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STATED MEETING

Not far off is our May Stated Meeting. Instead of meeting on Monday, which will be Memorial Day (observed), the meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27th.

This is, annually, a most important meeting of the year. Then, we will hold the election of officers to lead our Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year. The officers to be elected are: Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary. It is always important for the members to be there to vote for the future of our Lodge.

Tuesday, May 27th, Green Room, Noon.

FESTIVE BOARD

By the time you read this, we will have just a day or two before the next Festive Board on Friday, May 16th. Reservations are in and we anticipate yet another ritually festive time.

As usual, it is for Dining Members only, and will be at the DAC Country Club. Attitudes can be adjusted, beginning at 6:00pm, with a Call to Table at 6:45pm.

A good convivial time, so always make sure you have called or e-mailed your RSVP to Zola preceding the Festive Board. His contact information is 972-661-8977 and/or zbblick@aol.com.

JOHN CALDER VANCE

1933 - 2008

We regret the passing of Brother John Vance on March 30, 2008. He was a member of Claud L. Austin for more than 11 years.

Brother Vance was raised in East Dallas Lodge No. 1200 where he served as Worshipful Master. He also served the citizens of Dallas County as a District Judge and as the District Attorney for many years. As noted as he was for his public service, he was known privately as a consummate family man.

May his name be inscribed for memory in the Book of Life.

DOG SMARTS

If a dog was the teacher you would learn stuff like:

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

When it's in your best interest, practice obedience!

Let others know when they've invaded your territory.

Take naps.

Stretch before rising.

Run, romp, and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back in the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout . run right back and make friends.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.

Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

ROBERT E. B. BAYLOR

For over twenty years, Robert Emmett Bledsoe Baylor traveled on horseback with a Texas law book in one saddlebag and the Holy Bible in the other, dispensing justice and preaching the gospel.

Born May 10, 1793, in Lincoln County, Kentucky, Baylor's formal education had been interrupted by service in the War of 1812.

Completing his education after the war, he went to Alabama in 1821, was elected to the Alabama Legislature in 1824 and to the U.S. Congress in 1828. In 1836 he commanded a battalion of Alabama volunteers against the Creek Indian uprising, and in 1839 was ordained a Baptist minister.

Two years later Baylor came to Texas and settled in Fayette County, establishing a missionary school. He also assisted in establishing the Texas Baptist Union Association and the Texas Baptist Education Society. This later formed Baylor University at

Independence, which opened its doors in 1846, but was moved and combined with Waco University and re-chartered in 1886.

Baylor was elected District Judge and Associate Justice of the Texas Supreme Court. He was a delegate from Fayette County to the Convention of 1845, and supported the establishment of free public schools, homestead exemptions, annual elections, and exclusion of the clergy from the legislature.

A Mason since 1825, he served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1843, 1846 and 1847. In 1853 he helped establish Baylor Lodge No. 125 at Gay Hill, Washington County. Author of the charter of his namesake university, Baylor served on its Board of Trustees and as a professor of law from 1845 until his death. Baylor died in 1874 at Gay Hill. Baylor Lodge No. 125 demised in 1888.

KNOWN TO BE ON THE MEND

Ron Greene WM
Herb Hale APM
Richard Farr APM
Bobby Heard PM
Plez Transou APM/Secretary Emeritus

MIRABEAU B. LAMAR AWARD

Our Lodge was presented with an opportunity to honor a most deserving young lady with a Lamar Award and scholarship. Miss Lauren Morzak, a senior at J.J. Pierce High School in Richardson, was selected to be the recipient. Her resume of accomplishments, both inside and outside the classroom, would take up this entire newsletter. Suffice it to say, we are all proud of this young lady who has selected her university of choice to be Hardin Simmons in Abilene.

The Worshipful Master will make the presentation to her in front of her peers at an Honors Assembly on Tuesday, May 20th.

CALENDAR

Friday, 5-16	Festive Board
Tuesday, 5-27	Stated Meeting Election of Officers
Monday, 6-30	Open Installation
Monday, 8-25	Stated Meeting
Friday, 8-29	Festive Board
Friday, 11-21	Festive Board
Monday, 11-24	Stated Meeting
Thu-Sat, 12-4 – 12-6	Grand Lodge
Saturday, 12-13	Holiday Brunch

TOUGH QUESTIONS

Try your hand at these:

1. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
2. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
3. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "dw" and they are all common words. Name two of them.

(Answers elsewhere in this publication)

ROSTERS

Now that the new rosters have been sent to all the members, there must have been some questionable errors.

So far, the Brother with the most errors is Chuck Bukin. Now, I didn't pick on my Husker Brother on purpose, it just worked out that way.

If you will make this most important correction in your rosters, you will be able to more easily call him....his phone number is really **972-235-4889**. Less important is the spelling of his street. I spelled it like the country, his street is spelled like the tree.....**Cypress**.

Too, I took some shots at some additional information about each Brother.....whether you are a Past Master of any Lodge and whether you are, or have been, a District Deputy Grand Master. Some are right, some not.....and I ask each of you to let me know the right info – by phone, e-mail or letter.

Hopefully, I will do better next time.

HOLDING YOUR LIQUOR

A lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water. As the bartender gives her the drink she says, "I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday and it's today."

The bartender says, "Well, since it's your birthday, I'll buy you a drink. In fact, this one is on me."

As the woman finishes her drink, the woman to her right says, "I would like to buy you a drink, too."

The old woman says, "Thank you. Bartender, I want a Scotch with two drops of water."

"Coming up," says the bartender.

As she finishes that drink, the man to her left says, "I would like to buy you one, too."

The old woman says, "Thank you. Bartender, I want another Scotch with two drops of water."

"Coming right up," the bartender says. As he gives her the drink, he says, "Ma'am, I'm dying of curiosity. Why the Scotch with only two drops of water?"

The old woman replies, "Sonny, when you're my age, you've learned how to hold your liquor. Holding your water, however, is a whole other issue."

Answers

*The fruit with its seeds on the outside
.....strawberry*

*How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle?
It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.*

*Three English words beginning with dw
.....dwarf, dwell, and dwindle*

ANYBODY RECOGNIZE THIS?

"I am the brother who sought admission into his Lodge, then sat on the sidelines listening to friendly talks among the brethren, a circle that seemed to 'shut me out'. Still I smiled and waited."

"I am the brother who attended every meeting of his Lodge, still hoping patiently to play an active part."

"I am the brother who stood in the anteroom or other adjacent place, still waiting to hear the friendly voice, to feel the common touch."

"Yes, I am that good guy, still standing and waiting, but I am also another kind of guy – the guy who never comes back."

"My Lodge keeps doing everything possible to get me back, yet I have been present there all the time – smiling, hoping, standing, waiting. All my Lodge has to do is to call on me for service and extend the friendly hand. Innovations are not necessary; entertainment has no attraction. Freemasonry has only to seize the opportunity within itself, and I, and

many like me, will cease to be 'the guy who never comes back.'"

Author Unknown

WHO, WHEN WHERE?



HERE'S ANOTHER – JUST WHO?



HEADLINES

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant

See if that works better than a fair trial!