

CLAUD L. AUSTIN LODGE NO. 1450

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STATED MEETING

The next Stated Meeting is Monday, August 26th, at noon in the Green Room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. It's that time of year...again...when we will receive our R:W: District Deputy Grand Master. Plan to be there. Lunch, always good, will follow.

FESTIVE BOARD

The Spring Festive Board was held on Friday, May 31st, and we keep on having record attendance. We must be doing something really good.

The Summer Festive Board is scheduled for Friday, August 23rd. Hopefully, your reservation is in. Remember, your **commitment in attending is absolutely necessary – no-shows and late cancellations are very expensive.**

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INSTALLATION

The open annual Installation of Officers was held on Monday, June 24th. There was a good crowd in attendance and the following Officers were duly and constitutionally installed for the ensuing Masonic year:

W. Malcolm Fitch	Worshipful Master
Larry B. Christensen	Senior Warden
Billy Ray Dickey APM	Junior Warden
Larry Van Hall APM	Chaplain
Zola B. Blicher APM	Senior Deacon
H.B. Paksoy	Junior Deacon
Charles E. McKay APM	Senior Steward
Ronald R. Greene PM	Junior Steward
Robert G. Burden PM	Master of Ceremonies
Stephen W. Apple II	Tiler

Brothers Lawrence A. Winkle PM and Donald H. Swango APM were carried over in their respective offices as Treasurer and Secretary and were not required to be re-installed.

R:W: Wendell P. Miller PM-GJW and Brother Edwin F. Kirkpatrick, as you might expect, did their job flawlessly as the installing officers.

A delicious lunch followed and everyone seemed most pleased when all was said and done.



When the Scottish Rite Honors were announced, we were pleased and honored that two of our members were on the list:

Karl E. Rathjen	33°
Larry B. Christensen	KCCH

We are proud of you, Brethren. Congratulations.

TO ALL THE KIDS WHO SURVIVED THE 1930's, 40's, 50's

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, locks on doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had baseball caps not helmets on our heads.

As infants & children,
we would ride in cars with no car seats,
no booster seats, no seat belts, no air bags, bald
tires and sometimes no brakes.
Riding in the back of a pick-up truck on a warm day
was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from
a bottle.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from
one bottle and no one actually died from this.
We ate cupcakes, white bread, real butter and
bacon..

We drank Kool-Aid made with real white sugar.
and, we weren't overweight.

WHY?

Because we were always outside playing...that's
why!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day,
As long as we were back when the streetlights came on.
no one was able to reach us all day. And, we were O.K.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps. And then ride them down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes

a few times, we learned to solve the problem.
We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's and X-boxes.

There were no video games, no 150 channels on cable,
No video movies or DVD's, no surround-sound or CD's,

No cell phones, No personal computers, no Internet and no chat rooms.

WE HAD FRIENDS

INFIRMERY

Brother Bobby Burden PM experienced another seizure, was hospitalized and has returned home.

My wife, Sandy, had a three-level fusion in the lumbar spine and a multi-level lumbar spinal decompression. After three days in the hospital and twelve days in rehab, she is home (in a back brace) but able to do most every "normal" activity.

Lucretia Winkle and Laurie Blicher have had some good days and some not-so-good days. I know we all hope that the good ones far out number the not-so-good.

If you have or know of anyone that has had some down time, please let me know so we can all say our prayers and wish speedy recoveries.

"Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul."

THE MASONIC APRON

The Masonic apron is a very important symbol of the Freemasonry. It has been around for a long, long time. The use of the apron may seem frivolous to outsiders, but by insisting upon its usage, members ensure that it serves as a reminder to the historic heritage of the order. The Masonic apron functions as a badge; it marks membership in the

fraternity and is considered to be a symbol of fraternal values. An unchallenged rule is that a member must always wear his apron in the Lodge and functions as a bond of friendship between the members of the Lodge.

2013 CALENDAR

AUGUST

Festive Board
Stated Meeting

Friday, August 23
Monday, August 26

NOVEMBER

Festive Board
Stated Meeting

Friday, November 22
Monday, November 25

DECEMBER

Grand Lodge
Holiday Brunch

December 5-7
Saturday, December 14

GALLERY



How we looked before holding Festive Boards



Why men die first!

INSTALLATION - 2013



Stopping to smell the roses



"The beginning of the end"



How times have changed



R:W: Wendell Miller PM Installing

I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind-of tired.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

Chances that a road is unpaved:
in the U.S.A = 1%;
in Canada = 75%

More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska .

Istanbul, Turkey, is the only city in the world located on two continents.

Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined.



Ed Kirkpatrick APM Marshalling



Stephen Apple, Sr. PM Relaxing



Presenting the gavel of authority – 2013 Style



Fitch Family



Mal Fitch WM



More Fitch Family – Dorothy on right



Billy Ray Dickey JW and Larry Christensen SW



The Leaders of the Pack 2013-2014