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Making Good Men Better Since 1875

Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

Prosper, TX

Visitors Abound



Lee Lodge #435
Prosper, TX 75068
101 S Church Street

The dinner before October's stated meeting was shared with eight visitors at Lee Lodge #435 on Thursday—October 11, 2018. Two brothers from Lebanon Lodge in Frisco, another from Maritime

Lodge in Johannesburg, South Africa and Robert Fletcher, who is rejoining our lodge plus four other individuals all joined us for the delicious meal provided by Robert & Brad Bell prior to the stated meeting. The four additional visitors each declared this was their first visit to any Masonic Lodge.

The increased activity was directly attributed to Lee Lodge's Facebook and website campaigns. With the help of all the brothers in attendance, *including many Past Masters*, every visitor received an informative tour of the lodge with a Q & A style format providing responses needed to make informed decisions about whether or not Masonry may be right for them. Lee Lodge is on the right track to show visitors that being a Free Mason is a worthwhile endeavor for any man.



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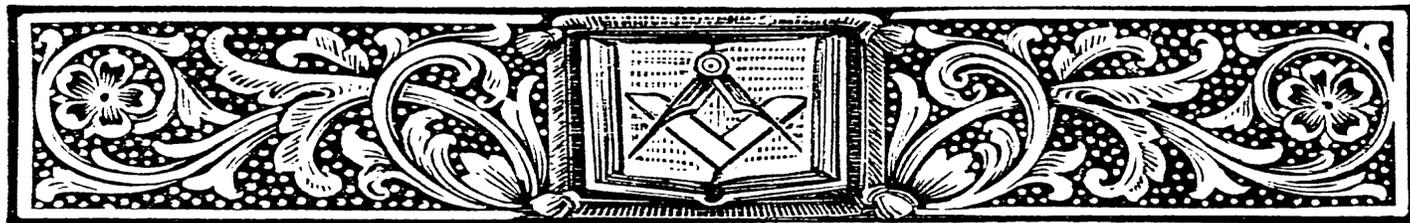
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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Bill Strohmeyer, Worshipful Master, Lee Lodge #435, A.F & A.M. - We have certainly gotten much cooler weather. The rain may have put a damper on several October events but brothers carried on in friendship and fellowship.



Greetings Brothers,

It's been a busy several weeks for Lee Lodge. We had a booth at the Prosper Picnic and talked with some folks about Masonry. It was a lightly attended event because of weather in the morning. Family Day at the Masonic Home in Arlington was cancelled because of weather so instead we helped Celina lodge with a drinks booth at their Octoberfest. That event was also lightly attended because of weather. Brother Mike Terry says it broke even on funds.

Brother Brad Bell conducted a promotion on Facebook targeting prospective members and had excellent results. Basically, he established a Facebook page with a video on Masonry and invited local men to come have dinner with us to learn about Masons.

Ask Brad if you would like more details.

Five of our lodge members attended the MWSA (Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association) meeting at Melissa lodge. We reported on activities at Lee Lodge and had considerable interest in the Facebook promo. Lebanon lodge presented info on a District 9 gala they are planning for next spring. More details will soon be available.

Brother Jason Porter set up a new website for Lee Lodge. Everyone is encouraged to view and share. Check it out at www.lee435.org it's well worth a look. Please forward any comments or suggestions on content to Jason directly or email to lee435masons@gmail.com

Planning for a lodge Christmas party is underway. The tentative schedule is for the gathering to be at Brother Mike Eckrote's home on Saturday December 8th. More details to come. Brothers Brad Bell, Cedric Casio and Dave Aldape have been asked to work with Mike in planning the party.

We are planning to have one or possibly two MM proficiencies at the stated meeting on Thursday, November 8th. We also expect some visitors from the Facebook promo to have dinner with us that evening. Brother Lance Rawlinson and Brother Brad Bell are planning a good meal for us. I hope to see you all there.

Fraternally,

WM Bill Strohmeyer
214-500-5192



NOVEMBER

- 11/3 Rick Havard
- 11/8 Rudolf Lehmann
- 11/22 Lewis Bell
- 11/29 Mike Terry



We celebrate the anniversary of Your Master Mason Degree

- Rick Havard—11/10/88
- Torrey Woodhouse—11/27/17
- Don Hipp—11/29/71
- Brett McMillin—11/30/17



“The world is a dangerous place not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.” Albert Einstein

Help Lee Lodge be better than we are now, submit suggestions you would like to help develop to WM Bill Strohmeyer bstrohme@gmail.com or 214-500-5192



COMING ACTIVITIES FOR GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS & DISTRICT 9A

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH – 6:30PM DINNER
7:30PM STATED MEETING

LEBANON LODGE #837 STATED MEETING
6983 MAIN STREET FRISCO, TX 75034

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH – 6:30PM DINNER
7:30PM STATED MEETING

ST. JOHN'S #51 STATED MEETING
215 ½ N KENTUCKY STREET MCKINNEY, TX 75069

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH– 6:30PM DINNER
7:30PM STATED MEETING

LEE LODGE #435 STATED MEETING
101 S CHURCH STREET PROSPER, TX 75078

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH– 6:30PM DINNER
7:30PM STATED MEETING

MELISSA LODGE #569 STATED MEETING
1709 COOPER STREET MELISSA, TX 75454

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH – 6:30PM DINNER
7:30PM STATED MEETING

CELINA LODGE #919 STATED MEETING
139 N OHIO CELINA, TX 75009

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH – 6:30PM DINNER
7:30PM STATED MEETING

ALLEN LODGE #1435 STATED MEETING
101 N ALLEN DRIVE ALLEN, TX 75013

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH – 6:30PM STATED MEETING
HELLA SHRINE STATED MEETING—MILITARY APPRECIATION
2121 ROWLETT ROAD GARLAND, TX 75043

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH – 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING

DALLAS SCOTTISH RITE STATED MEETING
500 S. HARWOOD STREET DALLAS, TX 75201

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH – MUST BE IN SECRETARY'S OFFICE BY
THIS DATE**

**GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS ANNUAL
COMMUNICATION PREREGISTRATION**
P.O.BOX 446 WACO, TX 76703



*The Grand Lodge
of*
TEXAS

Save the Date!

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

2019 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

JANUARY 17-19, 2019

WACO, TEXAS

To sign up, fill out and mail in the registration form on page 5 of
this publication before December 28, 2018.

Thank you to those who have provided meals already this year. It is a great way to “SERVE” your brothers and to give visitors or men interested in becoming Free Masons a pleasant evening of hospitality which illustrates the friendship and fellowship enjoyed by members of the lodge.

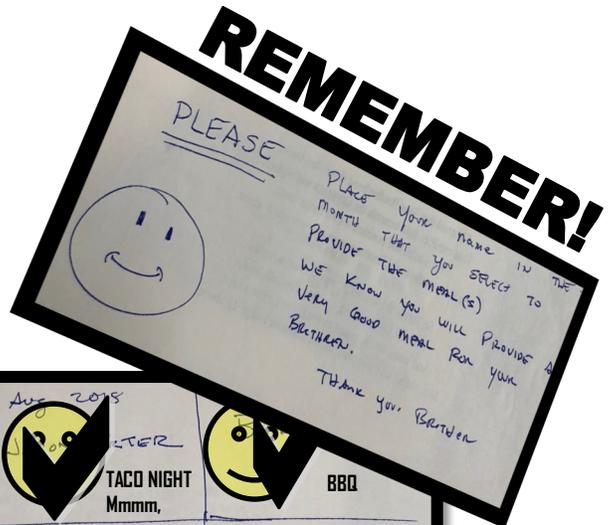
No matter what you bring whether homemade or store bought the lodge relies on you for dinner. If for any reason you are unable to fulfill your meal. commitment, please contact Brother Jason Porter; Senior Steward, Brother Cedric Cascio; Junior Steward or Brother Brad Bell; Junior Warden to notify them with as much advance notice as possible that you will be unable to provide the meal for the month.

Brothers and visitors alike enjoyed the delicious meal provided by Lee Lodge volunteers



A BEAUTIFUL AND TASTY BUFFET!

October’s meal before the stated meeting was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Keep up the good work Brothers and we are sure to meet more good men wanting to become better men.



Jul 2018 JASON PORTER	Aug 2018 JASON PORTER TACO NIGHT Mmmm,	BBQ
Oct 2018 BRAD BELL BBQ BRIS-KET & CHICKEN	Nov 2018 DAVID LAUTZ	Dec 2018 JIM HILL Hipp
Jan 2019 BRETT McMillin	Feb 2019 DAVID ALDAPE	Mar 2019 BILL STROEMER
APR 2019 MIKE FCHROZE	May 2019 JIM HILL	JUN 2019 LEWIS BELL

From the Texas Grand Lodge -

Our Golden Trowel Award originated at a place called “Armadillo Acres” – the get-away home, or country retreat of Past Grand Master Leonard P. Harvey. In the Fall of 1989 while at “Armadillo Acres” for a bit of a breather prior to the upcoming Grand Lodge session, Grand Master Harvey, Deputy Grand Master A.D. Hanna and Grand Senior Warden Fred E. Allen were discussing possible recipients of the prestigious Sam Houston Medal given annually to outstanding Masons.

During those discussions, Deputy Grand Master Hanna pronounced: “We are always giving special recognition to brethren on a Grand Lodge level, and I don’t understand why we can’t recognize deserving guys at the lodge level.” He mentioned that in nearly every lodge there are the rather obscure brothers who day in and day out do the “little things” for Masonry and for his lodge, and he does those things without expectation of reward or recognition. He went on to say those are the brethren who work in the kitchen, sweep the floors, do plumbing and carpentry work, mow the yard, plant and maintain flowers — and, yes – they are those who pick up the disabled and bring them to lodge meetings, see to the transportation and other needs of the widows and others who are less fortunate for one reason or another.

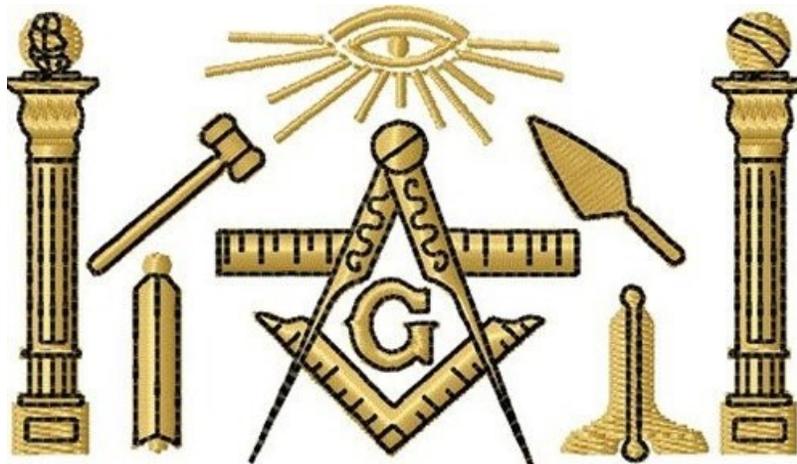
While talking about his idea, Brother Hanna was sitting in “the red chair” twiddling between his fingers a small golden trowel that was given to Brother Harvey’s father-in-law several years ago when he purchased lots at a Dallas cemetery. The proverbial “light came on” and Brother Hanna said: “We can call it the “Golden Trowel Award.” That is the way it began and it still stands today.

Since its inception the Golden Trowel Award continues to be an exciting means for Lodges to recognize and honor distinguished members with an official award from the Grand Lodge of Texas.

It is for use by all Texas Lodges. The Golden Trowel is the Lodge’s formal recognition of a Brother for his devoted service to Masonic principles in general or to his Lodge. It is intended for the Brother who, year after year, quietly, but actively demonstrates his devotion to the teachings of Masonry without thought of recognition or special honors.

Every Lodge has such members. They spread the living cement that builds our Fraternity into a true Brotherhood. You will find them at labor in the kitchens, on the work committees, in public office, on community projects, in service clubs, heavily involved in their church activities and in schools – anywhere that a true and steady hand of assistance is needed. It is to those Master Craftsmen that the Golden Trowel Award is designated as the highest award a Lodge can bestow upon an individual member. This award is not intended to replace or supersede any individual recognition award already established by a Lodge. It provides the advantages of a single, official award which is recognized state wide.

Only one Golden Trowel may be awarded at the lodge level each Masonic year but it is not necessarily presented every year. Lee Lodge #435 recently voted to recognize Brother Jim Hill with the distinction for 2018-2019. Only six others have received the award since it was first bestowed in 2001 to Brother Kenneth Vahrenkamp. Brother Ralph Boyer was conferred the honor in 2002 and then it wasn’t until 2007 the next came along with Brother Winford Chick being recognized. In 2011, Brother Ron Underwood became the 4th recipient of the commendation at Lee Lodge. Brother Don Hipp joined the select group in 2012 and 2017-2018 saw Brother William Proctor being granted the Golden Trowel. Congratulations to Brother Hill for a job well done and to each brother whose steadfast efforts throughout the community illustrate that they are good men working to make themselves better.





Bethlehem

P L A C E

Prosper's Food Pantry

Thanksgiving Basket Countdown



THE TIME IS NEAR

Keep an eye out for the kick-off of this meaningful event offered by Bethlehem Place each year. bethlehemplace.org is the place to discover the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE and HOW of the program but the WHY is clear. Charity is one of the three main tenets of Free Mason's everywhere.

Cinnamon & Cider Holiday Market

Benefitting Bethlehem Place

November 3, 2018

9:00am - 4:00pm

Admission \$5
or 2 items from list below

Canned Tuna
Canned Chicken
Canned Fruit
Vegetable Oil
Flour or Masa
Shampoo
Conditioner
Deodorant
Baby Wipes

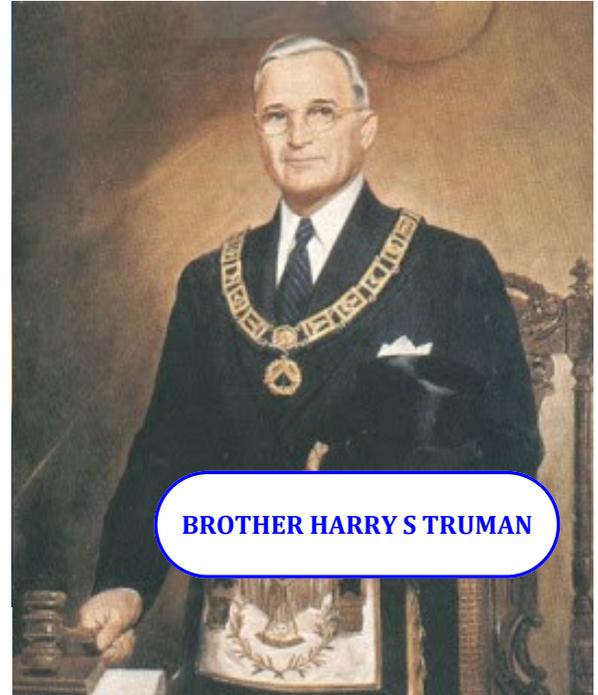
Location: Rogers Middle School, 1001 Coit Rd, Prosper, TX 75078

NEW CEDARS AWARD ANNOUNCED



WMSA—MELISSA LODGE

The Warden Masters and Secretaries Association of District 9 quarterly meeting was held at Melissa Lodge on Wednesday, October 17th to coordinate communications and efforts between all 12 lodges in District 9. Five brothers from Lee Lodge #435 attended. The new Cedars Award for each lodge in the district to award was discussed. The awards are made from cedar wood from Lebanon and the Worshipful Master of each lodge is responsible for determining the criteria for eligibility to receive the award. Awards will be presented at a large, gala event in the Spring.



BROTHER HARRY S TRUMAN

"It is amazing what you can accomplish when you do not care who gets the credit."

