



Upcoming Changes to the Museum & Library

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1st

Stated Meeting

May 8th

Masonic Education

May 15th

MM Degree

May 17th

Great American Cleanup

May 22nd

FC Degree

May 24th

Annual Picnic & Blood Drive

May 29th

FC Degree

[Online Calendar](#)

The Library & Museum board continues to work to obtain available grant money and make improvements to the building.

Upcoming plans include replacing the floor in the Library & Museum. This will significantly improve the aesthetics of the interior.

Replacing the floor will be a major undertaking, and will include moving the contents and displays in the M&L.

This is an opportunity to reorganize and improve the layout for our visitors.

Volunteers will play an important part in the success of the renovations.

As dates are announced, please consider volunteering!



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Outdoor Degree: Saturday, May 31st

****UPDATED****

An “open air degree” is scheduled at Randal Shinn’s farm ([14411 County Road 618, Farmersville 75442](https://www.google.com/maps/place/14411+County+Road+618,+Farmersville,+GA+30528/@33.2544444,-84.5444444,15z)).

- Donuts served at 9 AM; degree begins at 10 AM.
- BBQ lunch will be served following the degree.
- \$15 suggested donation for expenses and fundraiser for Blue Ridge Lodge, who will supply the candidate.
- Bring a lawn chair
- **Please RSVP at rshinn82@yahoo.com or 469-222-1537**



Spring Blood Drive

Plano Lodge’s Spring Blood Drive is scheduled for **Saturday, May 24th** (in conjunction with our annual picnic).

[Carter BloodCare](#) will have a mobile donation unit at Bob Woodruff Park from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

Roll Up Your Sleeves and GIVE!

[CLICK HERE to visit the event on Facebook.](#)
[SIGN UP to tell all your Facebook friends that you’re going!](#)





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.

**PLANO LODGE 2014
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
CLEANUP DATES**

- July 12, 2014
- September 20, 2014
- November 15, 2014

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.*

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Brethren,

For those that do not as yet have in your possession your 2014 dues card, you will be automatically suspended for non-payment of dues (NPD) at midnight on June 23, 2014.

Please send your \$180 dues now.

Do not wait until June 23rd to send it to me.

- H. David Moore, Secretary



The Sun at Meridian Height **G.O.D.**

By Barry Parrish, Junior Warden

Even though we cannot discuss religion and government within the Lodge room, outside is a whole other issue, ask Larry. A belief in a Supreme Being in the existence of God is one of the most essential criteria for being a Freemason. The fraternity does not ask if the belief is in a God that has not yet arrived on Earth or that he has arrived, died, was buried and arose or that just is. It does limit the thought with a question of belief in that no atheist can indeed be a Freemason; in fact it demands an answer before even attempting investigation. You may even interpret the belief in God as a somewhat universal belief, so demanding an answer as to the question of belief, it could be considered somewhat of a hedge in the answer itself. If you buy into that conclusion, you then have to ask yourself; if most citizens believe in God, why are some citizens trying to remove the mention of God or the recognition of God from the inferences in our government? To be a citizen, there is no requirement in belief of a God as is the case in Freemasonry, other than to recognize the freedom to practice religion, to recognize that there is a separation between it and government, legal governing and is interpretation as it pertains to the construction and implementation of law. By the actual declaration of separating the issue of Religion and Politics, why would you again have to again exclaim it to be because of non-believers? But if God is eliminated from reference in government, has the government itself, no internal moral check? Is not morality associated in most parts with social morals born in religious morals? I guess the declaration was not clear the first time: a separation between church and state means no monotheistic governing. This separation of believe in God and separation of government also recognizes being an atheist is acceptable, a very deliberate line in Freemasonry. It also recognizes an exterior moray driven from the souls of believers from secondary laws and opinions based upon some code of personal, religious morality.

Maybe the reason atheists do now want God mentioned in government is that they have a problem with morality and desire no morality in government. Although free masons do not discuss politics and religion within the lodge room as stated, the open Bible like internal souls of the believers provides all the necessary moral drive a fraternity or a prayer before the opening of government needs to subtly remind the gathered that morality does exist in making the right decisions, a positive hopeful view I grant you.

What does God mean in Freemasonry? Well let's break it down: "G" is in the East in the place of Delta.

The Worshipful Master's pillar represents Beauty and in Hebrew beauty is pronounced Gomar.

"O" is in the West and forms the 90 degree portion of the angle. The Senior Warden's pillar is Strength and in Hebrew is pronounced Oz. The "D" forms the last angle of the right angle and is in the South. The Junior Warden's pillar is Wisdom and in Hebrew is pronounced Dabar. These three great pillars support the superstructure of Freemasonry and for the right angle or Try angle when duly formed represents Morality, a very important component of the craft.

In pronouncing the word God as you just did in English is nowhere near Gomar, Oz, Dabar. Actually the

Ineffable Hindu translation is Om, in Scottish Rite work, AUM (In Sanskrit, the AU combine to become O). It is a sound best kept to you and spoken at low breath. Some interpreted it into 3 words: earth atmosphere and heaven. In Hindu it could mean the three Gods of Brahma, Vishnu and Sive. Also in Hindu it could be the name of ancient Vedic scriptures: Rg, Yajur and Sama. There is a distinction in Hindus between the interpretation of what is heard and what is remembered, sounds like a bit familiar learning in the catechism?

The last explanation is that "A" stands for the Creator; "U" stands for the Preserver and "M" stands for the Destroyer. All these explanations are tied somehow into the realization that the Supreme Architect of the Universe created a sound and that the physical universe arose from it. Since no one, save one, has heard the sound, AUM has become the historic root of the universe and the nature of all things that exist and the invisible "G"ravity that continues to hold everything together.

Eagle Scout Project at Plano Mutual Cemetery

Richard Richmond, who hold the rank of Life scout, is leading an Eagle Scout Service Project at the Plano Mutual Cemetery, leveling headstones in the Masonic Section.

Richard is a member of Troop #291 Plano. The troop was chartered in Plano at First United Methodist Church (Spring Creek & Parker). Jay Brooks is the Scoutmaster.

Plano Lodge Past Master Scott Shaeffer is Assistant Scoutmaster for the troop and is helping to supervise the project.

PM David Moore is a past Scoutmaster of this troop & PM Glen Moore was an assistant Scoutmaster.

Richard's parents are Clay & Kathy Richmond.



Did You Know?

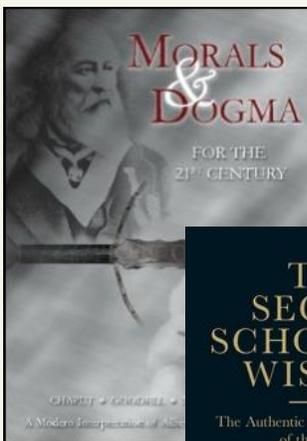
If you purchase a Texas Masons specialty license plate for your car, \$22 of the \$30 fee goes to the Texas Department of Agriculture to make grants that benefit the Grand Lodge of Texas and its educational, benevolent, and charitable purposes.



Read Any Good Books Lately?

Are you looking for something new to read? Why not check out something written by members of Plano Lodge?

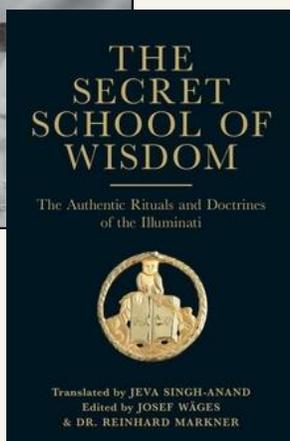
Worshipful Master Bill Goodell, Senior Warden Brian Chaput and Past Masters Kevin Main and J.J. Miller wrote *Morals & Dogma for the 21st Century*, a modern interpretation of Albert



Pike's greatest work, and a guide to the degrees of Scottish Rite masonry!

Member Josef Wäges edited *The Secret School of Wisdom - The Authentic Rituals*

and Doctrines of the Illuminati along with Dr. Reinhard Markner. This translation by Jeva Singh-Anand provides astounding insight into the rituals of the Illuminati, the world's most intriguing secret society!



Grand Lodge 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.**

As a reminder, here are the requirements for each class:

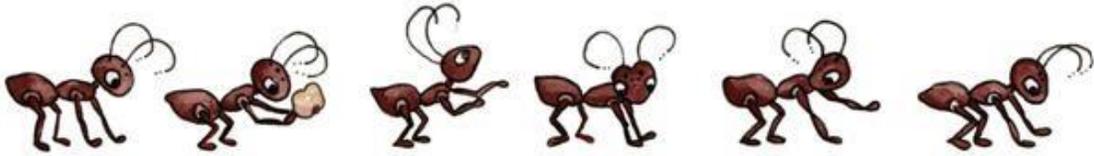
- ◇ **“C” Certificate** – Questions and answers from all three Degrees, the Tiler’s Oath, and how to open, close, and call to and from labor all three Lodges and the Master Mason’s Lodge of Sorrow
- ◇ **“B” Certificate** – All requirements for “C” certificate and the floor work for all three Degrees
- ◇ **“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!**

Election of 2014-2015 Officers

The election of Plano Lodge officers for the upcoming masonic year will take place during our next stated meeting on **Thursday, June 5, 2014.**

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



Food

Masonic Picnic

Games

May 24, 2014

Music



10 am till 4:00 PM

Bob Woodruff Park, Plano, TX

**Bring Your
Family & Friends**

**Chili
Cookoff**



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