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Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

Prosper, TX

Auld Lang Syne and Brother Robbie



“Auld Lang Syne” is the title and key phrase of a 1788 Scots poem typically sung on New Years Eve around the world. The phrase “auld lang syne” literally translates to “old long since,” and basically means, “days gone by.” The original, five-verse version of the poem essentially gets people

singing, “lets drink to days gone by”—an appropriate toast for the New Year.

The poem’s writer, Robert Burns was initiated Entered Apprentice in Lodge St. David, Tarbolton on 4 July 1781, at the age of 23. He passed to the degree of fellowcraft, and raised to the degree of Master Mason on 1st October 1781.

Freemasonry's influence on Burns' poetry is quite visible. A number of poems have a strong dose of Masonic philosophy and ideals in them. His Masonic poems show his great love and admiration for the craft and its ideals. Burns had the good of the fraternity in his heart.



Read more interesting facts about Robert Burns & Freemasons at:
<http://www.robertburns.org.uk/freemason-robertburns.html>

Dallas Scottish Rite hosts an Annual Fundraiser “Burns’ Supper” and auction each year benefitting TexasScottish Rite Children’s Hospital. Look for details in this publication.



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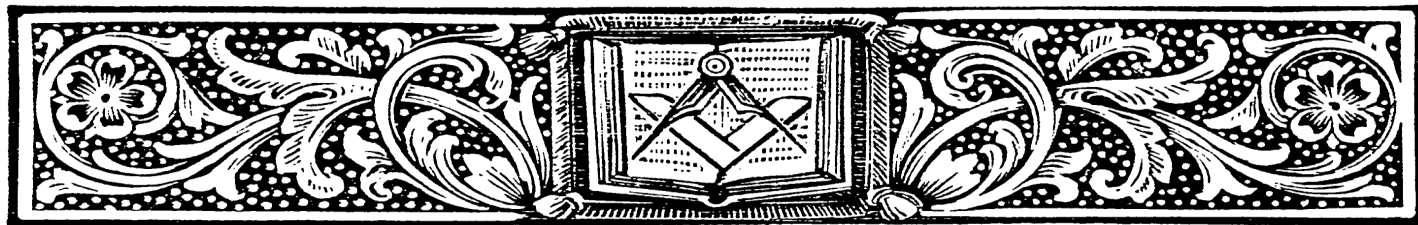
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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Bill Strohmeyer, Worshipful Master, Lee Lodge #435, A.F & A.M.

"I plan to be at lodge on Thursday the 3rd of January at 7 pm if anyone would like to practice."



I hope you had a good Christmas and I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

We have an unusual stated meeting coming up on January 10th. We plan to open a Master Masons lodge and call from labor to refreshment to invite in guests for the presentation of Brother Jim Hill's 60 year pin and Golden Trowel. We will have some business to attend to but expect to hold it to a minimum to allow time for presentations. Please dress appropriately (coat or lodge shirt).

A volunteer is needed to provide the meal for the January 10th meeting since Brother McMillin is helping his family cope with the untimely loss of his brother. Respond to me ASAP bstrohme@gmail.com or 214-500-5192 if you can help.

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Reminder, Grand Lodge is January 17-19 in Waco. Lee Lodge #435 will be receiving the Vanguard Award there on January 17th in the afternoon.

Fraternally ,

WM Bill Stromeyer



JANUARY

1/13

Kenneth Varhenkamp, Jr.

1/16

Burton Joseph

1/23

Ron Underwood



Congratulations on Your Master Mason Degree

Billy Loggins-1/9/1958

Scott Montgomery-1/10/2004

Felix Cintron, Jr.-1/11/2006

Jim Hill-1/19//1959

Jimmie Daniel-1/17/1985

Bismark Pope III-1/27/1987

Stephen Taylor-1/28/2010

Thomas Casey-1/30/1967



"Success is not final , failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts."

Winston Churchill

Help Lee Lodge continually improve, 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, JANUARY 1ST — 6:30PM DINNER
7:30PM STATED MEETING

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST — 6:30PM DINNER
7:30PM STATED MEETING

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8 — 6:30PM DINNER
7:30PM STATED MEETING

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10 — 6:30PM DINNER
7:30PM STATED MEETING

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10 — 630PM DINNER
7:00PM STATED MEETING

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH — 630PM DINNER
7:30 STATED MEETING

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH—SATURDAY, JANUARY 19TH
GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
715 COLUMBUS AVENUE WACO, TX 76701

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND—5:30PM TO 11:30PM
DALLAS SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL CRYSTAL BALLROOM
500 S HARWOOD DALLAS, TX 75201
\$75 PER PERSON BENEFITTING SCOTTISH RITE CHILDREN'S HOSP.
(SEE MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 8 OF THIS PUBLICATION)



The Grand Lodge
of
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It's Time!

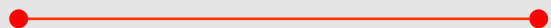
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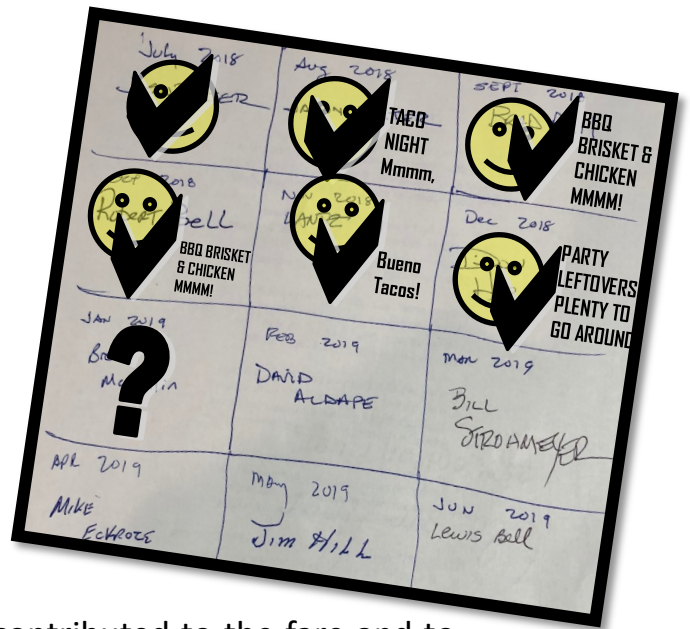
2019 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

JANUARY 17-19, 2019

WACO, TEXAS

Lee Lodge #435 will receive a 2018 Vanguard Award during this Annual Communication.





The tasty December dinner was supplied by the plenty remaining after our holiday party. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the fare and to Golden Chick in Aubrey for their generous donation.

The untimely passing of Brother Brett McMillin's brother creates a need for someone to step up and fill his scheduled provision of the January 10th dinner. Please speak to W.M. Bill Strohmeier if you are able to relieve Brother McMillin of the commitment to allow him more time to focus on his family.



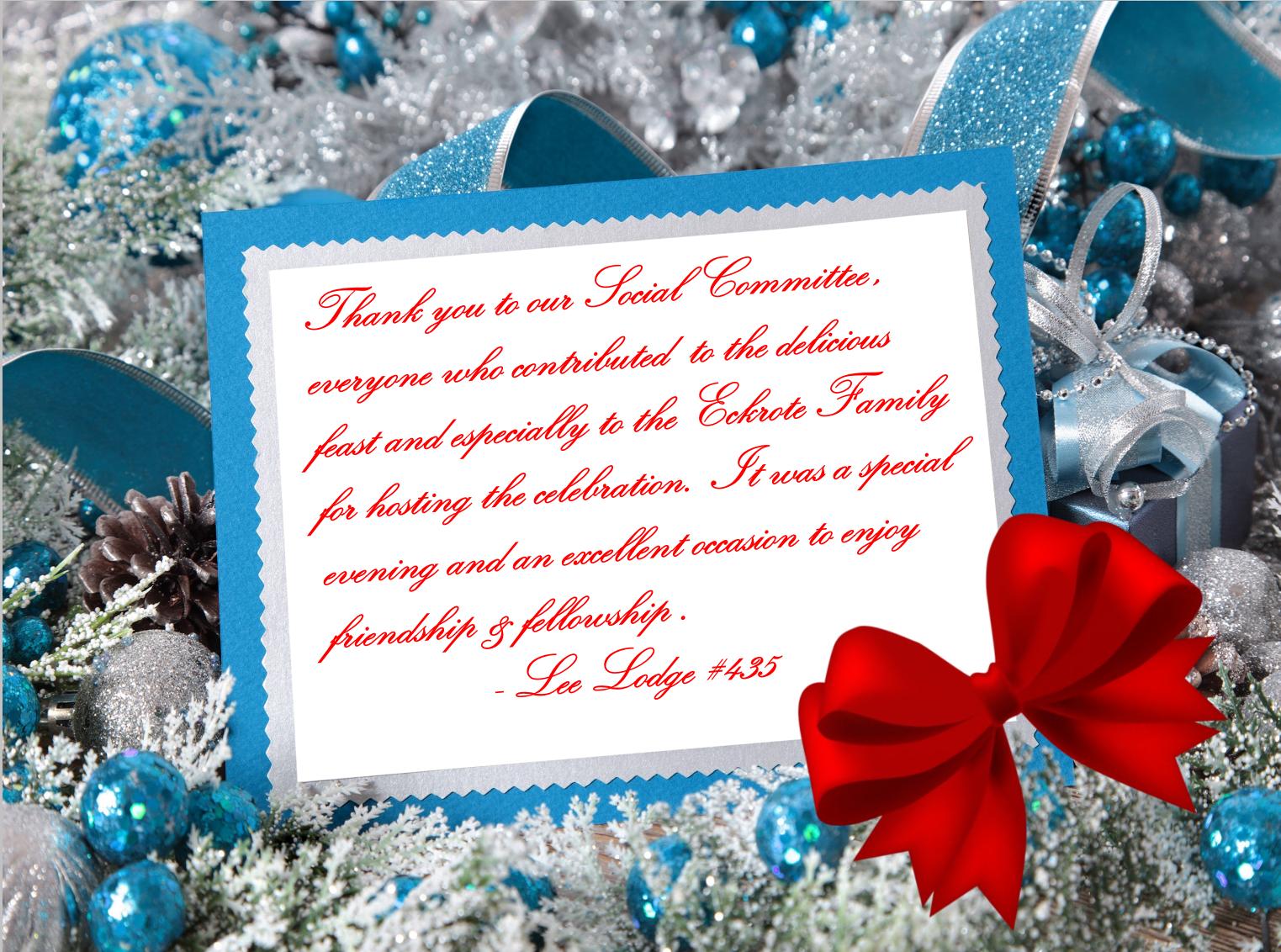
2019 Dues are Due!



Dues cards for endowed brothers and those who have paid their dues for 2019 have been mailed out. Please see the secretary at the January 10th stated meeting to remit your payment if you have not already done so or alternatively, mail a check made out to :

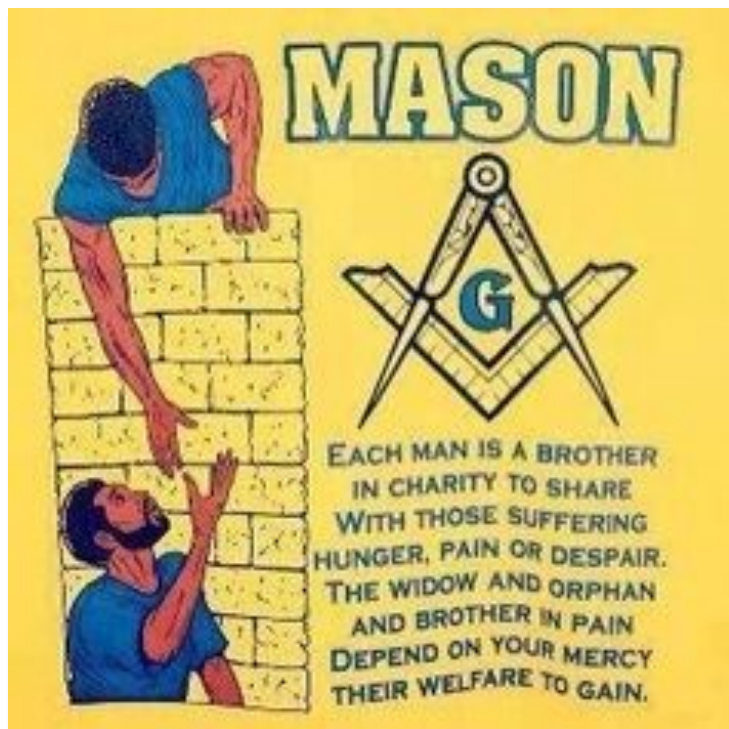
Lee Lodge #435
P.O. Box 435
Prosper, TX 75078

After your remittance is received, your 2019 Dues Card will be mailed to your address on record. Once it arrives, please sign the card and always carry it with you. It is your record of good standing in the lodge and upon proper examination will entitle you admission to all lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Texas.



*Thank you to our Social Committee,
everyone who contributed to the delicious
feast and especially to the Eckrote Family
for hosting the celebration. It was a special
evening and an excellent occasion to enjoy
friendship & fellowship.
- Lee Lodge #435*





November and December Food Drives help families and senior citizens throughout the holidays but once the new year begins, hunger, malnourishment and food insecurities remain. A wish for the food needed to properly nourish one's self or family members is one that should certainly be granted.

Lee Lodge #435 has long supported Bethlehem Place Food Pantry here in Prosper, TX by way of regular monetary contributions through Lodge coffers. However, lodge members may contribute even more to help see that pantry shelves are adequately supplied throughout the

year. Bring anything from this list to stated meetings each month. Items collected will be delivered to Bethlehem Place to help provide for those in need.

ALWAYS ON THE WISH LIST:

Canned Chicken and Tuna
 Canned FRUIT
 Canned corn, peas, tomatoes and mixed vegetables
 Canned beans
 Bagged beans and rice
 Top Ramen
 Macaroni and Cheese
 Peanut Butter
 Jelly or jam
 Pasta
 Pasta Sauce
 Soups
 Vegetable Oil
 Flour
 Masa
 Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and baby wipes
 Diapers (especially sizes 5 and 6)



Make a Difference!
DONATE



In 2019, resolve to ever keep in mind the three great duties we assumed when we became Master Masons to our God, to our neighbor and ourselves.

- ♦ ***We will refer to our God with reverence and ask for his aid in all our undertakings.***
- ♦ ***We will act upon the square and do unto our neighbor as we would have him do unto us.***
- ♦ ***We will remember the lesson of the compass and avoid every irregularity and intemperance which may impair our faculties or debase the dignity of our profession.***

Have a Blessed and Masonic New Year!



masonsleadbetter.com/new-years-leadership-resolutions/

2019 Robert Burns Supper



\$75
per
ticket

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

5:30PM -11:00PM

**Location: Crystal Dining Room
Dallas Scottish Rite Cathedral
500 S. Harwood St., Dallas, TX 75201**

For reservations and ticket purchase, call Jonathan Wolfe (817) 680-6090 or
visit <https://squareup.com/market/dallas-knights-of-st-andrew>

**Join us for an exciting event benefitting:
Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children
and Dallas Scottish Rite Library & Museum!**

The evening will feature:

Scottish fun & frolic

Great food catered by Gil's Elegant Catering

Single malt Scotch and table wine

Haggis, the traditional Scottish delicacy

Music & Dancing

Silent Auction

Poetry & Immortal Memory to Robert Burns

Performance by Fort Worth Scottish Pipes & Drums