

CLAUD L. AUSTIN LODGE NO. 1450

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STATED MEETING

The next Stated Meeting is on Monday, February 27th, at noon in the Green Room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. The District Deputy Grand Master will be making his Official Visit. **Plan to be there.** Lunch, always good, will follow.

FESTIVE BOARD

The Winter Festive Board will be on Friday, February 24th.....same time, same place.

While we have been having record attendance, the reservations for the upcoming Board have been slow in coming. Although we have some 46 Dining Members, only 27 reservations have been made to date. Have you made yours?

Reservations are absolutely necessary and we appreciate your timely cooperation.

INFIRMERY

Brother Mel Polen PM is in the Veterans Hospital in Bonham. We wish him well and a speedy recovery.

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.

GRAND LODGE

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas in December, there was a plethora of resolutions passed, rejected and withdrawn, as usual. And, as usual, nothing really meaningful transpired.

Our own Brother Wendell Miller PM was nominated for the South; but, alas, was defeated by the now R:W: Michael L. Wiggins.

2012 CALENDAR

Friday, February 24	Festive Board
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 regret to report the death of **Brother Robert T. Coursey**. Brother Coursey died on January 10th. He was a proud Mason for over 62 years and had affiliated with Claud L. Austin in 1991. A quiet gentleman, Bob and his wife Sarah were very active in Eastern Star for many years.

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

**Never look down on anybody, unless
you're helping them up.**

THINK ABOUT IT

To realize the value of a sister/brother
ask someone who doesn't have one.

To realize the value of ten years:
ask a newly divorced couple.

To realize the value of four years:
ask a graduate.

To realize the value of one year:
ask a student who has failed a final exam.

To realize the value of nine months:
ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn.

To realize the value of one month:
ask a mother who has given birth to a
premature baby..

To realize the value of one minute:
ask a person who has missed the train, bus or
plane.

To realize the value of one-second:
ask a person who has survived an accident.

Time waits for no one...
treasure every moment you have.

EDITORIAL LICENSE



Sandy.....After Surgery.....On a Cruise

OLD WEST MASONRY

It was a tale of Masonic men surrounding a campfire in the Old West, at night, discussing the Fraternity and its teachings. One old man listened patiently, and finally spoke up:

I can tell you more about Masonry in a little example than some of the great Masonic philosophers can in books. Everybody stand up, and gather in a circle around the campfire.

Now, everybody hold hands with the man next to him. Now, what do you see, looking ahead? The face of a Brother Mason through the flames.

What do you feel in front of you? The warmth of the fire, and the comfort it brings on a cool night.

What do you feel at your side? The warm hand of a Brother.

OK. Now, drop the hands, and turn around. Now, what do you see, looking ahead? Complete darkness.

What do you feel, looking ahead? A sense of loneliness, of being alienated.

What do you feel at your side? Nothing at all.

What do you feel on your backside? The warmth of the fire.

So it is with Masonry, said the old man. In Masonic gatherings, you can feel the warmth of Masonic interaction, you can see the face of a Brother through the light Masonry brings to you, and you can always feel the warm hand of a Brother. When you turn away from Masonry, and are out in the world, you see darkness, feel alienated and alone, and do not feel the warm hand of your Masonic Brother. But Masonry, and the warmth and light it brings, are just a turn away from you.

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