

CLAUD L. AUSTIN LODGE NO. 1450

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NEW OFFICERS

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve the Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year:

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| Ron Greene | Worshipful Master |
| Jim Moore | Senior Warden |
| Bill Cox | Junior Warden |
| Bob Hurt APM | Treasurer |
| Donnie Swango APM | Secretary |
| Mel Polen PM | Chaplain |
| Chuck Bukin PM | Senior Deacon |
| Johnny Adams APM | Junior Deacon |
| Willie Smith | Senior Steward |
| Bob Jensen | Junior Steward |
| Sam I Smith APM | Marshal |
| Bobby Burden PM | Tiler |

The installation was held on June 25th followed by a great catered lunch. If you weren't there, and we had a good crowd with several guests, you missed something good.

SCOTTISH RITE HONORS

The biennial honors were announced really early this year with the joint meeting of the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions coming in August.

The following members of Claud L. Austin Lodge were tapped to receive the 33^o at Honor's Day on October 27th:

Steve Brazeal
Ron Carter
Bobby Heard
Scott Wall
Hub Wellborn *

The following member is now a 32^oKCCH:

Dr. Karl Rathjen

It should also be noted that the following sons of members are now 32^oKCCH:

Greg Adkins
Bill Pardue, Jr.
Scott Transou

Congratulations to all of these Brethren for the well-deserved honors. We are proud of you all.

IN MEMORIAM *

Herbert E. "Hub" Wellborn, Jr. Past Master

May his life be inscribed for memory in the Book of Life

FESTIVE BOARD

The May Festive Board was yet another "winner" as we enjoyed the Masonic conviviality that we expect on every occasion.

The next Festive Board, dedicated to the memory of Hub Wellborn PM, is scheduled for Friday, August 24, DAC Country Club. It starts at 6:00p with some "attitude adjusting" followed by the Ritual Opening and Festive Board at 6:45p. The food and enjoyment is always outstanding and we are usually on our way home around 9:00p.

This is Masonry as it was, and still is, in England. You won't find what we do anywhere else that is close to Dallas, and perhaps only a few places in the State.

Reservation responses are mandatory (these dinners are expensive) and should be made on a timely basis well in advance of the Festive Board -- whether you plan to attend or not.

GET WELL CORNER

We are always hopeful that our members and their families who are under the weather will get well soon. Most always, they would enjoy getting a call or a card.....I know, first hand.

Mary Alice Wellborn
Tulie Pardue Herb Hale

We hope that is all, but if there are more, please let me know. Communication!

SCATTERSHOOTING

Wondering how these Brethren are doing and just what are they doing:

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| Bill Benson | Dr. Bill Bilsing |
| Don Carter | Ben Casey |
| Ron Chapman | Bob Coursey |
| Pete Garver | Dr. George Hurt |
| Ed Malone | Dr. Ted New |
| Richard Sandow | Bill Scott |

There are others.....they are not forgotten. We'll wonder about them next time. In the meantime, whatever we hear from those listed will be reported in the next newsletter.

JACOB AND REBECCA

Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, living in Florida, are all excited about their decision to get married.

They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way they pass a drugstore.

Jacob suggests they go in and he addresses the man behind the counter: "Are you the owner?"

The pharmacist answers, "Yes."

Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism and scoliosis?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "How about Viagra?"

Pharmacist: "Of course."

Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, jaundice?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works."

Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers?"

Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jacob: "We'd like to use this store as our Bridal Registry."

COMING EVENTS

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| Friday, August 24 | Festive Board * |
| Monday, August 27 | Stated Meeting |

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| Friday, November 9 | Festive Board * |
| Monday, November 26 | Stated Meeting |

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| Saturday, December 8 | Holiday Brunch * |
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* Dining Members Only

JEWISH HUMOR

Q: How do Jewish wives get their children ready for supper?

A: They put them in the car.

SAM I. SMITH RECEIVES 60-YEAR AWARD

The famous, and sometimes infamous, Brother Sam I. Smith APM was presented his 60-Year Grand Lodge Award at the Installation.

He remarked that, of all the Lodges he belongs to, including his Mother Lodge, Waxahachie No. 90, Claud L. Austin Lodge is his favorite.

We are proud to count Sam I as one of us and congratulate him for this high achievement.

ROSTER UPDATES

So far, there have been two requests for every member to complete a form, which will provide current roster information so we can "go to press." Many have now responded, but the following (24/69) have yet to do so.....please cooperate and do so ASAP (if you need another form, please let me know @ 214-957-9251):

Doug Adkins
Bill Bilsing
ET Boon
Bob Coursey
Herb Fain
Herb Gold
Leonard Harvey
George Hurt
Richard Sandow
Plez Transou
Ron Chapman
Charles Brodnax

Bill Benson
Bill Bilsing III
Don Carter
Frank Everts
Pete Garver
Herb Hale
Mitch Breier
Mike Pappas
Charles Seay
Bob Walker
Bob Smith
Ray Skinner

WHO ARE THESE BROTHERS



HINDU SPOTS

For centuries, Hindu women have worn a spot on their foreheads.

We have always naively thought that it had something to do with their religion. The Indian Embassy in Washington, D.C. has recently revealed the true story:

When a Hindu woman gets married, she brings a dowry into the union. On her wedding night, the husband scratches off the spot to see whether he has won a convenience store, a gas station, a donut shop or a motel in the United States. If not, he must take a job in India answering telephones giving technical advice.

WHERE DO PETS COME FROM

A newly discovered chapter in the Book of Genesis has provided the answer to 'Where do pets come from?'

Adam said, 'Lord, when I was in the garden, you walked with me every day. Now I do not see you any more. I am lonesome here and it is difficult for me to remember how much you love me. And God said 'No problem. I will create a companion for you that will be with you forever and who will be a reflection of my love for you so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourself.'

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam. And it was a good animal. And God was pleased. And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and it wagged its tail.

And Adam said, 'Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal.'

And God said, 'No problem. Because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him Dog.'

And Dog lived with Adam and was a companion to him and loved him. And Adam was comforted. And God was pleased. And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that Adam's guardian angel came to the Lord and said, 'Lord, Adam has become filled with pride. He struts and preens like a peacock and he believes he is worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught him that he is loved, but perhaps too well.'

And the Lord said, 'No problem. I will create for him a companion who will be with him forever and who will see him as he is. The companion will remind him of his limitations, so he will know that he is not always worthy of adoration.'

And God created Cat to be a companion to Adam. And Cat would not obey Adam. And when Adam gazed into Cat's eyes, he was reminded that he was not the Supreme Being. And Adam learned humility.

And God was pleased. And Adam was greatly improved. And Dog was happy.

And Cat didn't care one way or the other.

WISH I'D SAID THAT

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."
-- *Winston Churchill*

"A modest little person, with much to be modest about."
-- *Winston Churchill*

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."
-- *Clarence Darrow*

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."
-- *William Faulkner (about Hemingway)*

"Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words?"
-- *Ernest Hemingway (about William Faulkner)*

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it"
-- *Moses Hadas*

"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know."
-- *Abraham Lincoln*

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it."
-- *Groucho Marx*

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."
-- *Mark Twain*

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends."
-- *Oscar Wilde*

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend.... if you have one."
-- *George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill*

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one."
-- *Winston Churchill, in response*

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here."
-- *Stephen Bishop*

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up."
-- *Paul Keating*

"He had delusions of adequacy."
-- *Walter Kerr*

"There's nothing wrong with you that reincarnation won't cure."
-- *Jack E. Leonard*

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork."
-- *Mae West*

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go."
-- *Oscar Wilde*