

CLAUD L. AUSTIN LODGE NO. 1450

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STATED MEETING

The next Stated Meeting is Monday, November 25th, at noon in the Green Room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Brother Don Comedy of the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation will be our guest and provide information on how their program works. Plan to be there. Lunch, always good, will follow.

FESTIVE BOARD

The Summer Festive Board was held on Friday, August 23rd, and we keep on having record attendance. We must be doing something really good.

The Fall Festive Board is scheduled for Friday, November 22nd. You know, Zola works on RSVP's only for the Festive Boards, and cannot assume anyone will come without an RSVP....which includes all officers of the Lodge, elective and appointed. He appreciates your understanding and cooperation. Hopefully, your reservation is in. Remember, your ***commitment in attending is absolutely necessary – no-shows and late cancellations are very expensive.***

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VANGUARD AWARD

Thanks to the hard work of our immediate Past Master Stephen Apple Sr., Claud L. Austin Lodge is one of only 87 Lodges in Texas to have earned this prestigious award. There are pages of requisites that have to be met, far too many to list, before a Lodge will be considered. Brother Apple managed to meet all, or enough, to garner this Award for the first time in our history. One of the "prizes" will be a chance to have one of twenty-two reserved parking spaces at Grand Lodge. I am not sure of other "prizes" available other than the prestige of the Award. I know we all are proud and appreciate Brother Apple's hard work.

HOLIDAY BRUNCH

The annual Holiday Brunch will take place for the Dining Members (only) and their spouses or significant others on Saturday, December 14th at the DAC Country Club. This is a new venue for this annual event and we have a great new menu for our dining pleasure. The entertainment will be provided by "Variations"...the great choral group from Woodrow Wilson High School. Reservations for all and pre-payment for the men are requirements for attending. Both must be received by the Secretary by December 1st.

Pictures will be taken like those at the Past Masters Night. We really want those of the Past Masters, Affiliated Past Masters and Officers that were not taken then. Others may desire their pictures taken and are also welcome to do so. So, for the men, please wear a dark suit or sport coat (and tie, of course).

IN MEMORIAM



Masonry lost a prominent family member on August 30, 2013, when Lena Ruth Harvey, wife of our Charter Member and Past Grand Master Leonard P. Harvey passed away. LR, as she was affectionately known, was one of the most personable, hard working and loving first ladies that ever graced our fraternity. Her dad was an active Mason, and when she and Leonard married some "100 or so" years ago, she became an active Mason too. Her service to the fraternity, Eastern Star, the Scottish Rite Hospital, the sick and the elderly as well as her ever infectious smile and fun-loving demeanor will be sorely missed.

YOU THINK WE ARE EXPENSIVE?

The following is from The Lodge St. David's bulletin in Adelaide, South Australia:

SUBSCRIPTIONS (Dues)

1/7/2013 to 30/6/2014 – \$275

Grand Lodge Dues Per Year - \$118.00

(Look at this, however:)

Festive Board \$10.00 per head

FACTS OR FICTION

(reported nonetheless)

"Globally, the production of a given quantity of crop requires 65% less land than it did in 1961," writes author Matt Ridley.

Thanks in large part to cellphone cameras, "Ten percent of all of the photographs made in the entire history of photography were made last year," according to Time.

The average new American home was 1,535 square feet in 1975 and 2,169 square feet in 2010, according to the Census Bureau.

According to Forbes, if a Google employee passes away, "their surviving spouse or domestic partner will receive a check for 50% of their salary every year for the next decade."

The unemployment rate for those with a bachelor's degree is just 3.7% — less than half the nationwide average.

INFIRMERY

Brother Zola Blicher APM-SD had surgery on both hands/wrists for carpal tunnel syndrome. At last look, he is healing well, though it takes a long time.

Brother Larry Winkle PM-Treas gets through with knee replacements a short while ago and just recently had a roto rooter of a carotid artery. I

understand that all went well and he is recovering nicely.

Brother HB Paksoy JD was involved in a head-on collision and underwent two surgeries to repair his right leg...in two places. He was released by the hospital to a rehab center where he spent more than two weeks. He is now at home but cannot put any weight on his leg for another three months or more.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

Waco will be a busy city the first weekend in December. The Grand Lodge of Texas will convene Thursday, December 5th through Saturday, December 7th. It culminates with the election and installation of a new Grand Master. There are the usual recommendations and resolutions to be discussed and voted on. Claud Austin Lodge is always very well represented. I, personally, as usual, do not expect any "earth shaking" changes in Masonry as we know it in Texas.

THINK ABOUT IT

"If we are together nothing is impossible. If we are divided all will fail."

Winston Churchill

"As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same."

Nelson Mandela

ROSTER CHANGES

The following is their current information:

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GALLERY of MEMORIES



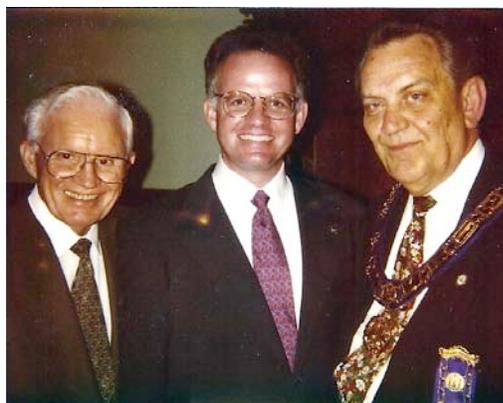
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Todd & Dillard



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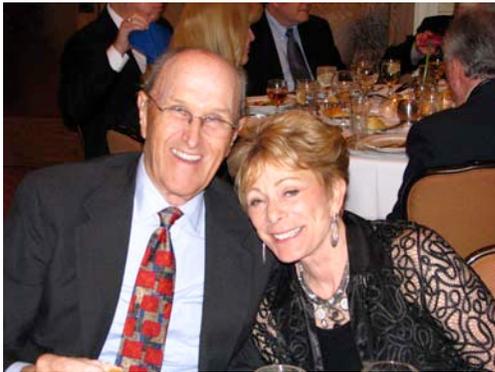
'Tis the season to be jolly



Pappas & Pappas



Fitch & Fitch



Brodnax & Brodnax



Allen & Allen

Here's hoping it 'tis