



# Armstrong Lodge #445

## Newsletter of Armstrong Lodge

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### Lodge question:

What do you most desire?

- Have you found it?

- What are your expectations as a member?

## Masonic Education

The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, recently held a National Leadership Conference in New Orleans. On Thursday of the conference, Ronald Seale, Sovereign Grand Commander, posed the question, “What would your dream Scottish Rite Valley look like? We could ask ourselves the same thing about our own lodge. What would your dream lodge look like? What would you like to see happen in your lodge? Bring your ideas to lodge with you.

Listed are a few of the suggestions that people from around the Southern Jurisdiction have given. You will notice that we already excel at doing some of these.

***Integrate with our community***—what does our town know of who we are? The Masonic fraternity gives more money away than any organization in the world. Who knew?

***Unstructured fellowship***—we

can interact with our brethren in outside of meetings, like Masonic picnics, or chili cook-offs.

***Mentoring program***—who are our latest candidates? Are they active? Have we followed up with them?

***Pre/post degree discussion***—this is an important way for a new candidate to talk to us and ask specific questions about the degrees they have just been through.

***Family friendly***—Open our lodge for programs that involve all the family.

You are a human billboard of Masonry. You belong to a fraternity of brothers who know what/who you are trying to be—not better than our brother, but better than ourselves.

Brother Seale said it best when he said, “we are a group of people who give a damn about each other—and others. Masons....



## Master Craftsman Program



How much do we actually know about our fraternity? What is the real history of the craft? There is

a program sponsored by the Scottish Rite that will aid you in your journey. The Master Craftsman program is an exciting by-mail correspondence course designed and administered by staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. Consisting of six lessons, it utilizes *The Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide* and *A Bridge to Light* as its textbooks. It is available for \$35. This is an excellent bargain. The book alone is 940 pages.

Even if you decide not to take part in the lessons, the book is an invaluable resource for your collection.

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*If You Haven't been to Lodge in  
a while...*



What's keeping you  
from attending your  
lodge? Can anything  
keep you from  
attending?

We miss seeing you  
and hope you will come  
and enjoy Masonic  
fellowship with your brothers at  
the next stated meeting.

**Upcoming Items of Interest**

**Armstrong Lodge stated meeting**

**1st Tuesday at 6:30 pm**

**Esoteric practice**

**Thursdays 6:00 pm**

**Order of the Eastern Star**

**2nd Monday at 6:30 pm**

**Tri-County Scottish Rite Meeting**

**5th Tuesdays at 6:30 pm**

**Fort Worth Scottish Rite Meeting**

**3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm**

**York Rite Chapter & Council**

**4th Mondays at 6:00 pm**

**York Rite Commandery in Granbury**

**3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm**