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Please find the enclosed Franklin Lodge 57 of Franklin Louisiana, Mark Twain Service Award Submittal packet. We have made every effort to document all the requested information that was requested. Please feel free to inform us of any items we have missed or need to improve on we are using the Mark Twain Award not for some gratifying purpose but to help us learn new ways to better serve our community and Brother Masons. We have also enclosed (2) copies of our cook book for your review.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Aman PM'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials 'PM' clearly visible at the end.

Bro. Eugene Aman PM
Worshipful Master Franklin 57



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Included 2 each Cook Books

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Summary

This year the brothers of Franklin Lodge #57 learned many things about ourselves as Masons and about the needs of our community. The lodge put forth great effort throughout the year to continue serve the community and our lodge. We started the year with the thought that with a little hard work and making ourselves more available to the community we would be able to educate ourselves as well as our community. We found that being a little more visible made others in the lodge and community see the good that could be completed with a little hard work. Brothers started making more time for the events and community members seen starting to take a more positive attitude and open mind to what we as Masons were trying to accomplish. To sum the year up it has been a great year for the Lodge and Community yet there is still much work to be done.

Planning

After the elections and installations were complete in December 2011 the officers and Past Masters met to review the previous year's events and to discuss how we as a lodge and Masons can build on the events and programs we felt were successful and in line with our belief that "True charity is the desire to be useful to others with no thought of recompense".

With this being said the challenge was to come up with a way to promote Masonry in the community as well as in the hearts of fellow Brothers. It was agreed upon by the Brethren that we would continue with our current programs while constantly be looking and listening for new ways for the Lodge to become a more recognized part of the community. A calendar was put together with the dates of known obligations and the brethren were informed of open dates and asked to bring forth any ideas thru out the year to help fill the open dates.

Implementation

Franklin Lodge feels we have accomplished a considerable amount this past year. The lodge is proud of what it has been able to accomplish with its resources. A List of our activities follows. Most will be explained in detail in Appendix I .

Dec 1st / COOK BOOK RELEASE
Dec 23rd / 2011 CHRISTMAS FOR FAMILY OF 10
DEC 23rd /2011 MAKE A WISH FOR SABASTIAN MIRE TO MEET WITH TROY LANDRY OF SWAMP PEOPLE
JAN 3RD/2012 FOOD COLLECTION FOR NEEDY
JAN 7TH/2012 DISTRICT MEETING WORKSHOP
FEB 3RD 4TH 5TH 2012 GRAND LODGE ALL OFFICERS PRESENT
MAR24TH/ 2012 BRITNEY PROJECT FUND RAISER FOR DOWN SYNDROME CHILDERN
APR 3RD / 2012 HONESTY AND INTEGRITY AWARDS/PAST MASTERS NITE/BUSINESS AWARDS
APR 14TH / 2012 LANDMARK SOCIETY TOUR/MASONIC FUNERAL RE-ENACTMENT/OPEN LODGE TOUR
MAY 1ST /2012 REDEDICATION OF LODGE / DDGM PRESENT
AUG 7TH /2012 NATIONAL NITE OUT SERVED FREE HOT DOGS 250 KIDS
AUG 11TH /2012 WARDENS RETREAT (RONNIE-HOSS)
SEPT 4TH /2012 FEED CHEZ HOPE WOMEN & CHILDRENS SHELTER FED 25 PEOPLE
OCT 2ND /2012 AWARDS NITE POLICE, FIRE &CITIZENS 98 PEOPLE ATTENDED
OCT 19TH / 2012 RED RIBBON COMMITTEE LUNCHEON FED 38 PEOPLE
OCT 20TH / 2012 RED RIBBON COMMITTEE BREAKFAST GUEST SPEAKER BRO. BLAISE SMITH
OCT 27TH / 2012 HARVEST MOON FEST FUND RAISER
NOV 2ND / 2012 JUVENILE OFFICERS LUCHEON FED 25 PEOPLE
NOV 10TH / 2012 RED RIBBON BAZZAR FUND RASIER
NOV 12TH / 2012VETERANS DAY GUEST SPEAKER BRO. BLAISE SMITH
NOV 15TH / 2012 PASTORS APPERCATION GUEST SPEAKER BRO. BLAISE SMITH
NOV 22ND / 2012 FEED 200 PEOPLE THANKSGIVING DINNER
NOV 29TH / 2012 CITY OF FRANKLIN CHRISTMAS PARADE SANTA BRO. BLAISE

Reflection

During the period of December 2011 to December 2012 we have seen personnel growth in the brethren that put forth the extra effort to go above and beyond what can be expected of and one brother. It has been a pleasure to be a part of something great and to know that the seed has been planted and now with a little help we can watch our labors grow into bigger and better things. This year we tried new things and were not always completely successful at all the venues we tried. One thing stands true about each of our endeavors is that we used each as a learning experience. The items we learned were as simple as how to better organize the event to how to better interact with the community thru making ourselves available to them when needed.

Appendix I Explanations

COOK BOOK RELEASE

The lodge in an attempt to raise money for the building found to make repairs on our historic lodge built in 1895 challenged the members of the lodge to come up with ideas to raise money for the building fund. The idea to create a cook book was agreed upon by the lodge due to the fact that anyone that has eaten a meal prepared for or at the lodge would give praise to such meals as Brother Frank Ficarotto's Spaghetti or Sister Hertha Barrilleaux's Banana Pudding. People were always asking for recipes. The recipes were collected from Brothers in the Lodge and the Eastern Star Chapter.

The Cook book has been a success and over 600 copies have been sold locally and throughout the United States by the brethren. Local shops have also allowed us to place them in their business. At times during public events at or around the lodge we as brothers have even been asked to autograph copies for community members who have purchased a copy. The local news paper took it upon themselves to advertise the cook book in one of their articles.

A copy of the cook book has been submitted for your review.

2011 CHRISTMAS FOR FAMILY OF 10

The Lodge teamed up with DFC Ministries to help the Hurst family of Franklin celebrate CHRISTmas. The younger brothers that were involved with this directly and indirectly were able to see the good and even life changing affects that come out of helping someone in need both for themselves and for the people they help.

2011 MAKE A WISH FOR SABASTIAN MIRE TO MEET WITH TROY LANDRY OF SWAMP PEOPLE

The Lodge teamed up with DFC Ministries to help 9 year old Sabastian Mire who suffers from severe kidney illness. Meet one of his heroes Troy Landry of Swamp People. The brothers arranged the meeting and transported young Sabastian to meet Troy. The Brothers reported that they could see the overwhelming joy in Sabastian' face when he meet Troy.

2012 FOOD COLLECTION FOR NEEDY

Throughout the year the brethren collected food and distributed it to local families during times of need.

2012 DISTRICT MEETING WORKSHOP

Franklin 57 held the first District 11 meeting and work shop. A meal was prepared and peace and harmony prevailed over the lodge.

2012 GRAND LODGE ALL OFFICERS PRESENT

All officers were present for the 2012 Grand Lodge held in Baton Rouge LA

2012 BRITNEY PROJECT FUND RAISER FOR DOWN SYNDROME CHILDREN

The Lodge was asked to help with the 2012 Britney Project by it's organizers. The lodge was opened to the Britney Project organizers to hold planning meetings a meal was provided by the lodge at these meetings.

The brethren of the lodge agreed to donate and serve the food at the event. Being a big event other local Lodges were recruited. Morgan City, Paterson and Jeanerette Lodges helped make the event a success. The brothers started preparing the food 3 days before the event and served food for 10am to Midnight an estimated 2000 + people enjoyed the food prepared by the Brethren. Aproxmently \$5000.00 was raised and donated by the Brethren.

2012 HONESTY AND INTEGRITY AWARDS/PAST MASTERS NITE/BUSINESS AWARDS

Three outstanding students were recognized during a open meeting the families were invited to enjoy a good meal. The administrators of the schools attended gave speeches about each student. Local businesses were honored for the years of services to the community.

2012 LANDMARK SOCIETY TOUR/MASONIC FUNERAL RE-ENACTMENT/OPEN LODGE TOUR

For the first time in the history of the Lodge participated Landmark Society's tour of historic buildings and homes. The lodge was open for tours and a history lodge was given during the tours. The brothers also did a re-enactment of a Masonic funeral for the Landmark Society.

2012 REDICATION OF LODGE / DDGM PRESENT

The lodge held a re-dictation with the DDGM present.

2012 NATIONAL NITE OUT SERVED FREE HOT DOGS 250 KIDS

The Brethren continued with its annual hot dog night at the National Night Out. This year the Brothers served 250 free hotdogs and countless cotton candies all while enjoying the Night Out with the local community.

2012 WARDENS RETREAT (RONNIE-HOSS)

Franklin Lodge traveled the annual Wardens retreat.

2012 FEED CHEZ HOPE WOMEN & CHILDRENS SHELTER FED 25 PEOPLE

The brothers prepared and served diner for Chez Hope Women & Children's Shelter.

2012 AWARDS NITE POLICE, FIRE & CITIZENS 98 PEOPLE ATTENDED

The annual awards night recognizing local police, fire, and outstanding citizens was held with 98 people in attendance. The local papers and TV were also in attendance. All were fed a good meal and enjoyed a night of honoring some of our local unsung heroes and mentors.

2012 RED RIBBON COMMITTEE LUNCHEON FED 38 PEOPLE

The lodge hosted a luncheon for the Red Ribbon Committee.

2012 RED RIBBON COMMITTEE BREAKFAST GUEST SPEAKER BRO. BLAISE SMITH

The lodge hosted a Breakfast for the Red Ribbon Committee. Brother Blaise Smith spoke on behalf of the Lodge and local law enforcement.

2012 HARVEST MOON FEST FUND RAISER

During the city of Franklins Harvest Moon Festival the brothers of the lodge set up in front of the lodge to sell food as a fund raiser. Cook books were also sold at this time. Many of the local citizens were curious about the lodge and what we as Mansions do. The Brethren were more than happy to give a tour of the lodge and answer what questions they could. Most were amazed that they had not realized that the building with such historical significance to the city had a bud gone unknown to them.

2012 JUVENILE OFFICERS LUCHEON FED 25 PEOPLE

The brothers of the lodge were asked to put on a lunch for the Parish wide Juvenile Officers, and Local DA

2012 RED RIBBON BAZZAR FUND RASIER

The loge participated in the local red ribbon fund raiser by setting up a both to sell the lodge cook books

2012 VETERANS DAY GUEST SPEAKER BRO. BLAISE SMITH

Brother Blaise Smith PM was asked to the speak for the lodge veterans at a local school

2012 PASTORS APPERCATION GUEST SPEAKER BRO. BLAISE SMITH

Brother Blaise Smith PM invited to speak on behalf the Lodge and DFC Ministries at the Pastors Appreciation event.

2012 FEED 221 PEOPLE THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Lodge delivered 221 meals to local citizens for thanksgiving.

2012 CITY OF FRANKLIN CHRISTMAS PARADE SANTA BRO. BLAISE

Brother Blaise Smith PM was asked to play Santa clause in the local CHIRSTmas parade