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STATED MEETING

The next Stated Meeting of the year is Monday, November 28th, at noon in the Green Room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. **Plan to be there.** Lunch, always good, will follow.

FESTIVE BOARD

The Fall Festive Board will be on Friday, November 18th.....same time, same place.

We are having record attendance. Who knows, we may need a megaphone for the Master to communicate with the Wardens before long. As of this writing, we have 39 reservations -- fantastic!

Remember.....reservations are absolutely necessary and we appreciate your timely cooperation.

INFIRMERY

Billie Cox PM is having a Cochlear Implant, a high-tech hearing device. Hope this enables him to hear what we are saying about him at the Stated Meetings.

Lynda McKay had a vacation of a lifetime in Italy recently. She spent over three weeks in a hospital with Legionnaire's Disease. There are still some after effects and we hope she has a full recovery soon.

Yours truly had rotator cuff surgery. The surgery was a success, but the therapy following has been, and continues to be, pure torture. Fear not, however, I'm alive!

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

LODGE ROSTER -- IMPORTANT

The form was sent to all of you along with a September 30th deadline. I have several responses, but certainly not all. And I find that very disappointing.

To repeat, however, I will not call, send second notices or use other forms of begging for your cooperation. Those who did not respond will be listed in name only in the back of the new roster. It is in the works.

GRAND LODGE

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas will take place in Waco on December 1st thru 3rd. All are urged to attend, as there is always a plethora of things to consider and vote on (only if you are a current or Past Master).

And, of course, there are three locals in the running for the office of Grand Junior Warden: our own Wendell P. Miller PM, Michael L. Wiggins and James Roy Elliott.

2011 CALENDAR

Friday, November 18	Festive Board
Monday, November 28	Stated Meeting
Thursday-Saturday December 1-3	Grand Lodge
Saturday, December 10	Holiday Brunch

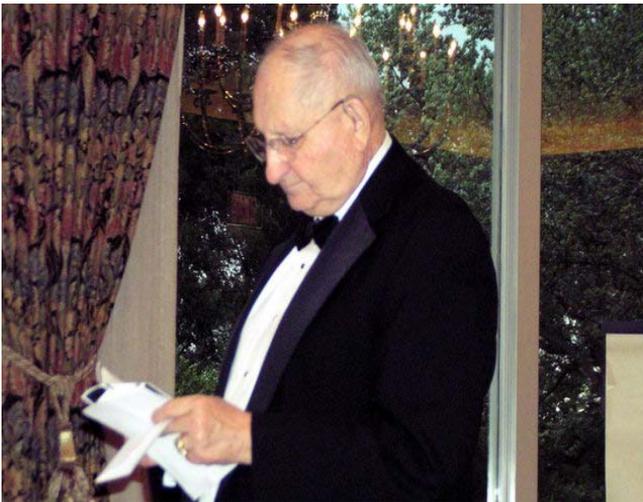
2012 CALENDAR

Be sure to mark yours

Friday, February 24	Festive Board
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Monday, February 27	Stated Meeting
Friday, May 18	Festive Board
TUESDAY , May 29	Stated Meeting
Monday, June 25	Installation
Friday, August 24	Festive Board
Monday, August 27	Stated Meeting
Monday, November 26	Stated Meeting
Friday, November 30	Festive Board
Thursday-Saturday December 6-8	Grand Lodge
Saturday, December 15	Holiday Brunch

IN MEMORIAM



We are saddened to report the death of our 8th Worshipful Master (1994-95), **Brother G. Warren Whitham, Jr.** Judge Whitham served the Lodge with distinction and fought time and time again for proper decorum to be practiced at the table of the Festive Board. Time, age and distance prevented his attendance the past few years; and to the many who knew him, he was greatly missed.

*May his name be inscribed for blessing
in the Book of Life*

MORE PARAPROSDOKIANS

We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right -- only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire

I thought I wanted a career; turns out I just wanted paychecks.

HOLIDAYS

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Years....here are a few things to think about:

Be thankful and count your many blessings.

Laugh at least once a day.

Forgive someone.

Be a kid again.

Take a friend out to lunch . . . just because.

Say a prayer for someone.

Give someone a few minutes of your time.

Take an opportunity to bite your tongue.

Evict negativity from your life. Seek out good.

Give someone your undivided attention.

Tell a loved one how much they mean to you.

Encourage someone.

Go on a date with your spouse.

When you find yourself in a good mood, don't ever let anyone take the joy away from you.

Catch up with someone you lost touch with.

Let someone know they inspired you!