



Impacting Our Community!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6th

Stated Meeting

March 13th

OPEN Meeting:
Lodge Functions &
Officer Duties Dis-
cussion

March 20th

Called Meeting

March 27th

Called Meeting

[Online Calendar](#)

As part of the [Fantastic Teeth Fan Club](#) program sponsored by the Masonic Home & School of Texas, Plano Lodge presented nearly 300 dental kits to 1st graders at Forman, Memorial and Sigler Elementary Schools in February.



The kids were excited to receive the kits and learn about good dental health (with the help of our friendly dragon!)

The staff of the schools wish to express their gratitude to the members of Plano Lodge.

Thank you for making a difference!



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Updates to Your Address/Phone/Email

Please notify Secretary H. David Moore if you have an **address** or **phone number** change.

If your **email address** changes, please send an email to admin@planomasoniclodge.org, notifying us of the change, and your address will be updated in our distribution lists.

Outdoor Degree

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! An outdoor degree is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, May 31st** at Randal Shinn's farm in Farmersville.

Additional information will be provided, as it becomes available.





Plano Lodge is registered to participate again in the [Great American Cleanup](#)! We'll be cleaning our adopted section of Avenue K (between Park Blvd and 15th Street) on Saturday, May 17th, which is Plano's official cleanup day.

We'll begin at 9:30 a.m. Donuts, coffee and juice will be served prior to the cleanup.

Family and friends are welcome to participate!

Please note: *All minor participants must have a parent/guardian signature to participate.*

2013 G.A.C. Results

- 91 cleanups completed
- 15,590 lbs. of litter collected
- 57,600 acres of parks cleaned
- 33 miles of creeks cleaned
- 702 bags collected
- 1,103 volunteers
- 71 miles of streets cleaned
- 28 miles of nature trails cleaned
- 3,291 volunteer hours

Plano Lodge Encourages Students to *Take Time to Read!*



Plano Lodge delivered several hundred calendars to students at two local elementary schools, encouraging them to read every day as part of the [Take Time to Read program](#) sponsored by the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

The children are encouraged to read every day in March, either on their own or with the help of a parent, and record on the calendar their time spent reading. In early April, we'll pick up the calendars and then deliver certificates to every child that participates!

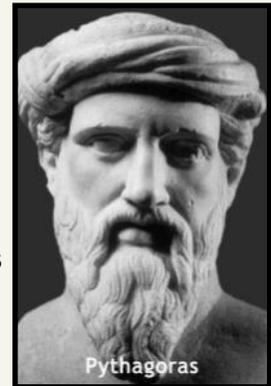
The Sun at Meridian Height

The Monad

By Barry Parrish, Junior Warden

It is only in the Fellow craft Degree, Masons first discuss T.G.A.O.T.U. and reveal the combination of symbols, Golden Rules and mathematical theorems all based upon the plurality of numbers and their relationships. You can find volumes of essays and lectures on their interpretation and lessons...and here is another.

Pythagoras (570 BC-495 BC) and his followers believed in this type of physical evolution: The Monad is the principle of all things. From the Monad came the indeterminate Duad. As matters subjected to The Cause, Monad; from the Monad an intermediate Duad, Numbers; from numbers, points; points, lines; from lines, superficies; from superficies, solids. From these solid bodies, whose elements are four: Fire, Water, Air, Earth; of all which totally changed the World as we perceive it consists. They basically believed creation first started with some sort of Cause they identified as a Monad.



Euclid, some 200 years or so after Pythagoras, published his 7th book. The book consists of 22 definitions and 32 propositions. In its definition content the first stated, "A unit is that by virtue of which each of the things that exist is called one." His second definition stated, "A number is a multitude composed of units." Numbers therefore are formed of many units; but unity being indivisible, having no composition, nor is it a number, its strength or nature cannot be measured but it is the positive foundation of all numbers.

Unity being the cause of all numbers one might then conclude the numbers themselves are formed by a plurality of units. For example, 2 is twice 1; 3 is three units and so on. So, all numbers require the Monad, while it exists by itself without requiring any other. All of which is to be considered of the First Cause; (The Big Bang, so to speak) for as one in and of itself, is no number, but the cause and beginning of numbering. If you then equate the First Cause with T.G.A.O.T.U., The First Cause has no affinity to creatures, but is the Cause and beginning of them; they all stand in need of Him, and He requires assistance from none. He is all in all, and all are included in Him in the simplest unity.

Some philosophers agree that He is one, and there is no unity like His in the universe; the nearest idea that we can form of Him is symbolized by the unit or the figure one. Other philosophers agree in invisible unity and the combined strength it itself possesses. You might be inclined to conceive of some kind of mathematical system of explanation to get to pre-Monad or The Cause but you will have to in the end conclude that the existence of Monad is incorruptible, eternal, unmade, and indivisible and definitely not like anything else. Let's try to see if we can...

Remember, the Pythagoreans did not believe in negative numbers nor did they believe or acknowledge "0". What that means is they did not believe that "0" existed then Monad, pre-Monad. Wait a minute, before I typed on this paper there was nothing, then I had a concept and then I wrote something on the paper. I existed, the paper was blank and I created this article. This article did not exist before I thought of it then created it. Where was it before I thought of it? Did it exist before me? Why was it I who then wrote it, not someone else? Why did the creation of the article happen today?

Genesis 1, "In the beginning..." there was darkness, and then light, there was "0" then there was Monad. Scientists today can prove that Black Space is just as alive as Light Space, so if Black and Light Space individually or combined are Monad, positive, "0" or a negative number or our perception of pre-0 is what happened before Monad. To explain separation some of the philosophers of the day concluded like Pythagoras himself that a "void" existed but that it were rationally explained as distinguishing the nature of things. "Void" or separation could not be a starting point. It separates things in a series. Therefore, a "void" could only exist after a series or plurality of units. No one has yet described what existed before Black Space, distinguishing the Beginning and Black Space, if you believe in the logic.

So here is what we got according to Pythagoras and Euclid: Since Pythagoras did not believe in the concept of "0" and negative numbers, First there was Monad, and from Monad the Duad which formed the basis of cause and effect, a multitude of sequenced numbers or events formed a plurality of units, between them were voids (time or separation) distinguishing their nature but when combined, invisible unity tied them together which its strength is unmeasurable. Sort of like seeing the letters G.O.U.T.G.T, placing them in a proper sequence, adding them up so to speak to get T.G.A.O.T.U and forming to a conclusion.

Masonry ties T.G.A.O.T.U into Deity by a "plurality of units", a fancy way of saying architecture. Our fraternity is founded upon its principals and taught through its symbols. The foundations of thought symbolizing the terms of that science are meant to form moral principles of conduct. Although we achieve the status of Master, we have really initially fallen short of that honor. We continue to strive forward through time within the imperfect environment we exist (a Puritan philosophy) continually striving to meet first our own individual definition of perfection and then the fraternal. In striving to meet the fraternal perfection we realize we need a "plurality of units" to get there because the job is just too big for a common imperfect Monad like us. We can only become a true Master if in fact we apply that science (architecture) to the continued construction of really all facets of not only the physical but the soul and invisible mental components of our being. The void or momentary lack thereof; our self-preserving conscious and self-image drive us to bask in our perceived perception of perfection identifying the positions between our very beings, yes, distinguishing us individually. But upon our death, the completion of the well-crafted structure, the finished product, the then measurement of its invisible strength, its unity, can only be judged by one who 1st gave it, T.G.A.O.T.U .

The Traveling Gavel

From the [District 9 Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association website](#)

Since 2007, the Traveling Gavel has encouraged visitation between all District 9 lodges. It was limited to District 9A from 2002-2006.

The gavel was designed with the following in mind:

- It is made of Oak, to represent the Masonic Oak of Texas.
- The head is six-sided representing the six Lodges in District 9A or 9B.
- Each end of the gavel has 3 rings
- One end alludes to the 3 stages of life; infancy, manhood, death
- One end refers to the three degrees in Masonry; EA, FC and MM
- Three rings on the handle represent the three principle officers of the Lodge
- The end of the handle alludes to the 7 Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- The 5th ring is more pronounced, referring to Geometry, principally essential to Masonry.
- There is a small gap where the handle fits the head. This indicates that there is still work to be done.



The rules for taking possession of the gavel are as follows:

- A minimum of 5 members of a visiting Lodge must attend a STATED meeting of the Lodge possessing the gavel.
- If a Brother is a plural member of both the possessing Lodge and the visiting Lodge, he will be considered as a member of the possessing Lodge, not a visitor.
- If a Brother is a plural member of more than one visiting Lodge, he will be considered a visitor from both Lodges.
- If more than one visiting Lodge has a minimum of 5 visiting members, the Lodge with the most visiting members will gain the gavel.
- If two or more visiting Lodges have an equal number of visiting members, the following sequence will be used to break the tie.
- The Lodge with the most officers (Elected and Appointed), present.
- The Lodge with the longest time since possessing the gavel.
- The Lodge who has travelled the farthest distance to visit.
- The losing Lodge cannot repossess the gavel for a minimum of 30 days.

Join Plano Lodge on **Tuesday, April 1st**, when we visit the Stated Meeting of our brethren at East Fork Lodge and

CLAIM THE GAVEL!

508 Parker Rd., Wylie, TX 75098 — Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

District 9 MWSA “Master Traveler” Passports

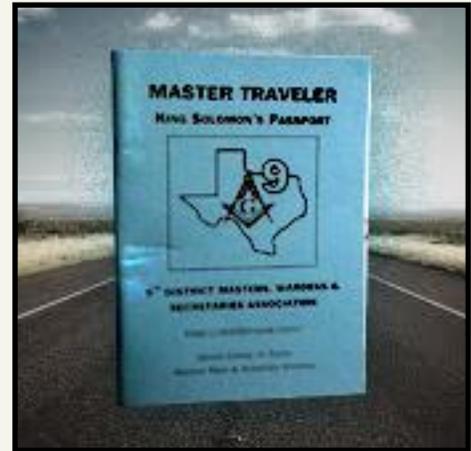
“Master Traveler” passports are now available!

This program, administered by the District 9 Master, Wardens and Secretaries Association encourages you to visit EVERY lodge in District 9A and 9B, meeting new brothers and sharing fellowship.

When you visit another lodge, be sure to get your passport stamped. After you’ve visited all 12 lodges in District 9, turn in your passport to the MWSA for a “Master Traveler” certificate!

If you complete your passport prior to July 16th, plan to attend the MWSA meeting on July 16th and redeem your passport to be entered in a drawing for a Walmart gift card!

Passports are available from Worshipful Master Bill Goodell or Senior Deacon Jim Harbor.



DISTRICT 9 LODGES

1. Allen No. 1435 (Allen)
2. Blue Ridge No. 490 (Blue Ridge)
3. Celina No. 919 (Celina)
4. East Fork No. 650 (Wylie)
5. Empire No. 586 (Nevada)
6. Farmersville No. 214 (Farmersville)
7. Lebanon No. 837 (Frisco)
8. Lee No. 435 (Prosper)
9. Melissa No. 569 (Melissa)
10. Plano No. 768 (Plano)
11. Princeton No. 1436 (Princeton)
12. St. John's No. 51 (McKinney)

Happy Traveling!

Committee on Work

CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION PRACTICES

The Grand Lodge Committee on Work is scheduled to conduct a Certificate Examination at Plano Lodge on **Monday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m.**

Practice sessions for certificate candidates will be held on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Museum & Library **beginning MONDAY, MAY 5th.**

Senior Warden Brian Chaput encourage all lodge officers to work towards a certificate of proficiency in the esoteric work.

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

**Contact Senior Deacon Jim Harbor at
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for more information!**

**** UPCOMING EVENT ****

**Presented by East Fork Lodge #650
and Plano Lodge #768**



Food

Games

Masonic Picnic

May 24, 2014

10 am till 4:00 PM

Bob Woodruff Park, Plano, TX



**Bring Your
Family & Friends**

Music



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