

# CLAUD L. AUSTIN LODGE NO. 1450

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## STATED MEETING

The next Stated Meeting is on **TUESDAY**, May 29th, at noon in the Green Room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. This is annually a very important meeting as we will elect the officers to lead us during the ensuing Masonic year. **Plan to be there.** Lunch, always good, will follow.

## FESTIVE BOARD

The Spring Festive Board was held on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> with 37 in attendance. This, being the last of this Masonic year, was a special occasion leading into the silver anniversary year of our Lodge's existence.

The Worshipful Master led a program to honor the Red Aprons for their service to the Lodge through the years. In the program, he explained the history of the Red Aprons and what they have meant historically -- in England -- for almost 300 years. Each of our Past Senior Stewards in attendance was presented with his own "traveling" firing glass.

The Past Living Senior Stewards that were recognized were:

Robert L. Dillard III	1987, 1988
Gerald C. Bradshaw	1994
Ronald L. Carter	1998
Raymond O. Skinner, Jr.	2000
Ronald R. Greene	2004
Charles I. Bukin	2005
Willie E. Smith, Jr.	2008
Stephen M. Brazeal	2009, 2010, 2011
Lawrence A. Winkle	2012

The 2012 Stewards recognized were:

Zola B. Blicher PM-SD  
Stephen M. Brazeal APM-JS  
Larry B. Christensen  
Ronald R. Greene PM  
Edwin F. Kirkpatrick APM-JD  
Wendell P. Miller PM-Chaplain  
Lawrence A. Winkle PM-SS

The program was capped by a surprise honor to Larry Winkle PM for his service as a Red Apron along with a presentation of Ye Olden Trowel to Brother Winkle by Chuck Bukin PM.

Reservations, in the beginning, were very slow in coming. Thanks to phone calls and emails that should have not been necessary to make, we had a great attendance.....and a good time.

Timeliness and commitment in making reservations is absolutely necessary...as food costs are rapidly increasing Honoring reservations made becomes more and more important as any reservation made and not fulfilled must still be paid for. We will appreciate your sincere cooperation.

## INFIRMERY

Brother Mel Polen PM remains in the VA Medical Center in Bonham and would love to have visits and/or phone calls. The address is:  
Clyde Cospter Texas State Veterans Home, 1300 Seven Oaks Rd., Section B, Room 600, Bonham, TX 75418. Cell 214-926-4229, Home 903-640-4150 ext117.

Brother Pete Botos was in attendance at the Festive Board and looks great. He is still doing cardiac rehab....at home.

Brother Bobby Burden PM continues to improve despite setbacks now and then. He, too, was in attendance at the Festive Board thanks to his "driver" Brother Mal Fitch JW.

Brother Bob Saint suffered a slight stroke, spent time in rehab and is now doing great. He, too, was in attendance at the Festive Board....looking fit and fiddle.

If you know of anyone in our Lodge's family who is sick or distressed, please let me know so we can all share in wishing for their quick and complete recovery.

## PAST MASTERS' NIGHT

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> (of April), the Lodge honored its several Past Masters at a dinner held at Lakewood Country Club.

Despite the stories of that date, all went well for one of the largest gatherings....There were 82 in attendance which included three widows of deceased members – Joanne Wilson (Danny APM), Clara Hoffman (Leonard PM) and Sarah Coursey (Bob APM).

Brother Billy Ray Dickey APM-Tiler, in recognizing the many ladies present, offered a toast to them.

Brother Stephen Apple, Sr. SW, recognized the Affiliated Past Masters present, presented the Past Masters present and invited each to respond and reported on the web site.

As the event closed, each lady was presented with a beautiful long-stemmed rose.

## NOW THIS IS INTERESTING

Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.

To make half a kilo of honey, bees must collect nectar from over 2 million individual flowers.

Heroin is the brand name of morphine once marketed by 'Bayer'.

Astronauts can't belch - there is no gravity to separate liquid from gas in their stomachs.

It takes glass one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.

When a person dies, hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight.

Everything weighs one percent less at the equator.

## PUNS FOR THOSE WITH A 'SLIGHTLY HIGHER IQ'

A man's home is his castle,  
in a manor of speaking.

Dijon vu -  
the same mustard as before.

Practice safe eating -  
always use condiments.

Shotgun wedding -  
a case of wife or death.

A man needs a mistress  
just to break the monogamy.

A hangover is  
the wrath of grapes.

Dancing cheek-to-cheek  
is really a form of floor play.

Condoms should be used  
on every conceivable occasion.

Reading while sunbathing  
makes you well red.

When two egotists meet,  
it's an I for an I.

## THE SECRETARY'S TOAST

This was found in a book entitled FREEMASONRY AND ITS ETIQUETTE, originally published in London by A. Lewis. The edition I have was published in the United States in 1978. Regardless of its age, this toast ought to be something performed by our Lodge considering the "importance" of the position.

It is an interesting toast of remote origin, rarely heard and is one occasionally proposed by the Secretary....can you imagine?

"To enable it to be proposed properly the Brethren must arrange themselves all seated, if not in a circle, in a conveniently continuous chain, which may for this purpose be an irregular circle, as it is requisite that each Brother should be in immediate whispering contact with a left-hand neighbour.

The Secretary commences by whispering to his left-handed neighbour the words, 'The Secretary's Toast': and each Brother in turn whispers the same words to his left-handed neighbour, until in due course the Secretary is reached. He then starts the whisper similarly, 'What is it?' and that question is passed round the table. In exactly the same whispered way the following phrases are circulated.

'There's no harm in it!'

'The Mother of Masons.'

'Who is she?'

'No....' (the No. of the Lodge).

Then, in an audible voice, this message is sent around:

'Glass lip high.'

Then, the order is similarly circulated:

'Drink.' [And as each Brother passes on the command, he drinks.]

Then, the Secretary in a loud tone says:

'Drink all, and all drink.' [And simultaneously all the Brethren drink, and (theoretically) drink all --- i.e., to the last drop.]

The 'fire' is correspondingly unique. The Secretary commences with a single knock, and that single knock is passed around the table one after the other until it has made three complete circuits.

Then, led by the Secretary, all the Brethren 'fire' three times rapidly, and raising the firing glass high in the air, finish with one tremendous valley."

Perhaps a little complicated for our Lodge, but sounds like fun!

## SIX TERRIFIC TRUTHS ABOUT TIME

**First:** *Nobody can manage time.* But you can manage those things that take up your time.

**Second:** *Time is expensive.* As a matter of fact, 80 percent of our day is spent on those things or those people that only bring us two percent of our results.

**Third:** *Time is perishable.* It cannot be saved for later use.

**Fourth:** *Time is measurable.* Everybody has the same amount of time...pauper or king. It is not how much time you have; it is how much you use.

**Fifth:** *Time is irreplaceable.* We never make back time once it is gone.

**Sixth:** *Time is a priority.* You have enough time for anything in the world, so long as it ranks high enough among your priorities.

## FAMOUS QUOTES

*"If we are together nothing is impossible. If we are divided all will fail."*

Winston Churchill

*"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will."*

Vince Lombardi

## 2012 CALENDAR

TUESDAY, May 29	Stated Meeting
Monday, June 25	Installation
Friday, August 24	Festive Board
Monday, August 27	Stated Meeting
Monday, November 26	Stated Meeting
Friday, November 30	Festive Board
Thursday-Saturday December 6-8	Grand Lodge
Saturday, December 15	Holiday Brunch

## WHO IS THIS "MASKED" MAN?



## FROM PAST MASTERS NIGHT

April 13, 2012



Sarah Coursey and Joanne Wilson

## FROM THE FESTIVE BOARD

May 18, 2012



Ban Casey and Billie Cox PM



Lucille and Gerald Bradshaw PM



Larry Wells



Plez Transou WM



Chcuk Bukin PM and Larry Winkle PM-SS



Chuck Bukin PM and Larry Van Hall APM-Mar