

The Time is Near!



Brother Mike Eckrote has generously agreed to host the Lee Lodge Annual Christmas party at his home at 3301 Twin Lakes Drive, Prosper, Texas 75078. The party is open to all lodge members and their families on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 6:00PM. Please R.S.V.P.

through your online EVITE which was sent out in November or contact Brother Brad Bell at 972-265-9464.

The plan right now is for the Lodge or your donations after the fact to pay for the meat and for each of you in attendance to bring a side dish and a dessert. We also need plastic silverware and cups for up to 50 people, bread, and soft drinks if you'd like to volunteer for that. The goal is to have at least 10 brothers and their others in attendance this year so that we can socialize and give thanks for the blessings in our lives together. Please indicate one way or another as quickly as possible so that we get an accurate headcount. Please bring any alcoholic drinks you'd like if that interests you.

Join us for what promises to be a pleasant evening of fun and fellowship. Seasons Greetings to All!



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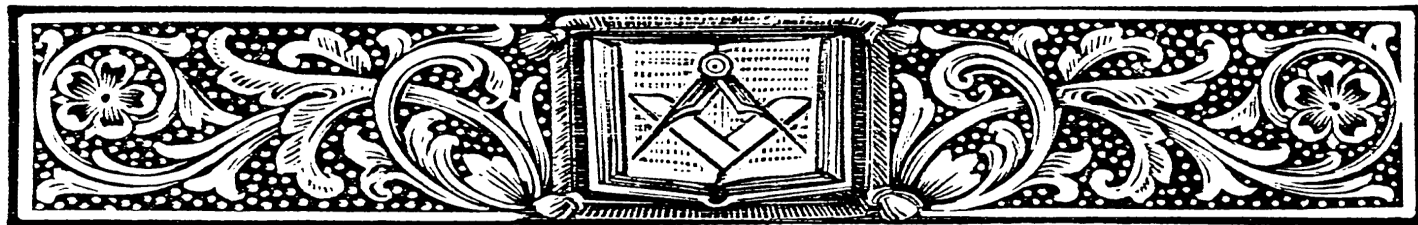
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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Bill Strohmeyer, Worshipful Master, Lee Lodge #435, A.F. & A.M. - "The combined efforts of Lee Lodge brothers are sure to benefit one and all."



Greetings Brothers,
As we near the end of the 2018 calendar, it is good to reflect on what Lee Lodge has accomplished throughout the year.

Beginning in January, several officers attended Grand Lodge in Waco and in February, we had our first official visit from newly appointed DDGM, RW Buddy Givens. March gave us visitors from the Prosper Historical Society with a presentation regarding the Veteran's Park. In April, we announced the winners of the 2018 Lee Lodge Scholarship: Mckenzie Haslett, Rachel Eckrote and Jade Hines. May events included the on-stage awarding of the scholarships at Prosper High School. Our Cajun Fest beignets and drinks in June increased coffers to contribute to charity and scholarship funds.

With elections and certification of officers for the Vanguard Award in June, the newly elected and appointed lodge officers were installed in July to continue the fine works of Lee Lodge #435 A.F. & A. M. August brought a new website and submission of the Vanguard Award application to the DDGM. In September, our Open House was held in conjunction with Prosper High School's Homecoming Parade passing directly by 101 S. Church Street. Brothers also represented Freemasons well at the Prosper Community Picnic which was rescheduled to later in September. Inclement weather caused cancellation of the Texas Family Fun Day in October but our lodge still sponsored a Tee Box on behalf of one of our chosen charities, Bethlehem Place Food Pantry and assisted Celina with beverage sales

at their Octoberfest Celebration. An innovative, ongoing membership drive including a captivating video, "Not Just a Man, a Mason" on Facebook and lee435.org brought many visitors since its launch and continued to do so in November. Throughout the year, we had one new entered apprentice, two brothers became Master Masons, and two new affiliates are in the process of joining the lodge.

So, all in all, it was a productive calendar year but we have 6 months remaining in the Masonic year so much is left to do. The combined efforts of Lee Lodge brothers are sure to benefit one and all.

Fraternally,

WM Bill Strohmeyer
214-500-5192



DECEMBER

- 12/9 David Aldape
- 12/14 Bismark Pope
- 12/16 Grant Hunter
- 12/16 Stephen Taylor
- 12/17 Jon Stringer
- 12/26 Jerry Petty
- 12/31 Brett McMillin



Congratulations on the anniversary of Your Master Mason Degree

Neil Russell—December 14, 2000



"There are no strangers in Freemasonry, only friends you've yet to meet."

Dave Thomas

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST – 11:00AM
3:00PM**

LEBANON LODGE #837 BLOOD DRIVE
MARKET STREET 4268 LEGACY DRIVE FRISCO, TX 75034

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD – 6:30PM DINNER
7:30PM STATED MEETING**

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH– 6:30PM DINNER
7:30PM EXAM & DEGREE**

ALLEN LODGE #1435 EXAM AND DEGREE
101 N ALLEN DRIVE ALLEN, TX 75013

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH– 6:30PM DINNER
7:30PM EXAM & DEGREE**

ALLEN LODGE #1435 EXAM AND DEGREE
101 N ALLEN DRIVE ALLEN, TX 75013

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH– 9:00AM
2:00PM**

ALLEN LODGE #1435 ALLEN GUN SHOW BLOOD DRIVE
ALLEN EVENTS CENTER 200 E STACY RD ALLEN, TX 75002

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH – 6:00PM

LEE LODGE #435 CHRISTMAS PARTY
3301 TWIN LAKES DRIVE PROSPER, TX 75078

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH – 6:00PM
8:00PM**

LEBANON LODGE #837 GUN CLUB SHOOT EVENT
6565 ELDORADO PARKWAY FRISCO, TX 75033

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH – 630PM DINNER
7:00PM DEGREE**

ALLEN LODGE #1435 ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE
101 N ALLEN DRIVE ALLEN, TX 75013

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH –

HELLA SHRINE CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN
CHECK HELLASHRINERS.ORG FOR DETAILS

**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*
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Save the Date!

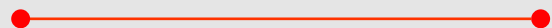
GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

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.





Your photos of Lee Lodge events are much needed

PHOTOS /ARTICLES WANTED

Please submit digital photos and or lodge related items for inclusion into the monthly newsletter to Brother Lewis Bell at lewisraybelljr@gmail.com

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. Thank you to Brother Lantz for his November contribution. The taco dinner was appreciated. Keep up the good work Brothers!

REMEMBER!

PLEASE Place your name in the Month that you select to provide the meal(s) WE know you will provide a very good meal for your Brothers. Thank you, Brother

2018 J. Bell BBQ BRISKET & CHICKEN MMMM!	Aug 2018 J. Porter TACO NIGHT	Sept 2018 J. Porter BBQ BRISKET & CHICKEN MMMM!
Oct 2018 J. Bell BBQ BRISKET & CHICKEN MMMM!	Nov 2018 J. Porter Bueno Tacos!	Dec 2018 J. Porter I Don't Hip
Jan 2019 Brett McMillin	Feb 2019 DAVID ALDAPPE	Mar 2019 BILL STROAMER
APR 2019 MIKE ECHOLS	May 2019 Jim Hill	JUN 2019 Lewis Bell

freemasonry

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1. an ancient and respectable institution, embracing individuals of every nation, of every religion, and of every condition in life. Wealth, power and talents, are not necessary to the pursuit of a Freemason. An unblemished character and virtuous conduct are the only qualifications for admission into the Order.

Your job is not to judge.
Your job is not to figure
out if someone deserves
something. Your job is
to lift the fallen,
to restore the broken,
and to heal the hurting.



HOW TO DONATE



Bethlehem

P L A C E

Prosper's Food Pantry



We appreciate 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 and we'll work out a time.

Food donations are critical to the mission of Bethlehem Place.



Bethlehem Place is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your donation is 100% tax deductible. You can donate by credit card or Paypal on our website, if you prefer to send your gifts by mail, please make your check payable to:

Bethlehem Place
P.O. Box 441
Prosper, TX 75078

When you generously donate money, we get to use it for our most needed items.



TIME

Volunteers are an essential component to the success of Bethlehem Place. We are grateful for the generous commitment of time our Bethlehem Place volunteers provide to fight hunger in our community. Without their dedication and tireless enthusiasm, we would not be able to adequately serve our community.

Please [Contact us](#) if you are interested in volunteering with one of the below opportunities...

- Manage a Food Drive
- Help with Food Distribution (Tuesdays 5:30 - 7:00pm, must be 15 yrs and up)
- Be a Sorter or Stocker (Tuesdays 4:30 - 5:30pm, must be 12 yrs and up)
- Occasionally Eagle Projects are available.

LEE LODGE # 435 FOOD DRIVE

Believe it or not, we have 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.

Brother Don Hipp is taking action and establishing a Lee Lodge Food Drive to benefit Bethlehem Place Food Pantry in Prosper, TX. because it takes local action to solve a local problem. Bethlehem Place helps people throughout the area year-round but during cold winter months and the holidays needs are more pronounced, especially for families with young children. Brothers are hereby challenged to bring any and as many of the items listed below to the stated meeting to assist the generous efforts of Bethlehem Place Food Pantry.

ALWAYS NEEDED:

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)

*Accept the challenge,
bring in your donations
and everyone is
a winner!*





PEACE

On earth and good will towards all...

*Wishing you joy all through your holidays,
Wishing you good luck that forever stays,
Wishing you the love of family and friends,
Wishing you happy days that never ends.*

