

# CLAUD L. AUSTIN LODGE NO. 1450

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## STATED MEETING

The next Stated Meeting is close at hand....set for noon on Monday, August 24th at noon in the Green Room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. The attendance at the May Stated was fantastic and we hope you will plan to join us this month. Of course, lunch will follow the meeting.

## FESTIVE BOARD

The May Festive Board was also well attended and everyone enjoyed the conviviality we have all come to expect, the fine wine and food with the interspersed traditional toasts.

Adding to the festivities was a toast given to Brother Plez Transou APM/Secretary Emeritus by his guest, Brother Mike Wiggins, on the occasion of his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Then we were all treated, for our dessert, by a piece of rich chocolate cake and vanilla ice cream.

The next Festive Board will be held on Friday, August 28th. As usual, it is a Dining Member only function, and will be at DAC Country Club.

Attitude adjustment begins at 6:00pm, with a Call to Table at 6:45pm.

Please make sure you have called or e-mailed your RSVP to Zola at least a week to ten days prior to the Festive Board. As of this writing, several have not. His contact information is 972-661-8977 and/or [zbblick@aol.com](mailto:zbblick@aol.com).

**Reservations are absolutely necessary** as we have no crystal ball for telling the Club how many to prepare for. Many thanks for your continued cooperation

## NEW OFFICERS – 2009/10

The following Officers were elected, appointed and installed to serve the Lodge for the new Masonic year:

Bill Cox	Worshipful Master
Bill Smith	Senior Warden
Plez Transou	Junior Warden
Bob Hurt APM	Treasurer
Donnie Swango APM	Secretary
Wendell Miller PM	Chaplain
Bob Jensen	Sr Deacon
Mal Fitch	Jr. Deacon
Steve Brazeal APM	Sr Steward
Larry Winkle PM	Jr. Steward
Sam I Smith APM	Marshal
Larry Van Hall APM	MC
Ron Greene PM	Tiler

The installing officers were:

R:W: Elmer Murphey III	Installing Officer
Wendell Miller PM	Installing Marshal

Those attending were treated to a great lunch of fresh Tex-Mex food. No one left hungry!

## DOWN, BUT NOT OUT

Laurie Blicher, wife of Brother Zola Blicher APM, was injured in a fall at home. The injuries seem to have compounded other problems and she has been undergoing tests to see what she needs to "get back on her feet." I know we all wish her well.

If you know of anyone who is sick or distressed, please let me know so we can all share in helping for or wishing for a quick and complete recovery.

## NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members into Claud L. Austin Lodge. They are all Dining Members and we look forward to the practice of Masonic Conviviality with them at the Table for many years to come:

Stephen Apple  
Billy Ray Dickey

Lee Fitzgerald  
Bruce Neustadt

## IN MEMORIAM

Brother Leonard E. Hoffman, Jr. PM passed away on May 22, 2009. He was a Charter Member of our Lodge and served a Worshipful Master in 1996-97. As the Senior District Judge (Retired) in Dallas County, Brother Hoffman was a stalwart in the legal community. He loved Masonry and the Texas Longhorns. He lived for the Festive Boards and his smiling face, sitting in his "usual" place, will be missed by all.

**May his Name be Inscribed for Blessing  
in the Book of Life.**

## HAVING A BAD DAY?

Betty came home to find Jerry in the kitchen shaking frantically, almost in a dancing frenzy, with some kind of wire running from his waist towards the electric kettle. Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she whacked him with a handy plank of wood, breaking his arm in two places. Up to that moment, he had been happily listening to his Walkman.

Are ya OK now? - No?

The average cost of rehabilitating a seal, after the Exxon Valdez Oil spill in Alaska was \$80,000.00. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers. A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate them both.

What?!? Still having a Bad Day????

Iraqi terrorist Khay Rahnajet didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with 'Return to Sender' stamped on it. Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits.

There now, feeling better, are we?

## CALENDAR

Monday, August 24	Stated Meeting
Friday, August 28	Festive Board
Friday, November 20	Festive Board
Monday, November 23	Stated Meeting
Saturday, December 12	Holiday Brunch

## BRAIN TEASER ANSWERS

Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "dw" and they are all common words. Name two of them.

dwarf, dwell, and dwindle.

There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?

period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation marks, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses

Where are the lakes that are referred to in the Los Angeles Lakers?

in Minnesota

There are 7 ways a baseball player can legally reach first base without getting a hit. Taking a base on balls (a walk) is one way. Name the other 6.

base on balls (a walk), batter hit by a pitch, passed ball, catcher interference, catcher drops third strike, fielder's choice, and being designated as a pinch-runner

Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.

lettuce

Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter "S."

shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts

