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Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

Prosper, TX

## Lee Lodge Open House



*The lodge room set-up with explanation of the symbolism and arrangement for visitors.*

On Wednesday, Sept. 19th from 3:30PM-7:30PM Lee Lodge A. F. & A. M. #435 was set-up for opening with identifying placards explaining the symbolism and arrangement of the lodge to educate visitors. Several visitors stopped in during the ongoing Prosper Eagles Homecoming Parade.

Since the lodge was along the parade route, a canopy was

put on the lawn near the street and Brothers David Aldape, Lewis Bell, Brad Bell, Cedric Cascio, Mike Eckrote and Bill Strohmeyer passed out water, popcicles and cookies to parade go-ers and parade participants alike.

Attendees enjoyed a little refreshment (having a restroom available was a bonus) and learned a bit about Lee Lodge. at the same time. Many thanks to the brothers for being on parade for Lee Lodge.



Pictured left to right: Brother Lewis Bell, WM Bill Strohmeyer, Brother Brad Bell & Brother Cedric Cascio

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## The Masonic Trowel

...to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection, that cement which unites us into one sacred band or society of brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble emulation of who can best work or best agree...

# GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

*Bill Strohmeyer, Worshipful Master, Lee Lodge #435, A.F. & A.M. - Thank you to the dedicated brothers who helped out during various activities and events in September. I look forward to seeing progress as we continue throughout the Fall season.*



*Helpful  
suggestions &  
comments are  
always welcome.*

Hello from the East:

In October, I look forward to hearing a new status for committee work at our stated meeting. There has been some discussion about the gun raffle and Brother Senior Warden will provide some insight to tentative ideas that have been discussed. We also need to get busy on meeting Vanguard requirements so we don't miss our opportunities.

Brother Robert Bell will be providing our meal for the evening on Thursday, October 11th. Hope to see everyone there.

Fraternally,

WM Bill Strohmeyer



**Robert Bell—10/2**

**Brian Robinson—10/3**

**James Russell—10/16**



**Congratulations on the Anniversary  
of Your Master Mason Degree**

**Mike Eckrote—10/20/2010**

**James "Buddy" Givens—10/28/1975**

**David Barnes—10/29/2002**



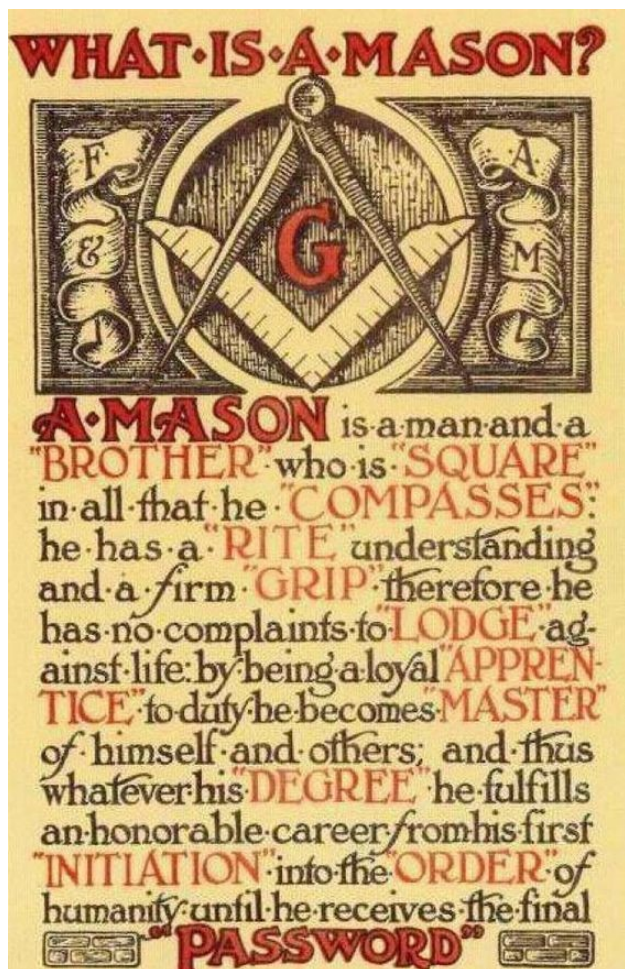
*"The true Mason always carries his working tools everywhere."* William Howard Taft  
Keep working to make Lee Lodge be better than we are now, submit suggestions you would like to help develop to WM Bill Strohmeyer [bstrohme@gmail.com](mailto:bstrohme@gmail.com) or 214-500-5192



Lee Lodge #435 proudly became a Tee Box Sponsor for the upcoming *Bethlehem Place 4th Annual Golf Tournament* taking place on Monday, October 8, 2018. Head over to Gentle Creek Golf Course in Prosper to enjoy the activities.



<https://bethlehemplace.org/events/2018-bethlehem-place-charity-golf-tournament-individual/>



**Bethlehem Place** appreciates your food donations! Every 40 lbs helps feed a family of 4 for a week. Drop off between 4:30 and 5:30 every Tuesday afternoon.

107 S Church Street  
Prosper, TX 75078

If this time isn't convenient for you, please email [info@bethlehemplace.org](mailto:info@bethlehemplace.org) and we'll work out a time.

**Items on this list are always needed.**

Canned Beans  
Bagged Beans and Rice  
Top Ramen  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly or Jam  
Pasta  
Pasta Sauce  
Canned or Dried Soups  
Vegetable Oil  
Flour  
Masa

Canned Corn  
Canned Peas  
Canned Tomatoes  
Canned Mixed Veggies  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Chicken  
Canned Tuna  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Deodorant  
Baby Wipe  
Diapers  
(especially sizes 5 & 6)

Prosper Community Picnic was rescheduled to Sept. 29 at Frontier Park from 4-7 p.m. due to an inclement weather cancellation on September 9th. Families came together at the park to celebrate community and small town spirit! The annual tradition continued in 2018 with customary features such as the Mayor and Town Council serving hot dogs provided by Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Church; Prosper United Methodist Church serving refreshments; and the Parks and Recreation Board serving dessert. Also, the picnic was the stage for the Bethlehem Place "Hunger is No Picnic" food drive. Canned donations were collected throughout

Brother Ron Underwood, WM Bill Strohmeyer, Brother Robert Bell & Brother Brad Bell represent Lee Lodge at the Prosper Family Picnic Day 2018



the event. Attendees enjoyed numerous attractions including a DJ, petting zoo, pony rides, inflatable games, slides, obstacle course, toddler bounce and face painting. The picnic showcased Prosper-based, Prosper-focused non-profit organizations as exhibitors, to provide information about services and volunteer opportunities. Lee Lodge seized the opportunity to speak to interested parties about Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The Prosper Community Picnic is one of the Town's signature events of the year. Thank you guys for your efforts on behalf of Lee Lodge #435.

#### What is Masonic Labor?

It is one of the most beautiful features of the Masonic Institution, that it teaches not only the necessity, but the nobility of labor. From the time of opening to that of closing, a Lodge is said to be at labor. This is but one of the numerous instances in which the terms of Operative Masonry are symbolically applied to Speculative; for, as the Operative Masons were engaged in the building of material edifices, so Free and Accepted Masons are supposed to be employed in the erection of a superstructure of virtue and morality upon the foundation of the Masonic principles which they were taught at their admission into the Order.

When the Lodge is engaged in reading petitions, hearing reports, debating financial matters, etc., it is said to be occupied in busyness; but when it is engaged in the form and ceremony of initiation into any of the Degrees, it is said to be at work. Initiation is Masonic labor. This phraseology at once suggests the connection of our Speculative System with an Operative Art that preceded it, and upon which it has been founded. Gadick says: Labor is an important word in Freemasonry- indeed, we might say the most important. For this, and this alone, does a man become a Freemason.

Every other object is secondary or incidental. Labor is the costumed design of every Lodge meeting. But do such meetings always furnish evidence of industry? The labor of an Operative Mason will be visible, and he will receive his reward for it, even though the building he has constructed may, in the next hour, be overthrown by a tempest. He knows that he has done his labor. And so must the Freemason labor. His labor must be visible to himself and to his Brethren, or, at least, it must conduce to his own internal satisfaction. As we build neither a visible

Solomonic Temple nor an Egyptian pyramid, our industry must become visible in works that are imperishable, so that when we vanish from the eyes of mortals it may be said of us that our labor was well done.

As Freemasons, we labor in our Lodge to make ourselves a perfect building, without blemish, working hopefully for the consummation, when the house of our earthly tabernacle shall be finished, when the Lost Word of Divine Truth shall at last be discovered, and when we shall be found by our own efforts at perfection to have done God service.

Source: **ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FREEMASONRY** by **ALBERT C. MACKEY**





## COMING ACTIVITIES DISTRICT 9A & GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4— ENTERED APPRENTICE EXAM & FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE 6:30PM DINNER EXAM & DEGREE AFTER DINNER**

ALLEN LODGE 1435

101 N ALLEN DRIVE ALLEN, TX 75013

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6— 6:00AM-6:00PM**

DALLAS SCOTTISH RITE REUNION—DAY 3

1501 W DIVISION ARLINGTON, TX 76012

ONE DAY REUNION – Call 214-748-9196 for more information

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6— 7:00AM-1:00AM**

GONZALES"COME & TAKE IT" FESTIVAL

414ST. LAWRENCE ST. GONZALES, TX 78629

<https://gonzalestexas.com/come-and-take-it/>

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 8**

GENTLE CREEK GOLF COURSE

PROSPER, TX 75078

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11— 6:30PM DINNER**

**7:30PM STATED MEETING**

LEE LODGE 435

101 CHURCH STREET SOUTH PROSPER, TX 75078

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 — 10AM-4PM**

TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER FAMILY FUN DAY

1501 W DIVISION ARLINGTON, TX 76012

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 — 9AM-2PM**

ALLEN LODGE ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE BENEFITTING SCOTTISH RITE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (ALLEN STAPLES PARKING LOT)

812 WEST MCDERMOTT DRIVE ALLEN, TEXAS 75013

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 — 12PM-4PM**

EXPERIAN ZOMBIE WALK BENEFITTING SCOTTISH RITE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (TOYS & DONATIONS ACCEPTED)

190 E STACY RD ALLEN, TX 75002

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16 — 6:30PM-7:30PM**

RAINBOW GIRLS FLIP-FLOP PARTY (make flip-flops for Scottish Rite Bazaar) RSVP TO MELISSA EVANS (TEXT OR CALL) @ 281-799-2114  
1414½ AVENUE J PLANO, TX 75002

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17—6:30PM DINNER**

**QUARTERLY MEETING FOLLOWS**

MELISSA LODGE 569

1709 COOPER STREET MELISSA, TX 75454

(NOTE: The Brothers of Melissa Lodge have been working over-time to do remodeling chores at their Lodge. Check it Out!)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30—6:30PM DINNER**

**7:30PM WORKSHOP**

BRISCOE WORKSHOP—ALLEN LODGE

101 N ALLEN DRIVE ALLEN, TX 75013



*The Grand Lodge  
of*  
**TEXAS**

*Save the Date:*

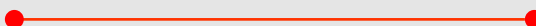
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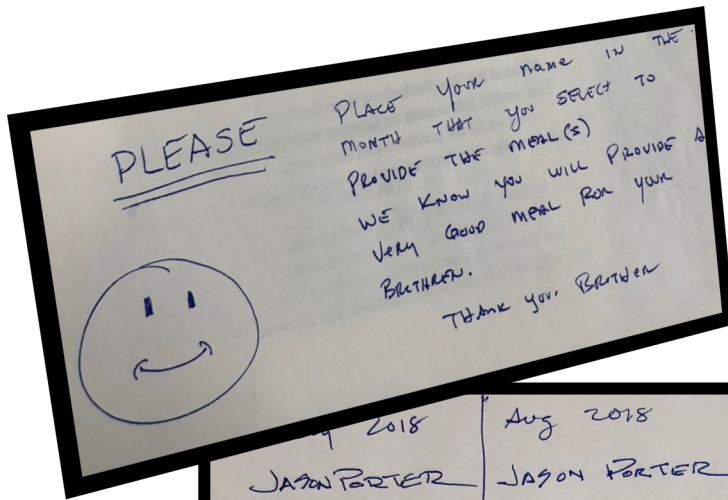
## 2019 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

# 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.





**DON'T  
FORGET!**



Aug 2018 JASON PORTER	Aug 2018 JASON PORTER	SEPT 2018 BRAD BELL
Oct 2018 Robert BELL	Nov 2018 LANCE	Dec 2018 JASON Hipp
JAN 2019 Brett McMillin	FEB 2019 DAVID ALDAPE	Mar 2019 BILL STROAMER
APR 2019 MIKE Eckroze	May 2019 Jim HILL	JUN 2019 Lewis Bell

Soup & sandwich, spaghetti & salad w/ garlic bread, chili & cornbread, tacos, chips and salsa, fried chicken, meat loaf, mashed potatoes & gravy—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 Br. Jason Porter; Senior Steward, Br. Cedric Cascio; Junior Steward or Br. 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 who partake of the meal are kindly reminded to “feed the kitty” to help cover the costs and allow Lee Lodge to use funds for other good works.





# TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT CENTER

1501 W. DIVISION ST.

ARLINGTON, TX

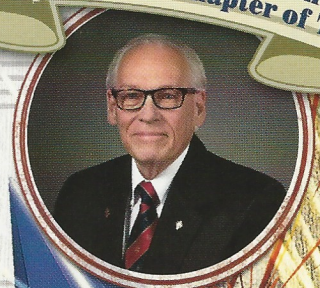
JOIN US

# FAMILY DAY

M:W: Grand Master Tommy Chapman  
Grand Lodge of Texas



M:E: Grand High Priest  
Everett (Buster) Williams  
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas



SATURDAY **13<sup>TH</sup>**  
OCTOBER 2018

10 AM - 4 PM

Family Fun!

BBO  
Brisket Cookoff

FREE  
ADMISSION

KIDS  
ACTIVITIES

## FAMILY FUN AND FESTIVITIES

WE'VE GOT HOT DOGS, BBO, ICE CREAM, SNOW CONES, KETTLE CORN AND MORE!!!

**MASONIC  
FUNDRAISING  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**LIVE MUSIC  
HUNDREDS  
OF UNIQUE  
CRAFTS**

**CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW  
MASONIC MUSEUM  
MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE**

**CHILDREN'S GAMES • PONY RIDES • JUMP HOUSES**

**VIDEO GAMES • DUNKING BOOTH • PETTING ZOO**

Visit [MasonicLiving.org](http://MasonicLiving.org) for all registration and vendor information

Telephone: 817.275.2893 Email: [info@MasonicLiving.org](mailto:info@MasonicLiving.org)



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**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**OCTOBER 2018**

**10 AM - 4 PM**

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MASONIC BARBECUE BRISKET COOKOFF

**CONTEST ENTRY FEE: \$50 RAIN OR SHINE**

**Texas Masonic Lodges & Appendent Bodies Only**

**Limited to 75 Teams**

**Grand Master's Cup - 1st Place**

**Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Cash Prizes to Top Five Places**

**Contact:**

**Jimmy Emmons Phone: 214-212-5501 Email: jdone54@yahoo.com**

**Steve McCoy Phone: 817-247-3733 Email: stevelmccoy@att.net**

**Entry form, rules and regulations at [MasonicLiving.org](http://MasonicLiving.org)**



## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

**CAR SHOW ENTRY FEE: \$20**

**Masonic and General Public Entries Welcome**

**First 100 Entries Receive Free Dash Plaque**

**Car Show Opens 10 am - Judging at Noon**

**Trophy Presentation at 3 pm**

**Grand Master's Favorite Choice Trophy**

**Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place In Each Class (Cars & Motorcycles)**

### CLASSES FOR CARS & MOTORCYCLES

**Original Modified Import Street Rod Low Rider Classic  
Special Interest Pickups Rat Rod Rat Bike**

**Contact:**

**JimmieLee McMahon Phone: 214-460-4087**

**Email: [jimmielee48@att.net](mailto:jimmielee48@att.net)**

**Entry Form at [MasonicLiving.org](http://MasonicLiving.org)**



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VIDEO GAMES • DUNKING BOOTH • PETTING ZOO**



OFFICE USE ONLY:

Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Amount\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

## 2019 TEXAS GRAND LODGE

\*\*\*\*\* **PREREGISTRATION - \$25.00 FEE** \*\*\*\*\*

**PLEASE PRINT**

**ID# MUST BE ENTERED**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST) (FIRST) (M.I.) (ON BLUE LODGE CARD)

There will be a \$2.00 charge to REPRINT a lost Name Tag, so please keep track of your Name Tag.

You may **only** register under **one Lodge**. If you are a Past Master of a **TEXAS** Lodge and are a member of more than one Lodge, you do not have to register under the Lodge that you are a Past Master of in order to get your Past Master's ballot. BUT, if you are voting (Proxy, WM, SW, JW) for your Lodge, you **MUST register** under that Lodge to be able to receive the ballot for that Lodge. Worshipful Masters or Wardens do not need a proxy to pick up the Lodge ballot. ALL OTHERS MUST HAVE A PROXY VOTED BY THEIR LODGE.

LODGE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LODGE # \_\_\_\_\_

CITY (WHERE LODGE IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED) \_\_\_\_\_

### **CHECK ONE ON EACH LINE:**

CURRENT LODGE POSITION:	WM	SW	JW	OTHER	NONE
ARE YOU A PAST MASTER OF A <b><u>TEXAS</u></b> Lodge?				YES	NO
ARE YOU THE CURRENT DDGM? (1/2018-1/2019)				YES	NO
DID YOUR LODGE RECEIVE THE VANGUARD AWARD FOR 2018?				YES	NO
ARE YOU PICKING UP THE BALLOTS FOR YOUR LODGE?				YES	NO

Even though you may have been voted as the proxy, but one of your line officers plans to attend, please circle above (Please **bring** a copy of your proxy). (Remember, only one person per Lodge can vote for his Lodge and if you have been voted as the proxy, you **must** also send a properly completed "Proxy Form No. 67" along with this Preregistration Form by **December 28, 2018**, mailed to R.:W.: Orville O'Neill, Grand Secretary, at the address below.)

**Article 2 now requires a \$25 registration fee to attend an annual or called meeting of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Forms without the \$25.00 registration fee will not be processed, and the Member will have to go through the regular "walk-in" Registration upon arriving at Grand Lodge.**

Being preregistered, you may pick up your packet at the preregistration tables on Wednesday, January 16th, 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, Friday and Saturday during normal Grand Lodge hours.

Just show your **Blue** Lodge dues card and a picture I.D. to one of the registration workers and they will give you your packet.

**DEADLINE for Preregistration is December 28, 2018**

**No Preregistrations will be accepted AFTER that date in order to give our volunteers time to prepare the packets—It MUST be in the Grand Secretary's Office by that date. Please send in these forms with the \$25.00 registration fee (check or money order) as soon as possible. Forms without the fee will not be processed and that Member will not be preregistered.**

**Mail this form to: THE GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS  
P. O. BOX 446  
WACO, TX 76703**

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