

Wharton Masonic Lodge #621

11th Annual BBQ Cook-Off

IBCA Sanctioned Event

Dear BBQ Teams,

The Wharton Masonic Lodge #621 A.F. & A.M. will be hosting its 11th Annual BBQ Cook Off. **This cook off is IBCA sanctioned.** The cook off will be held **January 22nd and 23rd of 2016.** It will be located at the Wharton County Fairgrounds, 6036 FM 961 RD, Wharton, TX.

Entry fee for this cook off is **one hundred seventy five dollars (\$175).** All checks should be made payable to: **Wharton Lodge #621.** All entry fees must be received by **January 22, 2016, prior to 7:00pm.** All entry forms and fees should be mailed to:

Brandon Cruz
100 S. Resident
Wharton, TX 77488

Entry fees will cover ALL cook off categories, which are: Brisket, Chicken, Pork Spare Ribs, Pinto Beans, and Open Category.

CASH PAYOUT for 1st thru 10th place in all meat categories and 1st thru 5th place Jack Pot Beans and Open Category. Regardless if you cook Pinto Beans or Open Category, \$20 of your entry still goes towards each Jack Pot. **Only brisket, chicken, and pork spare ribs will count towards Grand Champion.**

Cash payouts are as follows:

\$5,000 Payout in These 3 Categories			\$40 Of Your Entry Goes Into These 2 Categories	
Brisket	Pork Spare Ribs	Chicken	Pinto Beans	Open Category
1 st - \$400	1 st - \$400	1 st - \$400	1 st - 30%	1 st - 30%
2 nd - \$300	2 nd - \$300	2 nd - \$300	2 nd - 25%	2 nd - 25%
3 rd - \$250	3 rd - \$250	3 rd - \$250	3 rd - 20%	3 rd - 20%
4 th - \$150	4 th - \$150	4 th - \$150	4 th - 15%	4 th - 15%
5 th - \$100	5 th - \$100	5 th - \$100	5 th - 10%	5 th - 10%
6 th - \$50	6 th - \$50	6 th - \$50	N/A	N/A
7 th - \$50	7 th - \$50	7 th - \$50	N/A	N/A
8 th - \$50	8 th - \$50	8 th - \$50	N/A	N/A
9 th - \$50	9 th - \$50	9 th - \$50	N/A	N/A
10 th - \$50	10 th - \$50	10 th - \$50	N/A	N/A
Grand Champion - \$400				
Reserve GC - \$250				

Thank you,
 Brandon Cruz
 (281) 253-5020

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**Teams will be notified as soon as their entry form and fees have been received
by the Cook-Off Chairman.**

**35x35 Cooking areas will be designated when the team checks in
on Friday, January 22nd between 7am and 7pm.**

Brisket Contest: Contestants must cook a minimum of one (1) brisket.

Chicken Contest: Contestants must cook a minimum of one (1) fryer.
(No Cornish Game Hens)

Pork Spare Ribs Contest: Contestants must cook at least one (1) slab of pork spare ribs.

Pinto Beans Contest: Contestants must cook at least 2 lbs. of pinto beans. Nothing larger than a bean when you turn in your entry to be judged.

Open Category: Any food product that the team cooks or creates themselves on site. No soups or anything requiring a bowl or cup.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Cooks Meeting	January 22 nd	7:00 pm
Players Pool	January 22 nd	8:00 pm - 9:00 am
Open Category	January 22 nd	10:00 pm
Pinto Beans	January 23 rd	10:00 am
Chicken	January 23 rd	11:30 am
Pork Spare Ribs	January 23 rd	1:00 pm
Brisket	January 23 rd	2:30 pm
Award Ceremony	January 23 rd	4:00 pm

Rules & Regulation

The Wharton Masonic Lodge #621 A.F. & A.M. and the Wharton County Youth Fair will not be held responsible for any theft, damage, or bodily injury.

Teams consist of one (1) chief cook and no more than four (4) assistant cooks. All cooks must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

No pre-cooked meat or beans will be allowed. All entries must be cooked on site, the day of the contest. A contest chairperson will inspect your uncooked brisket, chicken, pork spare ribs, pinto beans, and items to be cooked for open category at check-in on January 22nd. There will be a head cook's meeting at 7:00pm January 22nd. **Pre-seasoning is not allowed.**

Teams are to prepare and cook in as sanitary manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by judging committee. Infractions identified by the committee chairman shall be immediately corrected or the team will be subject to disqualification.

Fire must be wood or charcoal. Pit may include gas or electricity to start natural substance, but not to complete BBQ meat cooking. Beans and open category are exempt. Holes or open pits are not permitted, and fires may not be built on the ground.

Each team must bring a fire extinguisher.

Each team is allowed space for a pit, plus sleeping quarters, (consisting of a motor home, pull trailer, or tent) in the cook off area. A minimum of one (1) pit per space is required. No vehicles will be allowed in the cooking area after 7 pm.

Electricity will not be provided, generators are allowed. Water supply will only be available from an outside water source.

Decisions of the committee chairman and judges are final. BBQ Chairperson reserves the right to make additional rules and regulations as situations may warrant. Anyone violating cook off rules may be disqualified.

The Chief Cook is responsible for the conduct of his team. Each team is responsible before, during and after the cook off in cleaning up assigned area. Please don't leave any loose or bagged trash at or around your assigned space. Bring your own trash bags.

Entry fee is non-refundable. All teams must submit original entry form and sign liability release.

Contestants or members of the public will not be allowed to bring golf carts, motorcycles, carts, bicycles, roller skates or any type of transportation with the exceptions of wheel chairs for handicapped individuals.

No pets allowed. No exceptions.

Excessive use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds for disqualification. All beer must be brought in during check-in, Friday, January 22nd.

Quiet time begins at 12:00am. All city ordinances will be followed.

No Glass Containers Allowed!!!

TEXAS ALCOHOL LAWS WILL BE ENFORCED AT ALL TIMES.

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Date: January 22nd & 23rd 2016
Location: Wharton County Fairgrounds,
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Wharton, TX 77488

TEAM NAME: _____

Address: _____ **City** _____ **State** _____

ZIP _____

Phone Numbers: (H) _____ **(C)** _____

E-mail _____

Chief Cook: _____

Assistant Cooks: _____

Entries must be received by January 22nd 2016

Please make checks or money orders payable to:

Wharton Lodge #621

Entry forms & fees should be sent to:

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I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL RULES STATED

Signature
(Chief Cook)