

CLAUD L. AUSTIN LODGE NO. 1450

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STATED MEETING

The next Stated Meeting is only a couple of weeks away. It is set for Monday, November 24th at noon on the Green Room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. We hope you will plan to be there. Of course, lunch will follow the meeting.

FESTIVE BOARD

The next Festive Board will be held on Friday, November 21st. As usual, it is a Dining Member function, and will be at DAC Country Club.

Attitude adjustment, begins at 6:00pm, with a Call to Table at 6:45pm.

We always have a good convivial time and want everyone to make sure you have called or e-mailed your RSVP to Zola preceding the Festive Board. His contact information is 972-661-8977 and/or zbblick@aol.com.

Reservations are absolutely necessary as we have no crystal ball for telling the Club how many to prepare for. There are always several who, for some reason, fail to do so. It's almost like you require us to call you. PLEASE do your duty and make your reservation timely. We would appreciate your consideration and help.

PAST MASTER'S NIGHT

The first Claud L. Austin Past Master's Night was held on Saturday, November 7th at Lakewood Country Club. With 52 in attendance, we had a delicious steak dinner followed by the presentation of Service Awards to three distinguished Brethren and tributes to the Past and Affiliated Past Masters of our Lodge.

R:W: Brother Leonard P. Harvey PGM, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Texas, presented 50-Year Service Awards to Brothers M. Douglas Adkins PM and Bobby W. Heard PM and a 60-Year Service Award to Brother William D. Pardue PM. All three responded with memories of their entry into our gentle fraternity.

Brother Zola Blicher APM then gave a Past Master's program that he had written "centuries" ago that included recognizing the living Past and Affiliated Past Masters of our Lodge and a candlelit ceremony in memory of those who are no longer with us.

It was a great evening, and those of you who chose not to attend, missed something special.

GRAND LODGE APPROACHES

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas will be held in Waco from December 4th through December 6th. As usual, there will be a plethora of resolutions presented for the Brethren in attendance to consider and vote on. There are several members of our Lodge who work behind the scenes on various committees and we wish them well in their endeavors. We can live in hope that they will return with all the problems facing Masonry in Texas resolved.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BRUNCH

On Saturday, December 13th, the Dining Members and their spouses, along with several widows of our members, will meet and enjoy the Annual Brunch at Lakewood Country Club. A really nice affair, everyone enjoys the conviviality in celebrating the holidays of the season.

As a reminder to those eligible to attend, the Brunch begins at 10:30am and an RSVP is required by December 5th to reserve a spot. The Worshipful Master has some outstanding entertainment that should equal that of last year. Remember how good it was and that no one slept.

RSVP to Donnie Swango at either 972-964-5760 or cla1450@aol.com.

WALKING WOUNDED

Though I don't get very many calls notifying me of health problems that some of us have, I do know something about the following:

Plez Transou APM/Secretary Emeritus had major back surgery and is recovering very well.

Richard Farr APM is back at home after an extended rehab following his knee replacement surgery.

Your truly spent four days in the Baylor Heart Hospital – Plano, following what appeared to be an attack of extremely salty potato chips which raised my blood pressure to new heights. Fearing a possible stroke, a CT scan of my head revealed nothing. But we all knew that, didn't we? Lesson learned.....stay away from extremely salty chips bought at a nutritional grocery.....can you believe?

It appears that the Hoffmans, both Leonard and Clara, are doing quite well. And we hope they stay that way.

Bobby Heard appears to be mostly mended from his fall a few months ago.

Tulie Pardue has some good days and some not-so-good days....but she looked great at the Past Master's Dinner.

DUES CARDS

Your 2009 dues card is enclosed. Be sure to sign it and put it into your wallet. As usual, we are happy to report that there are no dues to collect.....sure does make my "job" a whole lot

easier. We are proud of our membership and hear almost every day from members of other Lodges that we are the most talked about in Texas....as we set the bar higher and have kept it there for 21 straight years.

WHY IS THIS BROTHER SMILING?



CALENDAR

Friday, November 21	Festive Board
Monday, November 24	Stated Meeting
Thursday, November 27	THANKSGIVING
Thursday, December 4 – Saturday, December 6	Grand Lodge
Saturday, December 13	Holiday Brunch
Sunday, December 21	Hanukkah Begins
Thursday, December 25	CHRISTMAS
Thursday, January 1	NEW YEARS
Saturday, February 14	VALENTINES
Monday, February 23	Stated Meeting

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
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HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR