

Volume 7:2019

Making Good Men Better Since 1875

Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

Prosper, TX

## Plates Full of Thanks

**B**rothers of the Frisco Area Collin County Shrine Club and Lee Lodge #435 A.F. & A.M. worked together to make the 1st Responder's Breakfast on June 15th a huge success! Eleven volunteers from Lee Lodge (2 of them also with the Shrine Club) plus two other Shriners delivered in a big way for Prosper area



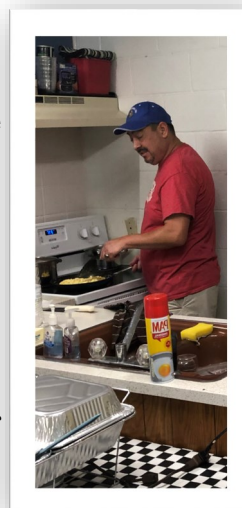
first responders, active duty military, veterans, and CERT volunteers.



A hearty breakfast was served up at no cost to any guest. Biscuits and gravy, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs and pancakes with a selection of condiments, hot coffee and OJ were provided for police officers, firefighters, emergency medical services workers, active military, veterans and

CERT volunteers along with a heaping helping of gratitude for all of their efforts on behalf of our community, state and nation.

Residents throughout the community constantly rely on the extraordinary efforts of these dedicated men and women. It is (continued on page 6)



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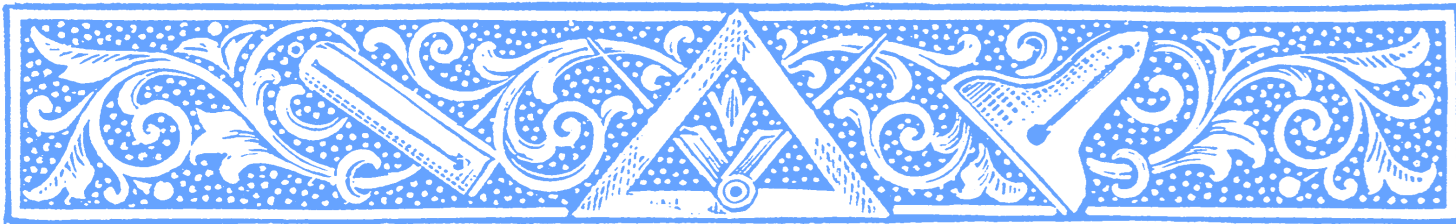
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## WELCOME TO THE EAST

Lee Lodge #435 A.F. & A.M. welcomes Brother Lance Rawlinson as Worshipful Master for 2019-2020. As with all duly elected Worshipful Masters in Blue Lodges, he has his work cut out for him and is up to the task. Any Past Master can tell you there is much more to the job than meets the eye. The same goes for all responsibilities in the lodge. Brother Brad Bell was elected as Senior Warden, Brother Scott Surplus; Treasurer, Brother James Bettencourt; Secretary, and Brother David Aldape; Junior Warden. In appointed positions this year the lodge has: Jason Porter as Senior Deacon, Cedric Cascio; Junior Deacon, Jim Hill; Chaplain and Michael Morgan; Tiler. All brothers in the lodge are called upon to assist with regular operations, charitable endeavors, special activities and events. By working together, Lee Lodge will remain as ever an

exemplary organization of fellowship and dedication to serving others by following the precepts of Freemasonry with an ultimate goal of "Making Good Men Better".



### JULY

Torrey Woodhouse—7/5  
David Stover—7/9  
Jason Porter—7/28



*Congratulations on  
Your Master Mason  
Degree*

Cedric Cascio—7/23  
Bill Strohmeyer—7/24  
Nick Frace—7/25  
Brian Robinson—7/26



**"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love."**

**- Brother Benjamin Franklin**

The Lee Lodge building requires ongoing repairs, cleaning and maintenance. Contact WM Lance Rawlinson phone: (214) 856-9990 or email: lance.k.rawlinson@gmail.com if you are willing and able to handle one of the many tasks needed to keep the lodge in good repair or make required improvements.



## COMING ACTIVITIES FOR GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS, DISTRICT 9A & APPENDANT BODIES

**TUESDAY, JULY 2ND – 6:30PM DINNER**  
**7:30PM STATED MEETING**

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

**TUESDAY, JULY 2ND – 6:30PM DINNER**  
**7:30PM STATED MEETING**

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

**MONDAY, JULY 8TH – 6:30PM DINNER**  
**7:30 STATED MEETING**

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

**TUESDAY, JULY 9TH – 6:30PM DINNER**  
**7:30PM STATED MEETING**

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 11TH – 6:30PM DINNER**  
**7:30PM STATED MEETING**

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 11TH – 630PM DINNER**  
**7:30PM STATED MEETING**

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

**SATURDAY, JULY 13TH 2:00PM**

CELINA LODGE #919 OFFICER INSTALLATION  
 139 N OHIO CELINA, TX 75009

**FRIDAY, JULY 19TH**

FINAL DATE TO REGISTER FOR 2019 SUMMER OFFICER TRAINING  
 AT GRAND LODGE IN DALLAS (SEE PAGE 10 FOR FORM)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH 9:00AM REGISTRATION**  
**10:00AM TRAINING**

SECRETARY SCHOOL  
 GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS  
 715 COLUMBUS AVENUE WACO, TX 76701



*The Grand Lodge*  
*of*  
**TEXAS**



**COME  
AND GET  
IT!!!**

*B*rother Krupens starts off the new Masonic year by signing up to take care of the meal for the July stated meeting coming up on July 11th. Please look for the sign-up sheet with Senior Steward Jim Miller and include your name for one

month throughout this year. There is a copy on the following page showing dates available. Taking on one of the meals is a good way to assist the lodge in many ways. Dinners have been successful in attracting men to the lodge who are interested in discovering more about Freemasonry, having a meal together each month fosters camaraderie by giving everyone time to get to know fellow Masons on a more personal level and it provides an opportunity to serve. Organizers learn project management, budgeting and are provided a real “hands on” knowledge of what the task entails which in turn makes people mindful of what the Mason responsible each month is dealing with and being part of the process shows how to best help one another. Give it a try, if you are unsure of your ability to fulfill the duties at hand, ask for help and instruction. There are many others who have gained experience in the past more than willing and able to pass on their knowledge. The meal need not be elaborate or require much effort in the kitchen. While some go all out because they enjoy cooking, it is perfectly acceptable to have pizza, a sandwich buffet or some other menu which is picked up to have as a meal with one another. Sign-up and continue to become an even better man through service!



# STATED MEETING MEAL SIGN-UP SHEET

## July 2019 - June 2020

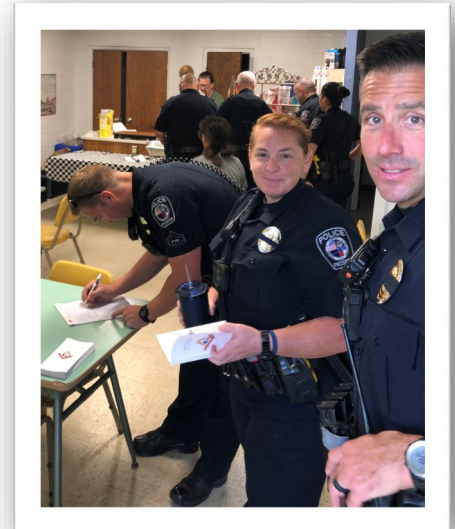
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| JULY 11, 2019<br>Brother Krupens | AUGUST 8, 2019    | SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 |
| OCTOBER 10, 2019                 | NOVEMBER 14, 2019 | DECEMBER 12, 2019  |
| JANUARY 9, 2020                  | FEBRUARY 13, 2020 | MARCH 12, 2020     |
| APRIL 9, 2020                    | MAY 14, 2020      | JUNE 11, 2020      |



comforting to know that they are there when we need them. So, showing our appreciation was very important.

The 1st Responder's Breakfast developed by Frisco Area Collin County Shrine Club has been conducted at Lebanon Lodge #837 and Lee Lodge #435 thus far with plans to hold an appreciation breakfast at each lodge in District 9. Assistance will be needed each time so keep an eye out for notices and step up every time you can. It is a small way to give back and express thanks to the individuals who continually look out for us all.

Several sponsors including MedStaffing Inc. and Vitali Music Studio of Plano; A2B Indian Vegetarian Restaurant, Fadi's Mediterranean Grill and Ovation Cosmetics of Frisco and Food for Thought Market & Café of Allen all contributed in one way or another to help defray costs, get food prepared, serve attendees, set-up & clean-up.



Robert Bell 972-292-8850  
robertdbell@gmail.com or Brother  
George Crosby 214-394-4999  
gcrosby@outlook.com.

If you'd like to help with future appreciation breakfasts, please contact Brother Lewis Bell 972-835-4999  
lewisraybelljr@gmail.com : Brother



# OUT OF STOCK ITEMS

MENS' L/XL

WOMEN'S L/XL



Drop off between  
4:30pm and 5:30pm  
every Tuesday afternoon  
or 9am-10:30am  
on Saturday mornings  
107 S Church Street  
Prosper, TX 75078

# LOW STOCK ITEMS

MASA

DIAPERS SIZES 4,5 & 6

SMALL BAGS OF RICE

FLOUR

CEREAL



Believe it or not, there are hungry families in Prosper and our surrounding communities. Among those trying to make ends meet are hard-working adults and seniors. It is the mission of Bethlehem Place, Prosper's food pantry, to maintain life, not lifestyle. Helping families eat improves not only the quality of life for those who are being served but unites our community toward one of unity through service.

Prosper is unique in that approximately 75% of our food comes from donations from our community; churches, businesses, individuals and other organizations. Everyone working for Bethlehem Place is a volunteer. We have no paid positions so every dollar donated goes directly towards **Nourishing Our Neighbors.**



**Bethlehem**  
PLACE

Prosper's Food Pantry



**It takes less than 10 minutes for a visitor to your Lodge to see that your officers have attended an Officer Leadership Training Program. Participants in our Grand Lodge Officer Leadership Training, lead their Lodges with greater confidence, efficiency, and effectiveness. We offer two sessions at each retreat which are open to all Master Masons.**

**Officer Leadership 101:**

As a result of participating in this program, you will be better prepared to:

- institute an effective mentoring program for candidates and newly-raised Master Masons
- fill your term calendar with impactful events
- interpret Grand Lodge law when necessary to resolve ambiguous situations
- identify and utilize resources to provide meaningful Masonic Education to the members of your Lodge
- execute Masonic Parliamentary Procedure for a Stated or Called Meeting
- follow protocol for presenting and communicating with dignitaries
- mediate conflicts and maintain harmony within your Lodge
- run a balloting procedure on a candidate legally and fairly
- better understand Lodge officer duties and distribute the workload

**Officer Leadership 201:**

As a result of participating in this program, you will be better prepared to:

- re-energize the membership and activities of your Lodge
- assemble an effective annual budget
- ensure that the required financial forms are completed properly
- deal with membership challenges in your Lodge
- produce a successful fund-raising project for your Lodge
- lead, not manage, your Lodge's officer team
- organize your first Officer's meeting and subsequent Stated and Called meetings
- establish measurable goals that make an impact for Lodge administration, membership, finance, and community

## Summer – 2019

The Men's Program will begin on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. and finish at approximately 10:00 p.m. Saturday will begin with breakfast at 7:30 a.m., followed by the morning session at 8:30 a.m., Lunch at Noon, afternoon session at 1:00 p.m., and conclude with a Q&A session directed to the Grand Lodge Trustees at 5:00 p.m. A short break, and then a sit-down dinner at 6:00 p.m. will follow, with our R<sup>W</sup> Deputy Grand Master as the keynote speaker.

In addition to the programs listed below, there will be a joint workshop session on Sunday morning after the Devotional, which will be followed by Graduation and a closing message from our Grand Master. The program is scheduled to completed by 12:00 Noon on Sunday.

**Officer Leadership 101:** If you have a Laptop PC with Microsoft Office Word and Microsoft Office Excel, please bring it fully charged, along with a current copy of the Grand Lodge Constitution and Laws, a Monitor of the Lodge, your Lodge By-laws, Lodge Rules and Regulations, a Notebook and Pen/Pencil.

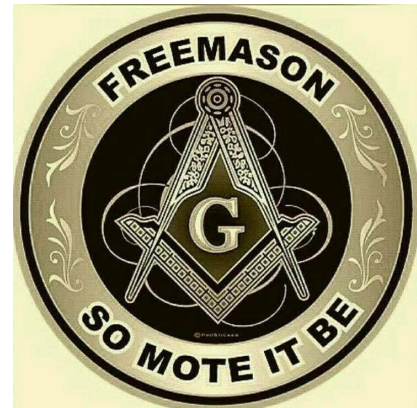
**Officer Leadership 201:** If you have a Laptop PC with Microsoft Office Word and Microsoft Office Excel, please bring it fully charged, along with a current copy of the Grand Lodge Constitution and Laws, a Monitor of the Lodge, a copy of last year's Form 71 and IRS Form 990, 990E, or 990 E-Postcard receipt, a Notebook and Pen/Pencil. Lastly, please meet with your Lodge Secretary and Treasurer to obtain the following information about your Lodge: Membership – Total members, No. of Endowed, Life, 50 year, Income – Annual Dues, Degree fees, Average number of each degree conferred annually, Expenses – Average utilities, rent, etc.

### **Officer Leadership 101**

- Mentoring
- Planning
- Grand Lodge Law
- Balloting
- Masonic Education

### **Officer Leadership 201**

- Turning the Light Back On
- Grand Lodge and Lodge Finance
- Investigations
- Membership
- Leadership



The Ladies Program will begin on Friday evening with a short introduction to the program, and an opportunity to meet and visit with each other.

**Ladies Program (Saturday Morning 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) Ladies Program (Sunday Morning 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. )**

- The Structure of Freemasonry
- Masonic Philanthropy
- Masonic Philosophy
- Masonic Funeral Planning Guide
- Inside the Lodge Room
- Q & A with Grand Lodge Trustees

The Ladies are encouraged to attend all meals, breakfast, lunch, and sit-down dinner on Saturday, as well as breakfast, the Devotional, and Graduation on Sunday morning.

(The dress is business casual for all sessions. However, there will be an opportunity for pictures with the Grand Master during graduation.)



# 2019 OFFICER LEADERSHIP TRAINING Registration Form



**IMPORTANT – MUST PRINT CLEARLY AND COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION**

TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECEIVED AT GRAND LODGE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ID NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE G.L. Membership ID NO.

LADY'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ WORK or CELL PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE NAME & NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark your choice City, and either the Officer Leadership Program 101 or 201.**

**(Due to space limitations, registration is limited to the first (70) seventy in each men's program at all locations, total of 140)**

☐ **Houston.....Aug. 2, 3, & 4, 2019.....** **Registration Deadline – Fri., Jul. 12, 2019**  
☐ Officer Leadership 101 OR ☐ Officer Leadership 201

☐ **Dallas.....Aug. 9, 10, & 11, 2019.....** **Registration Deadline – Fri., Jul. 19, 2019**  
☐ Officer Leadership 101 OR ☐ Officer Leadership 201

☐ **Waco.....Aug. 23, 24, & 25, 2019.....** **Registration Deadline – Fri., Jul. 26, 2019**  
☐ Officer Leadership 101 OR ☐ Officer Leadership 201

☐ **Corpus Christi.....Sep. 6, 7, & 8, 2019.....** **Registration Deadline – Fri., Aug. 16, 2019**  
☐ Officer Leadership 101 OR ☐ Officer Leadership 201

☐ **Odessa.....Sep. 20, 21, & 22, 2019.....** **Registration Deadline – Fri., Aug. 30, 2019**  
☐ Officer Leadership 101 OR ☐ Officer Leadership 201

## Officer Leadership Training Registration Fees\*\*

(Includes all program materials and supplies, refreshments, See next page for Meal Details –  
Hotel accommodations are NOT included)

☐ **Officer.....\$220.00.....\$** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Lady (Meals only).....\$100.00.....\$** \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Food Allergies or other Special Needs, Diabetic, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION CUT-OFF DATES ARE ABSOLUTE!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**REGISTRATION FORM AND FEES MUST BE RECEIVED AT GRAND LODGE BY DATE INDICATED TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND!**

**Make check payable to Grand Lodge of Texas**

**Mail to: The Grand Lodge of Texas, Officer Leadership Training, P.O. Box 446, Waco, TX 76703**

**\*\*Registration Fees are subject to the registration deadlines. Registration fees are NON-REFUNDABLE. All participants must pay the appropriate fees. There will be NO “walk-ins” accepted! Hotel arrangements, other meals, and transportation are at the participant's discretion.**