

CLAUD L. AUSTIN LODGE NO. 1450

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STATED MEETING

The next Stated Meeting is set for Monday, November 23rd at noon in the Green Room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. We hope you will attend. Lunch will follow the meeting.

FESTIVE BOARD

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

Our next Festive Board will be on Friday, November 20th. It is a Dining Member only function, and is 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 no later than a week prior to the Festive Board. His contact information is 972-661-8977 and/or zbblick@aol.com.

Reservations are absolutely necessary.
Many thanks for your continued cooperation

DOWN, BUT NOT OUT

Laurie Blicher, wife of Brother Zola Blicher APM, is still on the mend from her fall at home. Tulie Pardue, wife of Brother Billy Pardue PM is staying close to home. Brother Richard Farr APM continues to improve day by day.

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

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new member into Claud L. Austin Lodge. He is a Dining Member and we look forward to the practice of Masonic Conviviality with him at the Table for many years to come:

Larry Christensen

IN MEMORIAM

Right Worshipful Brother Sam I. Smith, Jr. APM passed away on October 23, 2009. He proudly served the Masons of Texas for many years....twice as a District Deputy Grand Master, as the Grand Senior Deacon for our own Charter Master R:W: Robert L. Dillard, Jr. when he was Grand Master, and as a Member and often Chairman of the Committee on Work (for more than 20 years). Many of our members took Certificate Exams under Brother Smith, sometimes with great anxiety. The Late Sam I, as he was lovingly called, was a Charter Member of Claud L. Austin Lodge and served many years as our Marshal. He also held a Study Club for the Officers, and others, teaching them the floor work and ritual of opening and closing the Lodge. Sam I always looked forward to the Festive Boards and the chance to have a wee dram and break bread with his Brothers. He loved this Lodge and often stated that of all the Lodges he belonged to, this was by far his favorite.

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

SCOTTISH RITE HONORS

The following members of our Lodge are being honored by the Ancient & Accepted Scottish

Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, this month for their contributions to the Rite, to Masonry in general, and to their Community:

Fred E. Allen PGM	Grand Cross
L. Robert Smith APM	33° IGH
Stephen Apple, Sr.	32° KCCH
Billie L. Cox W:M:	32° KCCH

We congratulate them for those, no doubt, well-deserved honors.

CALENDAR

Friday, November 20	Festive Board
Monday, November 23	Stated Meeting
Thursday, December 3 – Saturday, December 5	Grand Lodge
Saturday, December 12	Holiday Brunch

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Friday, February 19	Festive Board
Monday, February 22	Stated Meeting
Friday, May 21	Festive Board
Monday, May 24	Stated Meeting
Monday, June 28	Installation
Monday, August 23	Stated Meeting
Friday, August 27	Festive Board
Friday, November 19	Festive Board
Monday, November 22	Stated Meeting
Thursday, December 2 – Saturday, December 4	Grand Lodge
Saturday, December 11	Holiday Brunch

There can always be additions, deletions, changes....just in case, watch for them.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Food

Peel a banana from the bottom and you won't have to pick the little "stringy things" off of it. That's how the primates do it.

Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.

Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.

To make scrambled eggs or omelets really rich, add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream and then beat them up.

Reheating refrigerated bread

To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

Newspaper Weeds-away

When planting, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers, put layers around the plants overlapping as you go cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic....they will not get through wet newspapers.

Squirrel Away!

To keep squirrels from eating your plants, sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it.

Measuring Cups

Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out.

Goodbye Fruit Flies

To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass, fill it with 1/2" of Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid; mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

Getting Rid of Ants

Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it "home," can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't

have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!

INFO ABOUT CLOTHES DRYERS

The heating unit went out on my dryer! The gentleman that fixes things around the house for us told us that he wanted to show us something and he went over to the dryer and pulled out the lint filter. It was clean. (I always clean the lint from the filter after every load of clothes.) He told us that he wanted to show us something; he took the filter over to the sink and ran hot water over it. The lint filter is made of a mesh material ... I'm sure you know what your dryer's lint filter looks like. Well ... the hot water just sat on top of the mesh! It didn't go through it at all! He told us that dryer sheets cause a film over that mesh and that's what burns out the heating unit.

You can't see the film, but it's there. It's what is in the dryer sheets to make your clothes soft and static free ... that nice fragrance too. You know how they can feel waxy when you take them out of the box .. well this stuff builds up on your clothes and on your lint screen. This is also what causes dryer units to potentially burn your house down with it! He said the best way to keep your dryer working for a very long time (and to keep your electric bill lower) is to take that filter out and wash it with hot soapy water and an old toothbrush (or other brush) at least every six months. He said that makes the life of the dryer at least twice as long! How about that? Learn something new everyday!

So, I thought I'd share.

WHO ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

It may take you two minutes to read this, but if you do not take the time to read this you are one of the people this post is talking about.

You stay up for 16 hours.

He stays up for days on end.

You take a warm shower to help you wake up.

He goes days or weeks without running water.

You complain of a "headache", and call in sick.

He gets shot at as others are hit, and keeps moving forward.

You put on your anti war/don't support the troops shirt, and go meet up with your friends.

He still fights for your right to wear that shirt.

You make sure your cell phone is in your pocket.

He clutches the cross hanging on his chain next to his dog tags.

You talk trash about your "buddies" that aren't with you.

He knows he may not see some of his buddies again.

You walk down the beach, staring at all the pretty girls.

He patrols the streets, searching for insurgents and terrorists.

You complain about how hot it is.

He wears his heavy gear, not daring to take off his helmet to wipe his brow.

You go out to lunch, and complain because the restaurant got your order wrong.

He doesn't get to eat today.

Your maid makes your bed and washes your clothes.

He wears the same things for weeks, but makes sure his weapons are clean.

You go to the mall and get your hair redone.

He doesn't have time to brush his teeth today.

You're angry because your class ran 5 minutes over.

He's told he will be held over an extra 6 months.

You call your girlfriend and set a date for tonight.

He waits for the mail to see if there is a letter from home.

You hug and kiss your girlfriend, like you do everyday.

He holds his letter close and smells his love's perfume.

You roll your eyes as a baby cries.

He gets a letter with pictures of his new child, and wonders if they'll ever meet

You criticize your government, and say that war never solves anything.

He sees the innocent tortured and killed by their own people and remembers why he is fighting.

You hear the jokes about the war, and make

fun of men like him.

He hears the gunfire, bombs and screams of the wounded.

You see only what the media wants you to see.

He sees the broken bodies lying around him.

You are asked to go to the store by your parents. You don't.

He does exactly what he is told.

You stay at home and watch TV.

He takes whatever time he is given to call, write home, sleep, and eat.

You crawl into your soft bed, with down pillows, and get comfortable.

He tries to sleep but gets woken by mortars and helicopters all night long.

You sit there and judge him, saying the world is probably a worse place because of men like him.

If only there were more men like him

If you support your troops, think "Hooaahhh!"

If you don't support your troops well, then don't. Maybe you don't know the men and women that are dying to preserve your right. **But I DO**

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY
THANKSGIVING, HANUKKAH,
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**