

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST!

Greetings Brethren of Allen Lodge No. 1435,

I hope that everyone is well. We have certainly enjoyed some fun and fellowship over the last few months. There are a lot of events to recap and plenty more to look forward to!

Last year ended with several fun and memorable events. We celebrated the holidays with friends and family with a BBQ at our Holiday Luncheon. There was so much good food, and the lodge was a full house! It was great marching in the Allen Christmas Parade with the Brethren and family. We threw out a TON of candy! The Lodge collected and distributed 3 full boxes of toys for Toys for Tots. Thank you, brother Master of Ceremonies Walden, for bringing that program to the lodge which spreads holiday cheer to children.

We celebrated our Past Masters and Festive Board with an evening of great food and ceremony. Speaking of celebrations, we celebrated our lodges 50th Anniversary where we received a proclamation from Baine L. Brooks, Mayor of Allen declaring December 19th, 2025, as Allen Masonic Lodge Day. That was an evening I will never forget. Thank you to the committee for making it such a memorable evening. Make sure to get one of those beautiful coins.

This year picked right up where last year left off regarding fun and memorable events. We had the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in January. As in the years past, it was filled with good times and fellowship. We witnessed our very own Right Worshipful John M. Wilkerson be installed as Grand Junior Warden. To say that it was awesome and well deserved are understatements. I am so glad that I was there along with many brothers to support. Congratulations again! If you have never been to the Annual Communication in Waco, I highly recommend you make plans to do so next year.

The brethren assembled and distributed Take Time to Read kits to 8 of the elementary schools. We just had our official DDGM visit from RW Mike Van Hooser that I might add was graded. Great job to the officers as the report was good. As of this morning we assembled to Keep Allen Beautiful. Thank you to the brothers of St. Johns Lodge No. 51 for showing up and giving a hand. It was a beautiful day to pick up trash and the bags were full!

As I enter the 4th quarter of my year as WM, I look forward to the events still in front of us. We have our lodges bowling tournament on April 11th. Get your tickets now and help by promoting to other lodges and friends. The lodge will be hosting the MWSA meeting on April 15th and I encourage all to attend as attendance is recorded. After all, we are ALLEN LODGE! Another great opportunity for fellowship and presence in the community is the

graduation concession stand on May 22nd. We need at least 25 as we are in B and that stands for BUSY. This stand will account for the entire year as far as concessions stands are concerned.

Then we will move on to June. Our June Stated Meeting will also be Officer Elections. I have full confidence that tradition will prevail. The month will end with Officer Instillation, and I know that Brother SW is more than ready for that!

Thank you to all the committees for making all these events possible. Your commitment to this lodge of ours speaks for itself. I would also like to thank the brethren and family that showed up and supported our lodge during these events. There are still several events that will be filled with good times and fellowship ahead of us!

I am so proud and humbled to be a part of this great lodge. I truly love this fraternity of ours!

S&F,

Jason P. Varvel

Worshipful Master

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