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STATED MEETING

The next Stated Meeting is Monday, August 27th, at noon in the Green Room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. This, of course, will be the first meeting of this Masonic year. There are some important items on the agenda AND we will be receiving our R:W: District Deputy Grand Master for his second Official Visit. **Plan to be there.** Lunch, always good, will follow.

FESTIVE BOARD

The Summer Festive Board will be held on Friday, August 24th. Many have already made their reservations and we are looking for a few more good men before we close the book.

We always post the following because we are all in need of constant reminders: Timeliness and commitment in making reservations is absolutely necessary...as food costs are rapidly increasing. Honoring reservations made becomes more and more important as any reservation made and not fulfilled must still be paid for. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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INFIRMERY

Either it has been a quiet summer or no one has let me know of any sick and distressed in our "family." Hopefully, it's the former.

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.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Very hot....and very dry. Is this not typical of life in Texas from June through, sometimes, mid-October. It has been reported that July was the hottest on record....nationally. I guess the rest of the nation now knows what we face year after year.

HOW WE RELAX AFTER A MEETING



FEEDBACK, PLEASE

In an effort to be more fiscally responsible, I am considering the cost of supplies, printing and postage in mailing the newsletters and postcards.

Most everyone has computer accessibility or availability. There are a few that do not, however, and we would not want to exclude them at all.

We also know that some do not read their e-mail very often and thus would not the information received timely.

The positive side is that the information gets there much quicker and much more economically. Plus, I have had a good response to the color pictures in the last newsletters....but that came at a huge cost (almost \$1 more per printed page...whether there is one picture or a dozen).

So, for consideration, I would appreciate any and all feedbackespecially if you have no ability to receive e-mail. This applies to our widows as well.

2012 CALENDAR

Friday, August 24	Festive Board
Monday, August 27	Stated Meeting
Monday, November 26	Stated Meeting

**REMEMBERING
SPRING FESTIVE BOARD - 2004
JOSEPH WESLEY REGIAN APM-PGM**

Friday, November 30 Festive Board

Thursday-Saturday
December 6-8 Grand Lodge

Saturday, December 15 Holiday Brunch

LODGE ANNIVERSARY

As we are about to mark our 25th anniversary, we are in the planning stages of a celebration.

If you have any ideas, we are all ears.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION

The annual election of officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic year was held on May 29th, with the following elected to serve:

Stephen W. Apple, Sr.	Worshipful Master
W. Malcolm Fitch	Senior Warden
Larry B. Christensen	Junior Warden
Lawrence A. Winkle PM	Treasurer
Donald H. Swango APM	Secretary

On June 25, an open Installation was held, and the above elected officers along with the following appointive offers were installed:

Wendell P. Miller PM	Chaplain
Edwin F. Kirkpatrick APM	Senior Deacon
Billy Ray Dickey APM	Junior Deacon
Stephen M. Brazeal APM	Senior Steward
Ronald R. Greene PM	Junior Steward
Larry Van Hall APM	Master of Ceremonies
Billie L. Cox PM	Tiler

There were 43 in attendance and we all enjoyed a delicious lunch afterwards.

GRAND LODGE

While we are not “allowed” to campaign for those seeking Masonic office, we are certainly proud to announce that our own brother **Wendell P. Miller** PM and Chaplain has made himself available for the office of Grand Junior Warden. I know that we will proudly support him in this endeavor.



**“Time waits for no one.
Treasure every moment you have.”**

GOLF AND WHAT IT ALL MEANS

Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all you really stink.

An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play; it is always possible to get worse.

“All my aprons are at the cleaners.”



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