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The Colony Masonic Lodge # 1451 A.F. & A.M. and the Town of Little Elm Announce the Cornerstone Leveling Ceremony for Little Elm's New Public Safety Center Project

On November 19th, 2011 at 10:00 AM, The Colony Masonic Lodge # 1451 A.F. & A.M. and The Town of Little Elm are holding a Cornerstone Leveling Ceremony for the New Public Safety Center Project.

Little Elm, Texas, November 19, 2011 – The Colony Masonic Lodge # 1451 A.F. & A.M. and the Town of Little Elm will be having a cornerstone Leveling Ceremony for the New Public Safety Center Project. Town residents as well as the Town Mayor, Town Council, and other elected officials will be present at the Cornerstone Ceremony. The ceremony will be led by Deputy Grand Master James F. Brumit, of the Grand Lodge of Texas. The Town also expects that Chamber of Commerce members and members of the Town boards including, Planning and Zoning, Community Development Corporation, Keep Little Elm Beautiful, Board of Adjustment, Economic Development Corporation, TIRZ #1, TIRZ #2, and LERA boards will be represented as well. Members of many of the Masonic Lodges in Denton County will also be present.

The Cornerstone Ceremony will be on November 19, 2011 at 10:00 AM at 100 West Eldorado Parkway in Little Elm, Texas, at the building site (88 West Eldorado Parkway, Little Elm, Texas 75068). The Public Safety building is in close proximity to Little Elm Town Hall located at 100 West Eldorado Parkway, Little Elm TX 75068. Attendees should park at Little Elm Town Hall and make their way to the Cornerstone Ceremony location on the Northeast corner of the New Public Safety Center. Refreshments will be served by the Colony Masonic Lodge # 1451 A.F. & A.M.

A time capsule will also be made available to commemorate the day. Citizens are encouraged to bring a small memento to put in the time capsule, which will be buried and marked for future retrieval.

The new Public Safety Facility for the Town of Little Elm, Texas will be an approximately 42,500 square-foot facility that will house the Central Fire Station, the Police Station, and the administrative offices for both. The building is to be located adjacent to the Town Hall, complementing the existing architecture and enhancing the campus-like plan of the Town's municipal complex. Some elements of the building will be shared by both departments. For example, the main entry lobby and reception area will feed directly into a large community room that will also function as a training facility and secondary Emergency Operations Center. The Town of Little Elm is currently experiencing growth, and this building will set the tone for future construction.

Charles Platt the Mayor of Little Elm, Waylan Rhodes the Chief of Police, and Joseph Florentino the Fire Chief will speak at the Corner Stone Leveling Ceremony.

Cornerstones are traditional. County courthouses, city and town halls, and public office buildings in many towns have a Masonic cornerstone. So do many schools, churches, buildings on university campuses, and recreational facilities in state parks. In the United States some buildings had cornerstones laid prior to statehood. Cornerstone ceremonies are a way to unite the citizens of the community in a celebration all can share. It helps instill civic pride. Ceremonies of dedicating a new building by placing a cornerstone bring a sense of completion and participation in a major project. Cornerstones have played an important role in the history of our nation as well as Europe. George Washington laid the cornerstone of the nation's Capital building, both in his role as President of the United States and as a Freemason.

Freemasonry is a fraternity, and Freemasonry as we know it today, can be traced back to the medieval stone mason guilds of the late 1300s. Freemasonry also has a rich history in Texas, and can be traced back to 1837, when the Grand Lodge of The Republic of Texas was established. There are now over 122,000 Masons in Texas with a total of

914 lodges. If you have any questions about Freemasonry, please feel free to speak with any Mason at the cornerstone ceremony, or you can reach out to us through email at secretary@thecolonymasons.org.

"It is an exciting time for the Town of Little Elm. The Town has several projects in design and construction as well as TxDOT projects commencing on Eldorado Parkway and FM 423. The Town is also constructing a Streetscapes Beautification Project as well as Senior Center and a Community Recreation Center," said Mayor Charles Platt.

For additional information on the new Public Safety Center project Corner Stone Leveling Ceremony, contact T. Lynn Tompkins, Jr., Brad Marrs or visit www.littleelm.org.

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