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Prosper, TX

## Painting with a Twist

**O**n the evening of January 26th, a group of Masons and wives went to “Painting With a Twist” in Frisco. Cedric Cascio, Mike Eckrote, Jason Porter, Brad Bell, Robert Bell and Lance Rawlinson and partners brought food and adult beverages which were consumed while attempting to follow directions to create a painting depicting a tree at night under the stars with a fluttery trail of leaves spiraling towards and around the moon.

Cedric’s wife, Monica, went completely rogue and used her own design while Brother Lance revealed himself to be the true artist of the group.

Look for more fun events like this on the calendar and make time to join in!



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## GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

**Bill Strohmeyer, Worshipful Master, Lee Lodge #435, A.F. & A.M. - "Looking forward to seeing all of you at our coming activities."**



**Brethren,**

Lee Lodge currently has three new Entered Apprentice Masons. To assist them in studying for their proficiencies, a Committee on Work headed up by Brother David Aldape is available each Thursday, 6:30 PM at Lee Lodge. Master Mason Brothers are needed to assist with the task, any and all help is appreciated. If you are available, please be in attendance at the aforementioned time to help these men achieve their goal of becoming Master Masons.

We also gained two new affiliates in the past month. Scott Surplus comes from Red Oak Lodge and David Stover join us from Aubrey Hope. Please introduce yourselves to any new faces you see in the lodge and make them feel welcome.

The Lodge Scholarship selection process is now underway. Some applicants have been received but the deadline for all applications is April 1, 2019. Selections will be reviewed and processed by the Scholarship Committee. Any questions may be directed to Committee Chair, Brother Don Hipp.

At the stated meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2019 we will be formally receiving the Right Worshipful Jerry McNair, DDGM, District 9A of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas.

Remember, the meetings will not be graded this year but we should always do our best and put our best foot forward.

A new method of communication between all Masons, including EAs, is being offered through coordinator, Brother Robert Bell.

The app is called BAND and offers several ways to help us keep in touch. Look for more information in this newsletter.

If you would like to assist in coordinating a calling committee to contact less active members who live in the area to encourage them to get involved and participate, please get in touch with me.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming activities.

**WM Bill Strohmeyer  
214-500-5192**



**MARCH**

**Jimmy Spradley—3/19**

**Nick Frazee—3/21**

**CONGRATULATIONS**



**BROTHERS**

***Congratulations on Your  
Master Mason Degree***

***Clark Gullette—3/1  
Scott Surplus—3/8  
Rick Meyer—3/9  
Grant Hunter—3/10  
Art Petty—3/26***



***"Remember, not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing in the tempting moment.***

***Brother Benjamin Franklin***

**Help Lee Lodge continue to grow and improve, submit suggestions you would like to help develop to WM Bill Strohmeyer: [bstrohme@gmail.com](mailto:bstrohme@gmail.com) or 214-500-5192**





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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH — 6:30PM DINNER**  
**7:30PM STATED MEETING**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH — 6:30PM DINNER**  
**7:30PM STATED MEETING**

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 11TH — 6:30PM DINNER**  
**7:30 STATED MEETING**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH — 6:30PM DINNER**  
**7:30PM STATED MEETING**

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH — 6:30PM DINNER**  
**7:30PM STATED MEETING**

LEE LODGE #435 STATED MTNG.—FORMALLY RECEIVING DDGM  
 101 S CHURCH STREET PROSPER, TX 75078

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH — 6:30PM DINNER**  
**7:30PM STATED MEETING**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH — 6:00PM**  
**9:00PM**

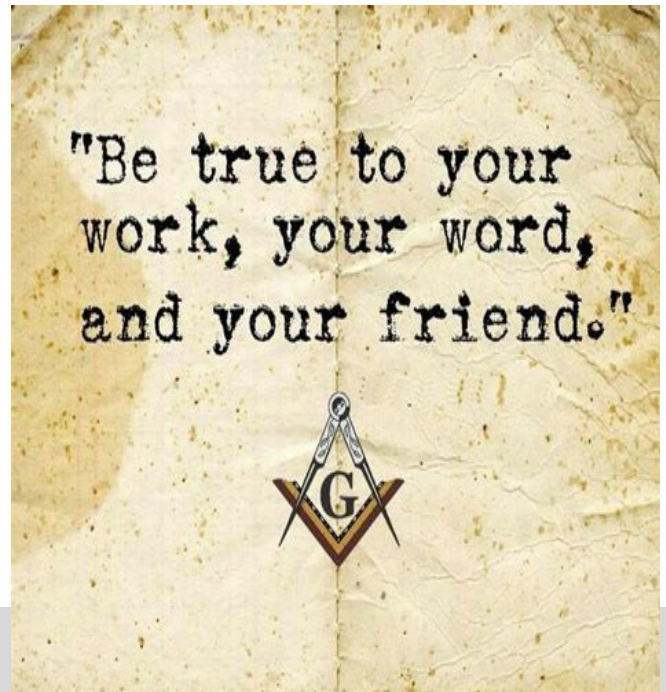
PLANO LODGE #768 SPRING EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP  
 1414 J AVE PLANO, TX 75074

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD**

LEBANON LODGE GALA & AUCTION  
 FADI'S MEDITERRANEAN GRILL  
 1601 N. CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY  
 RICHARDSON, TX 75080



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



# DISTRICT 9 SPRING MASONIC EDUCATION EVENING

## WHEN:

March 20, 2019  
6:00pm – 9:00pm

## WHERE:

Plano 768  
1414 J Ave  
Plano  
TX 75074

## COST:

Free

## CONTACT:

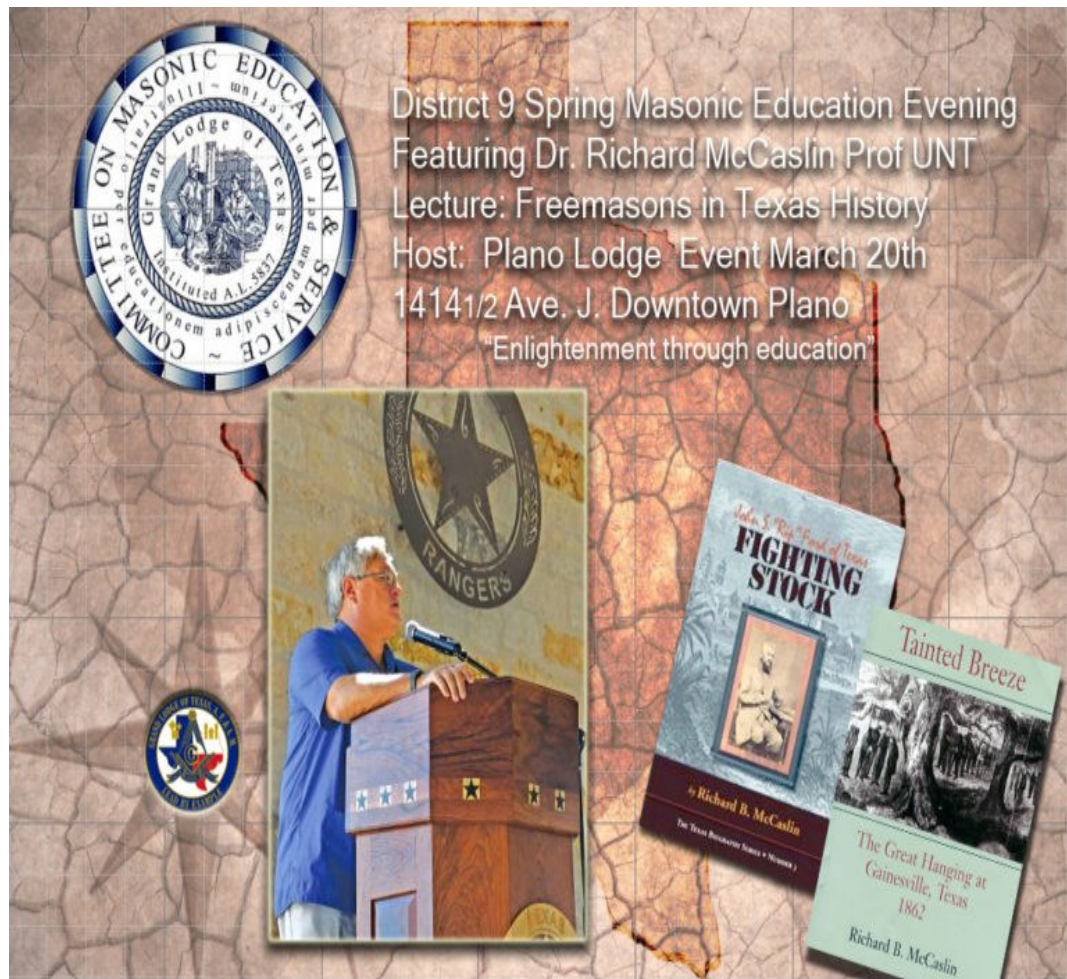
Shaun Henry  
469-235-6141

## Email

rescue161@aol.com

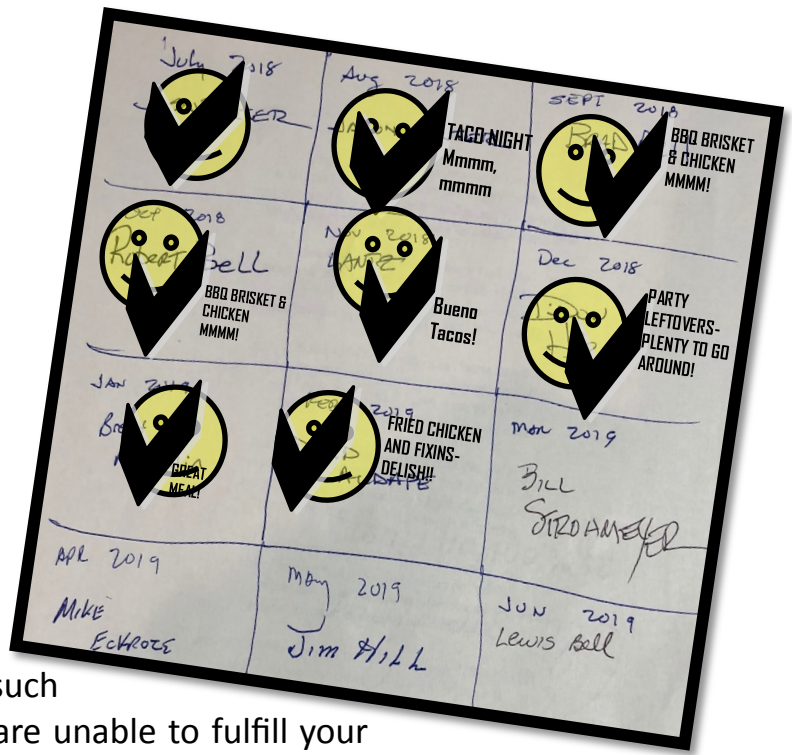
## Event website

planomasoniclodge.org



The District 9 Service Team is honored to host Dr. Rick McCaslin, professor of Texas History at the University of North Texas and a member of Knox-Corinthian Lodge #851 A.F. & A.M. Professor McCaslin will be lecturing on Freemasons and Texas History in honor of the month of Texas Independence which occurred on March 3, 1836, over 182 years ago. Throughout its history, Freemasons have always been at the forefront of pivotal moments in this history of this state. Many Freemasons who enjoy Texas History are familiar with the Masons that helped shape Texas. However, Freemasonry's connection to this state is much more than just the famous men who made Texas what it is today. Professor McCaslin will discuss Freemasonry and its influence on the Lone Star State.





Lodge dinners are a big part of Lee Lodge inviting men to see what Freemasonry is all about. Thank you to all who prepare and furnish such delicious fare. 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.

# Last Call!

All brothers who have paid their 2019 dues should have received their current dues card. There will be no further notices going out. If you have not already done so, please remit \$100 to the secretary by mailing 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.



# Blood Drive Date is Set

**L**ee Lodge #435 participates in the Gift of Life Program, which coordinates blood drives with Masonic Lodges throughout the state of Texas so patients receive the lifesaving gift they need. The event is scheduled for **April 13, 2019 from 11:30AM to 3:00PM**. A Carter Blood Drive Unit at the Walmart parking lot on the corner of Preston and 380 in Prosper, TX will carry out the blood collection but volunteers are needed to help advertise, solicit blood donors and to assist the blood unit operators.

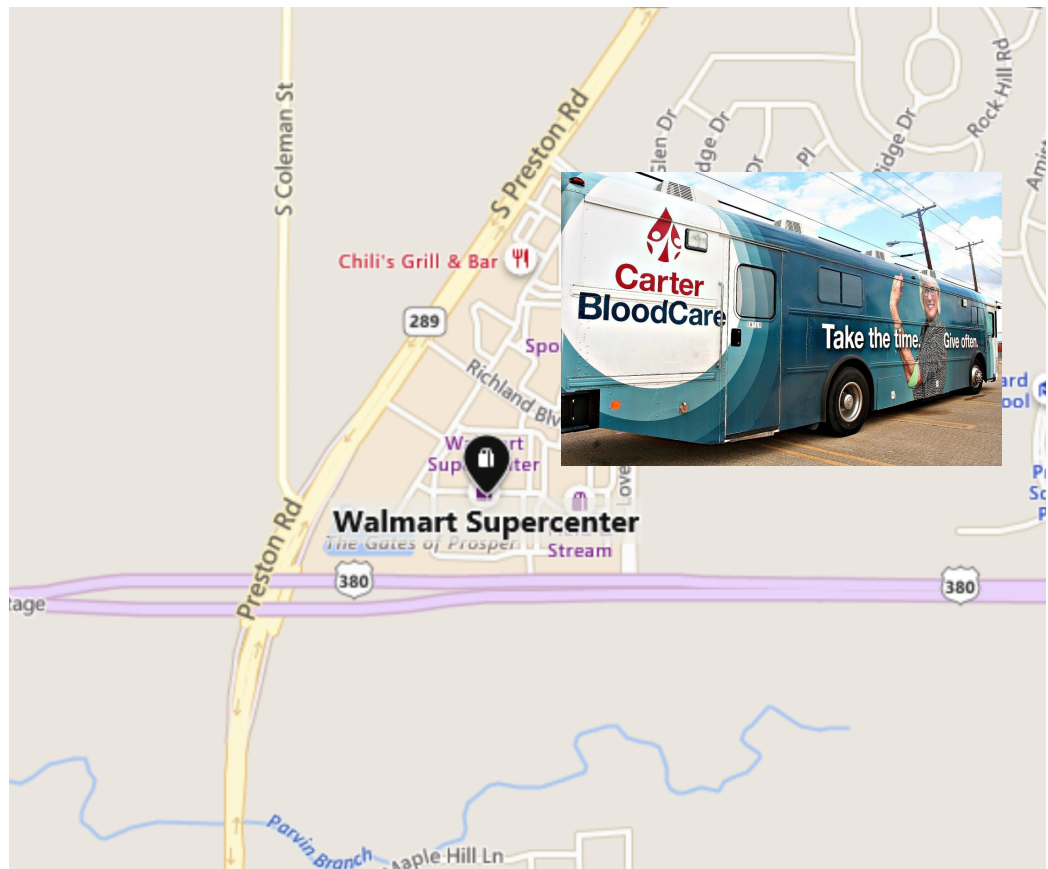
Texas Masons began the Gift of Life Program 15 years ago in the North Texas area, and today, regional committees have expanded to Houston, San Antonio and the Rio Grande Valley. The facts are startling – a blood transfusion is needed every 90 seconds. The amount of blood needed increases during holidays and over the Summer months. Volunteer blood

donors are the essential link to saving lives. Any annual surplus collected can be used in emergencies, both public and fraternal. The Gift of Life Program is part of a rich Masonic tradition of helping to meet healthcare needs.

Gift of Life benefits the three fraternal hospitals: Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas, the Shrine Burn Center in Galveston and the Shrine Orthopedic Hospital in Houston, as well as community hospitals throughout the state. The program encourages the Masonic Lodges of Texas to hold community blood drives and to direct the blood and blood products from these drives for the benefit of the three fraternal hospitals or a local community healthcare facility. This charity allows physicians to provide needed surgery and other treatments to the children.

So, come and do what you can on **April 13, 2019** whether it be donating blood or time and efforts. All are needed to make the Blood Drive a success.

See you there!





# WE HAVE A WINNER!

## ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE

**A**ctually, we have 5 winners of the 2018-2019 Gun Raffle. Names were drawn and Eric Manto, Brother Lance Rawlinson, Brother Jim Rumsey, Mike Sewell and Brother David Aldape are the lucky guys. The accounting is not yet finished but we will soon know just how much ticket sales contribute to our other winners, the charity funds for Bethlehem Place—Prosper's Food Pantry and the Lee Lodge Scholarship for Prosper High School students which goes along with the Grand Lodge of Texas Mirabeau B. Lamar Award.



As Prosper and the neighboring communities have grown, so too has the demand for food. Bethlehem Place has seen a 25-to-30 percent increase in demand year-over-year. According to the Hunger Center of North Texas, more than 112,000 residents of Collin County lack consistent access to adequate food. Today, our supporters include businesses, organizations, charities, churches and families. We have no paid administration so almost every penny gained from donations goes directly towards replacing our building and feeding the hungry.

Bethlehem Place is Prosper's Food Pantry and fully supported by volunteers. We work within our community to ensure families within Prosper and surrounding area have food enough to eat to lead productive lives.

*WE believe in maintaining LIFE not lifestyle.*

### Lamar Award

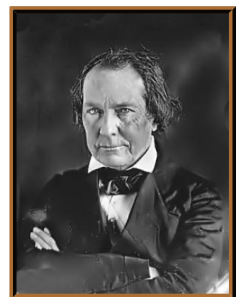
#### Mirabeau B. Lamar

In December 1838, Mirabeau B. Lamar, a Mason, became president of the Republic of Texas and distinguished himself as the "Father of Texas Education" for his support of a public school system. In his first address to the Congress, he pleaded for the creation of a public school system in Texas. He declared, "If we desire to establish a republican government upon a broad and permanent basis, it will become our duty to adopt a comprehensive and well regulated system of mental and moral culture."

He proposed the set aside of public lands for the creation of a permanent endowment to support public education. His educational views met with the approval of Congress and provisions were made for public education.

Congress set aside three leagues (13,285 acres) of land in each county to support primary schools and an additional fifty leagues (221,420 acres) to support two colleges in 1839. In 1840, Congress set aside an additional league for the support of county schools. In addition, they made provisions for the certification of teachers. Once again, many of these legislators were Masons.

While these acts were important in the establishment of public education in Texas, the lasting impact was in the creation of a permanent endowment for the support of public education that lives to this day. Furthermore, Texas was the first state to give state aid to education. In 1854, the State legislature established a permanent school fund and an available school fund to finance the education of the youth of Texas. The "school lands" of Texas continue to provide revenue to the permanent endowment and support common education in Texas and supplement the property taxes dedicated to the school systems.



#### Mirabeau B. Lamar Scholarship and Award for Excellence in Education



In 1988, under the leadership of Grand Master Graham Childress, the Lamar Award of Excellence was established. The Lamar Medal is awarded to students and educators in recognition of outstanding personal achievement in academics, citizenship, community service, or sports.

Relationship to a current or deceased Mason is NOT required for consideration.





*Hello Brothers of Lee Lodge #435 in Prosper, TX. You should have recently received a text or e-mail inviting you to join...**BAND**. It is an app we are using to stay informed, send notifications of upcoming events or chat with one another.*

**BAND** is a mobile community application that facilitates group communication. Created by Naver Corporation, the service is available on iOS, Android, and Desktop. Users can create separate spaces for communicating with members of different groups depending on the purpose of those groups. Types of groups include existing circles such as sports teams, marching bands, campus groups, faith groups, teams, friends, family as well as interest-based groups, like those for hobbyists, gamers, and fans, which are also searchable within the app. **BAND** is a wildly popular social app in Korea whose number of monthly active users surpassed that of Facebook by June, 2014 according to Nielson-Korean Click.<sup>[1]</sup>

**BAND's** core features are Board, Chat, Calendar, and Album. Main communications happen on Board where announcements and comments are posted.

Polling, file sharing, and image/video sharing are also possible on Board. The **Discover** feature was added in March, 2015 which allows users to search for and join interest-based groups by using certain keywords. There are three types of **BAND** groups: **Secret Band**, **Closed Band**, and **Public Band**. Secret Band is a non-searchable group where members can join only by invitation. Closed Band is a searchable group, but only members who have already joined can see the content. Public Band is a searchable group whose content is accessible to both members and non-members.

Unlike messaging apps, **BAND** has a membership system where Administrators and Co-Administrators have certain privileges, including Admin-only posting, deleting other members' content, approving/disapproving membership, removing members, or restricting sending out invites to non-members. Key functions of each feature are:

- **Board:** Members can create a post and leave comments. Multiple attachments can be included in a post, including photos, videos, files, location, poll, and event. Read count shows how many members have read the post. While postings are organized chronologically, new members can also check existing content prior to their joining the group. Board also supports

hashtags and search function for categorizing and searching content.

- **Chat:** Similar to messenger apps, Chat feature allows for chatting with entire group members, select few, or one-on-one. Chat is used for immediate conversations that have non-specific topics.
- **Calendar:** On **BAND** Calendar, members can save group events with date, time, and location and ask for RSVP. Reminder alarm may be set. Members may save the event details on their Calendar on the phone.
- **Album:** Members can create collective photo albums where every member can upload photos. Multiple albums can be created by event. Up to 100 photos can be uploaded at a time.<sup>[2]</sup>
- **Discover:** The Discover feature allows members to search for and join interest-based public Bands.

There is no limit on the number of members per **BAND** group.

**LOOK FOR YOUR  
INVITE  
AND JOIN!**



## Lee #435 Masonic Lodge

### BAND

#### POSTING GUIDELINES

The following are the posting guidelines for "The Band". The Band is a social media application that can run on a cellphone or desktop. The Lee #435 Band is a closed band and membership is by invitation only. The Band was created as a means of two way communications between Masons to post and discuss events relating to Masonry, not just Lee Masonry but all Masonry as recognized by the TGLT. Although this Band was created and maintained outside Lee Masonic Lodge #435 we will make every effort to comply with the wishes of the officers of the lodge. In the event it becomes too restrictive to continue the ongoing communications between Band members it is our right to change the name of this Band to any other mutually agreeable Band.

#### MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES:

This Band is by invitation only and may only include Masons. Presently it is restricted to Master Masons only but this may change in the future. Masons outside Lee #435 may join by invitation as long as their sponsoring invite vouches for the invited member.

#### RIGHT TO CREATE AND ADMINISTER:

Creators and Administrators of the Lee #435 Band reserve the right to create other Bands outside of Lee #435. Other Bands may include Mason only Bands or Bands associated with other interests outside Masonry. Masonic related Bands may include but are not limited to District 9A, 9B, Hella Shrine, Shrine Clubs, and Scottish Rite.

#### POSTING GUIDELINES:

1. This Band is tyled for EA at all times.
2. There will be no posts that aren't appropriate for an EA.
3. It is prohibited to post any content that violates any verbal or written agreements between members.
4. Each member will be able to "invite" other members.
5. Each member who sends out an "invite" to prospective members outside of Lee #435 is vouching for the authenticity of the invitee.
6. Topics of discussion are open for Masonic topics, Masonic events and any other topic of choice with the exception that there will be no discussion of politics or religion. Members should use their better judgement when posting. The Administrator has the right to remove posts that are deemed inappropriate.
7. A Calendar of events will be posted to include events in 9A for blue lodges, Scottish Rite and Shrine. The calendar will also show social events that are available. Each posting to the calendar comes with an RSVP feature. It is important to RSVP yes or no to each event posted. RSVP becomes most important to the SS for meal planning so help him out.
8. The membership area lists contact information for all members. You may use this area to communicate privately with other members.
9. Documents of interest can be uploaded to the Band.
10. Members can post photos to the Band.
11. Questions, changes, suggestions or comments should be directed to Robert Bell by chat or email. Contact information can be found in the member area of this Band.

#### TGLT

This Band is more restrictive that required by GLOT. You can find an almost identical form of communication by visiting GLOT Facebook page where they list over 3,000 members.

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*You're Invited*  
*to the*  
*First Annual Lebanon Lodge #837*  
*Gala & Charity Auction*



**MARCH 23, 2019      7:00PM-10:00PM**

**FORMAL ATTIRE • DINNER • DANCING • CHARITY AUCTION**

**CEDARS OF LEBANON AWARDS PRESENTATION**

**FADI'S MEDITERRANEAN GRILL**

**1601 N. Central Expressway**

**Richardson, TX 75080**

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS, GO TO [texasgala.org](http://texasgala.org)**