

## Greetings from the East

Allen Lodge No. 1435 March 2024

Brethren,

Hello once again for another glorious month in Masonry! February flew by and we even got an extra day to enjoy with this being a Leap Year. We had a great turnout as usual at the February Stated meeting and I cannot thank everyone enough for the fantastic attendance we have had so far during this Masonic year. The Lodge was able to raise another Brother with the assistance of the Knights of Mecca and we soon will be Passing 3 Brothers in the month of March.

Degrees are probably my favorite part of being a Mason as it is where we welcome men into the fraternity and get to show them how we best work to bring them from darkness to light. Our goal is still to get graded on an FC Degree if at all possible this year and there will be updates coming on when that might happen. A list of upcoming FCS Degrees is listed below so if you can make it to one or more it should be a great time for all.

Allen Lodge assisted Melissa Lode in conducting a Funeral Service for a fallen Brother recently and was organized by Brother McNair who assembled a team that was more than willing to help out. I want to thank the Brethren that helped out! If it wasn't for our Past Masters being so involved in the Lodge and Masonry as a whole I don't believe Allen 1435 would be as busy and respected as it is in the state of Texas. Past Masters are key to keeping the younger Masons and upcoming and current officers in check and on track, which makes for a strong Lodge.

Upcoming events are listed below including our annual scholarship fundraiser which this year will consist of a Bowling Event at the Allen Bowl on Greenville Ave. This should be a fun and well attended event and we hope to draw several Lodges in to compete to see which District Lodge ends up with the best score overall. Other scoring prizes will be given, and I am planning to use this event to do our scholarship presentations at the venue. This way we can include our scholarship kids and their families in the festivities.

Here is to a busy month of March at Allen Lodge!

Toby Roberson

WM- Allen Lodge #1435

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

FC Degree: Tuesday March 5th. Dinner at 6:30pm and Degree to follow.

Stated Meeting and DDGM visit: Tuesday March 12th, dinner at 6:30pm and meeting at 7pm

Stated Meeting: Tuesday April 9th. Dinner at 6:30pm; DeMolay presentation before meeting which starts after presentation.

Guarding the West Gate lecture by Brother David Yonts: Thursday April 25th. Dinner at 6:30pm and lecture to follow.