



History and Legacy of Lebanon Lodge No. 837 A. F. & A. M.

125 Years

December 7, 1899 – December 7, 2024

Lebanon Lodge No. 837 Timeline

- 1846** - Texas Legislature established the final boundaries to Collin County
- 1860** –Village of Lebanon established
- 1885** – Charter of Lebanon Lodge No. 610 by White Rock Lodge No. 234
- 1888** – Demise of Lebanon Lodge No. 610
- 1899** – Charter of Lebanon Lodge No. 837 by White Rock Lodge No. 234
- 1902** – Frisco, Prosper and Celina established as stops along the *St. Louis, San Francisco and Texas Railway*
Lebanon relocates to Frisco; Rock Hill & Richland merge to become Prosper
- 1908** – Doctor & Mason Isaac S. Rogers elected as First Mayor of Frisco
- 1908** – Beginning of “The Promise”
- 1909** – Lebanon Lodge No. 837 moves to 4th & Main in Frisco, Texas
- 1917** – Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 93 established in Frisco
- 1922** – Downtown Frisco burns
- 1949** – 50th Anniversary Year – Lodge has 74 members
- 1957** – Lebanon Lodge relocates to Rio Theater on Main
- 1999** – 100th Anniversary of Lebanon Lodge – 108 members
- 2002** –Eastern Star Chapter #93 merges with McKinney Eastern Star #518
- 2008** – Second Century of the Promise begins
- 2024** – 125th Anniversary of Lebanon Lodge – 128 members

The Frisco area was originally called Shahan's Prairie, after a rancher who settled there in the 1840s. Although the exact date of the change is not known, the name became Lebanon in honor of the native city of settlers who moved from Lebanon, Tennessee, around 1845. Legend holds that Berryman Shelbourne, early Lebanon Physician and Master Mason named it based on the idea that the trees were cedars like those in Lebanon. For the first fifty years of its history Lebanon was a promising farming community. A post office opened in 1860 and, by the 1890s, the village had an estimated population of 450, three churches, and twenty businesses.

In 1885, Charles Hopkins Wysong who served as District Deputy Grand Master for District 23, containing all lodges in Collin County would help organize and charter Lebanon Lodge No. 610. and White Rock Lodge No. 234, under the leadership of Worshipful Master William Walker Julian.¹ Lebanon Lodge No. 610 only lasted three years with Dr. Joab B. Hill, Thomas J. Campbell and Simon Peter Lunsford serving as Worshipful Masters.

Eleven years later in 1899, Lebanon Lodge was formed as Collin County's 14th active lodge and 837th for Texas. The Lodge was sponsored again by White Rock Lodge with William Walker Julien, this time serving as Lebanon Lodge's Worshipful Master along with 20 Master Masons on the rolls. Samuel R. Hamilton, Past Grandmaster, activated the Lodge as District Deputy Grand Master.²

In addition to Julian, who served as Charter Worshipful Master, William Greenberry Wolfe served as Senior Warden and its second Worshipful Master; Baird Donald Shook served as Junior Warden and eventually its third Worshipful Master; G. B. Pearson as Secretary; L. J. Gullledge as Treasurer; William Achilles Quisenberry as Senior Deacon and the lodge's fourth Worshipful Master; N. S. Compton as Junior Deacon; J. P. Schultz as Senior Steward; John

Hickman Wade as Junior Steward; and Emmitt Thomas Roach as Tiler. Lebanon Lodge had 27 Master Masons as Charter members.³

Lebanon Lodge No. 837 was located just north of John Hickman Parkway on Preston Road near what is now the Auto Zone at 860 Preston Circle. It remained in that location until 1909, when it moved to downtown Frisco on the second floor of the newly organized Guaranty State Bank at 4th & Main. William H. Butts was Worshipful Master and President of the GSB. At that time, the lodge had 39 members. Dr. Ike S. Rogers had served the previous year as the first Mayor of Frisco and served the following year as Worshipful Master of Lebanon Lodge.

In 1922, a fire destroyed Downtown Frisco including the movie theater that would become the future location of the lodge. The lodge had its largest membership with ninety-eight Master Masons and the estimated population of Frisco was 1100 people. Frisco had about fifty business establishments, including two banks, four cotton gins, a flour mill and a grain elevator. Both banks would fail during the Great Depression, but in 1936 the Frisco Federal Credit Union was formed under the management of William Greenberry Wolfe, second Past Master of Lebanon Lodge No. 837. In 1949, Lebanon Lodge celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary under the leadership of Worshipful Master Homer Haggard with membership of seventy-four Master Masons.

In 1956, under the Leadership of Worshipful Master Martin L. McCullough, Lebanon Lodge No. 837 obtained the former Rio Theater Building on Main Street and relocated to its present location. Lebanon Lodge had eighty-seven members at that time.

Today, Lebanon Lodge has 128 Master Masons and is under the leadership of Worshipful Master Mike Perry. The lodge has grown alongside Frisco....

Masonic Doctors of Lebanon and Frisco

Dr. Berryman Shelbourne

Lebanon's first doctor and one that reportedly helped name the town was Dr. Berryman Shelbourne. Dr. Shelbourne practiced medicine in the Lebanon area from 1858 until 1861 when the Civil War broke out. ⁴ In 1862 he was commissioned a surgeon and was assigned to Cavalry Regiment C. S. A.; but was soon made Brigade Surgeon and posted at Fort Washita by General Albert Pike. He left the medical profession briefly from 1869 to 1872 when he served as Collin County's representative to the Texas Legislature. ⁵

Shelbourne was a charter member of White Rock Lodge and served as its first Worshipful Master in 1858; he also served as Senior warden in 1858 and 1859. He was a member of White Rock Lodge No. 234 from 1858 until 1885 when he demitted to Lebanon Lodge No. 610; he was a member from 1885 to 1887 until its demise in 1888. ⁶ Shelbourne died on the 7th of June 1895 and is buried at Rowlett Cemetery.

Dr. Joab B. Hill

Dr. Hill became a member of Weston Lodge No. 501, from 1879 to 1882, when he was suspended for Unmasonic Conduct. In 1885 he became a charter member of Lebanon Lodge No. 610 where he served as its first Worshipful Master. He also served as Treasurer from 1886 through 1887. When Lebanon Lodge No. 610 demised, Hill became a member of Lee Lodge No. 435 in 1888 and 1889. He is not listed thereafter, but his obituary states that he was an active member of the Christian Church and the I. O. O. F. He died on 17 May 1891 and was buried with honors at Bethel Cemetery. ⁷

Dr. M. C. McBride

Dr. M. C. McBride was raised a Master Mason in November of 1885 in Lebanon Lodge No. 610, and served as Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Junior Deacon. Dr. McBride became a charter member of Lebanon Lodge No. 837 when it was chartered in 1899. Dr. McBride remained a member of Lebanon Lodge No. 837 until 1901 when he demitted to another lodge.⁸ Dr. McBride served as a local physician from 1882 until 1900 when he moved to Denton where he practiced until 1917. In 1917 Dr. McBride retired and moved to Dallas.⁹

Dr. Isaac Stewart Rogers

Dr. Ike S. Rogers was raised to Master Mason in Lively Lodge No. 237 on 19 May 1894. Dr. Rogers served Lively Lodge No. 237 as Junior Warden, Senior Warden, two terms as Treasurer, three terms as Worshipful Master from 1899-1901, Senior Deacon and Junior Steward.¹⁰

Dr. Rogers moved to Frisco in 1902 and took up his medicine practice there. Dr. Rogers was elected as the first Mayor of Frisco in 1908 and served in that capacity until 1911. Dr. Rogers served as one of Frisco's earliest physicians and worked out of the back of the local drug store.¹¹ In 1904, Dr. Jefferson Davis Carpenter came from Little Elm, joining his brother-in-law, Dr. Rogers, in his Frisco practice.¹² In 1922 the drug store burned down along with most of the downtown area and Dr. Rogers decided at that time to retire.

In January of 1909 Dr. Rogers demitted to Lebanon Lodge No. 837 where he affiliated in February of that same year. Dr. Rogers would serve Lebanon Lodge No. 837 as Worshipful Master in 1910, and Senior Steward in 1912 and 1913 before demitting in February of 1914. Dr. Rogers would re-affiliate in 1916 and remain active in Lebanon Lodge No. 837 until demitting in

1930 to affiliate with Dodsonville Lodge No. 1255 where he was a member at the time of his death in 1933.¹³ Rogers Elementary and Rogers Road are both dedicated to Dr. Rogers and the land belonging to his family is now the site of the Rogers Family Park in Frisco.

Dr. John Michael Mallow

Dr. Mallow was born in Missouri in 1869. According to which account you believe, Dr. Mallow studied medicine at either Vanderbilt University, graduating in 1897, or graduated from Memphis College of Medicine in 1899. He practiced medicine in Collin County since. In 1907, Dr John Micheal Mallow relocated to Frisco. Dr. Mallow joined Lebanon Lodge No. 837 in 1907 and was raised to Master Mason in 1908. In 1916, Dr. Mallow moved to Anna and bought out a local practice there. Later he moved to Melissa and practiced there until a tornado wiped out the town in 1921. Dr. Mallow returned to Frisco in 1922 and served there until he died on 15 Nov 1946; he is buried in the Little Elm Cemetery.¹⁴

Dr. James McTier Ogle

Dr. James M. Ogle was born in 1870 in Tennessee and came to the newly established town of Frisco in 1902 from the nearby community of Erudia to serve as a physician. In 1907, Dr. Ogle joined Lebanon Lodge No. 837 and was raised a Master Mason in 1908. From 1934 to 1938, Dr. Ogle would become the second doctor to serve as Mayor of Frisco from 1934-1938. He had served Frisco as a physician for over forty years when he died in 1944.¹⁵ Ogle Elementary School was also named in Dr. Ogle's honor by Frisco ISD.

Dr. William Leeper Saye, Jr.

Dr. William Leeper Saye, Jr. joined the Lebanon Lodge No. 837 in January of 1910 and three months later was raised to Master Mason. Dr. Saye served as Junior Deacon in 1910 and

1911 before serving as Junior Warden in 1912, Senior Warden in 1913, and as Worshipful Master in 1914. He again served as Junior Steward in 1925, Tyler in 1934, Senior Steward in 1939, and Junior Steward again in 1941.¹⁶ Dr. Saye began his practice in Frisco in 1912 and would remain until his death in 1952.

By the 1930's, four of Frisco's aging doctors had retired or died, leaving only one, Dr. W. L. Saye. ...Dr. Saye was a visionary, an avid reader, a leader, a poet and a civic-minded planner. Doc's office was in back part of the drug store [Curtsinger's Drug Store], and when he was not busy, he sat at one of the little alabaster topped tables near the soda fountain reading, greeting people, drinking sodas, and drawing plans for the lakes and highways. There he drew plans for a direct road from McKinney to Fort Worth. With the help of his friend, then Speaker of the House, Sam Rayburn, Doc's plan became our State Highway 121.¹⁷

Dr. Erwin G. Pink

After Dr. Saye's death in 1952, Frisco was left without a physician. City leaders under the leadership of Past Master and future Mayor Benton Staley, Jack Scott and Curly Easton, Frisco, then about 800 in population, were able to raise enough money to build a local doctor's clinic. It was offered free for a year to a qualified physician. Dr. Erwin G. Pink arrived in 1954 to fill the vacancy as "our city's only physician," until 1985, when another doctor joined the practice.¹⁸ Dr. Pink joined Lebanon Lodge No. 837 in 1957 and was raised to Master Mason in 1958.¹⁹

During his time through pre-development efforts, he helped the little town grow from less than 1,000 to almost 30,000 people. "Doc" endeared himself to the people of the community, not only for medicals skills and care, but also for his community involvement. Like some of the physicians before him, he was a true leader and servant. He spent 17 years on the school board, and for many years was the city's Health Officer.

He delivered more than 2,000 babies during his 43 years in Frisco [Dr. Pink retired from practice in 1997]. He served as the school's athletic team doctor for more than 40 years when Frisco only had only one high school and very few players on the

football team. It was while Doc was “patching up” wounded football players that he got the name “Painless Pink.” He once told me, “I sometimes laid an injured player on the bench, or on the hood of a car, and, without anesthetic, stitched up his wounds before sending him back into the game.” Doc continued his community service until his death in 2006 by helping preserve Frisco’s history as President of the Heritage Association.²⁰

Pink Elementary School was also named in Dr. Pink’s honor by Frisco ISD.

Masonic Mayors

In addition to **Dr. Isaac “Ike” Rogers**, who led Frisco as its first Mayor and **Dr. John M. Ogle** who would be its eighth mayor from 1934 to 1938, several masons would take up the role of the Mayor of Frisco throughout its development into the city we know today. Dr. Rogers served from 1908 until 1911. Rogers was followed by **Erasmus Dow Baccus** who administered the office from 1911 to 1912 and again from 1916 to 1917. Baccus was a charter member of Lebanon Lodge No. 837. He was born on 27 March 1856 on Rowlett Creek near present day Frisco. He farmed in west Texas before returning to the area in 1886 and purchasing a 160-acre plot of land that he farmed until 1905 when he moved with his family to the city of Frisco. He purchased a three-acre plot he farmed and lived on until his death on 14 October 1950 at the age of 93.²¹

In 1920, **Gus Stacey** was elected Mayor but resigned in 1921. Stacey joined Lebanon Lodge No. 837 in 1919 acting that year as Junior Warden. The following year Stacey was elevated to Worshipful Master. Stacey eventually moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana and was buried there in 1954.²²

Robert William “Willie” Carpenter, son of Dr. J. D. Carpenter and grandson of Captain R. W. Carpenter completed the term for Stacey but chose not to run again afterwards. Carpenter joined Lebanon Lodge No. 837 in 1921. In 1946 to 1948, **Sam Lane**, native of Prosper, Texas was

Mayor of Frisco. Lane was a member of Lee Lodge No. 435 in Prosper, Texas where he was raised in 1918 and remained a member until he died in 1949.²³

Benton Acker Staley was born 22 May 1911 in Denton County, Texas.²⁴ Staley joined Lebanon Lodge No. 837 in 1934, when he was raised to Master Mason. Staley served as Junior Warden for two terms, 1938-1940 and as Worshipful Master in 1940-1941. In 1940, Staley became affiliated with the Rudolph Funeral Home in Frisco. Staley affiliated with Waxahachie Lodge No. 90 from 1945 to 1953 when he was working for the Rudolph Funeral Home there. While living in Waxahachie, Staley was very active in other civic affairs as well. He was an active member of the Lions Club, being an Endman in their Annual Minstrel Show. Staley served on the local Chamber of Commerce and ran the Red Cross Blood Bank during World War II. He was an active Shriner with the local Club, involved with Scouting Organizations which he continued in Frisco and a member of the First Christian Church.²⁵

In 1949, Staley returned home and purchased the local funeral home from Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bynum. He would operate the funeral home until 1972 when he retired. Also, from 1954 through 1960, **Staley** administered the office of Mayor. When Staley returned to Frisco and discovered that Frisco did not have a Lions Club, he set about founding one and in 1950 was elected as its Charter President. He also served as first President and Chairman of the Board for the Frisco Youth Center. When the local community needed to attract a local doctor, Staley spearheaded the committee to raise funds and build a clinic which was offered free to any certified physician willing to come to Frisco.²⁶

Staley also continued to be active in masonry guiding masonic lodges in the county from 1965-1966 as District Deputy Grand Master for District 9. He also served the Lebanon Lodge No. 837 as Chaplain from 1967-1968, and as Treasurer from 1979 to 1980. Staley was awarded

the *50-year Service Award* in 1984.²⁷ In 1985, the City of Frisco honored Staley with its *Silver Citizen Award*. He passed away on 9 June 1988 and was buried in the Masonic Garden Plot of the Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.²⁸ Staley Middle School and Staley Drive are named in his honor.

The final Mason to serve as Mayor of Frisco was **Robert Mitchell “Bob” Warren** who directed the efforts of the community from 1990 to 1996. Warren was born February 1, 1921, in Frisco, TX. He graduated from Frisco High School as Valedictorian of his class & had a choice of colleges. His first & only choice was Texas A&M College, which later became Texas A&M University. He graduated in 1942 ranked #10 in his class, with a degree in finance.

Upon graduating, he married Anna Belle Bolin, then he immediately enlisted in the Army Air Corp where he began his training as a pilot. At the age of 23, he was assigned a C-47, a co-pilot, a navigator, and was told to fly to Europe, where he served until the war ended. He remained in the Air Force Reserves for 22 years, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. After returning home from the war in 1945, Bob went to work for Humble Oil in Pickton, Texas, later becoming Exxon. At that time, he and Ann had two children. Three more soon followed.²⁹

Warren was raised as a Master Mason in Pickton Lodge No. 1180 (which later consolidated with Gus Garrison Lodge No. 1273) where he served as Junior Warden in 1954-1955. He worked for Exxon for 36 years, retiring in 1981. He & Ann then moved back to Frisco to enjoy retirement. Warren followed the footsteps of his father when he joined the Lebanon Lodge No. 837 in 1983 where his father Roy. W. Warren had served as Worshipful Master in 1928. He became a Lifetime Member of Lebanon Lodge No. 837 in 1997 and was honored with his 50-year Service Award in 2021.³⁰ Warren Parkway is named for Roy Warren.

Bob Warren's retirement was interrupted in 1983 when friends persuaded him to run for City Council. He was elected to that office for 6 years, then was elected mayor, where he served for 6 years. After 13 years as a councilman and mayor, Bob co-founded the Frisco Heritage Association, and began a writing career, publishing his first book "Frisco - Now and Then", followed by two others. He also began writing a column for the *Frisco Style Magazine*, which he continued until recently. In 2021, Bob moved to Shavano Park, TX, where he enjoyed writing and spending time with friends, new and old, and family. He died on 13 March 2023.³¹ The Warren Sports Complex in Frisco is named in his honor.

Schools and Roads named for Masonic Families

William H. and Abbie Mayes Allen Elementary is named for **William Harrison Allen** and his wife Abbie. Allen was born in Kentucky in 1834 and arrived in Texas around 1855. He initially sought his fortune as a land speculator but fell into hard times before turning to teaching as a vocation. In 1860, he became licensed to preach and after the Civil War, became a circuit-riding preacher along with teaching. Allen established the Allen Academy in the 1870s in the Bethel community, which later became Bethel Methodist Church in 1882. In 1885, he affiliated with the Lebanon Lodge No. 610 where he belonged during its three-year duration. In 1902, Bethel Church was relocated to the newly incorporated town of Frisco and became known as Frisco Methodist Church, the former church being torn down to build the Frisco Methodist Church which was then at 6th and Oak Streets. Allen also authored three books and left endowments for disadvantaged youth at Southwestern University and Southern Methodist University.³² Allen Drive in Frisco is also named in his honor.

Curtsinger Elementary was named for Claude Curtsinger.

Claude Curtsinger was one of the most influential men in Frisco in his time. A pharmacist, he was the owner of the Curtsinger Drug Store – an institution in Frisco for over 45 years. His father opened the drug store in 1922 on what is now Main Street, just west of 4th Street. Claude bought it in 1948 when his father retired.

Curtsinger served on the Frisco ISD School Board, the Frisco City Council, the Collin County School Board and was active in the Masonic Lodge and in the Lions Club. His influence in the community was far reaching and his interest in the welfare of his friends, neighbors and youth earned him lasting respect. He passed away in 1973.³³

Fisher Elementary School & Fisher Drive are named for the Fisher family. Fisher Elementary is in honor of Wilma Johnson Fisher. She and her husband, Donald Fisher were active in Masonry through Lebanon Lodge No. 837 and Order of the Eastern Star #93. They were also the original family of “The Promise,” that the Lodge would continue after her death in 2008.

John Hickman Parkway is named for John Hickman Wade who was a charter member and officer [Senior Warden] of Lebanon Lodge. Wade Boulevard is named for the Wade Family of whom two members: J. V. Wade who was Past Master in 1927-28 and his grandson Bruce Benton who was Past Master in 2014-15. Dunafan Street was named for long time mason Theodore Dunafan.

The Promise

In 1908, the family of Walter M. Hagood, Jr. made a stop on Preston Ridge near the current Bethel Cemetery on their journey to California. Little Walter was born on October 21, 1908, and died only four days later.

Frisco resident Nancy Higginbotham told the distraught mother, who feared leaving her deceased newborn behind, that she would tend to the grave so the mother wouldn't have to worry that the infant would be forgotten.

True to her word, Nancy tended the grave and placed flowers at the grave marker every year on Decoration Day, until her death in 1930. Her daughter, Minnie Fisher stepped in and continued the Promise until her death in 1964. Minnie's daughter-in-law Wilma Fisher, a beloved Frisco school teacher, then accepted the role and continued the duty until her health began to fail in 2006.

That's when members of Lebanon Lodge stepped in to assume the honor of decorating the grave. Miss Wilma died in 2008, and Lebanon Lodge #837 continues over 100 years later to keep that Promise that Nancy Higginbotham gave to that distraught mother on that fateful Autumn Day.

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