobal.net
Senior Steward	Shaun Henry	469-235-6141	rescue161@aol.com
Junior Steward	Dwayne Hale	972-746-0930	dhale33048@gmail.com
Marshal	Tyler Snyder	214-205-2588	tsnyder62@gmail.com
Master of Ceremonies	Loy Vickers		pilotbiker@gmail.com
Tiler	Dennis Surrells	214-697-5682	dennis.surrells@verizon.net