

# CLAUD L. AUSTIN LODGE NO. 1450

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## STATED MEETING

The next Stated Meeting of the year is Monday, November 22nd, at noon in the Green Room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. We just might discuss some resolutions and a recommendation that will be considered at Grand Lodge....some of which will have an affect on our Lodge. Lunch will follow.

## FESTIVE BOARD

The Fall Festive Board be on Friday, November 19th. It is a Dining Member only function at DAC Country Club.

Attitude adjustment begins at 6:15pm, with a Call to Table at 7:00pm.

**Whether you are planning to attend or not, a RSVP is requested.** That way we know that all are accounted for. Please respond by sending an e-mail to Brother Zola Blicher at [zbblick@aol.com](mailto:zbblick@aol.com), or by calling him at 972-661-8977.

**Reservations are absolutely necessary for allowing us to control table settings and costs,** and we always appreciate your timely cooperation.

## HOLIDAY BRUNCH

The annual Holiday brunch, also a Dining Member only event, will again be held at 10:30am, Lakewood Country Club, on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Always well attended by the Dining Members and their wives OR significant others and widows of our deceased members, we will again be entertained by **Variations**, a great choral group of students from Woodrow Wilson High School.

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## INFIRMERY

If it's not one thing, it's another. That appears to be the case of Sandy Swango the past twelve months. Last November, as a result of being struck from behind, she had double cervical fusion surgery....after months of preliminary tests, therapy and injections. Then, in April, two nodules were found on her thyroid resulting in the removal of the right side of that important gland. Finally on the mend, in August, an aggressively cancerous lump was found in one breast and she has undergone one chemo session, that did nothing of note, a mastectomy, which may have gotten it all (fingers are crossed) and now radiation. She IS, however, a survivor.

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

We had a few returns to the once-again requested information for a new Roster, but are still far from complete. There is still no reason to publish old, possibly non-current information, and since there remains over 25 members (out of 70) who have failed to comply, the updated roster sits on a back burner. There will no doubt be changes as soon as we publish a new edition. That's a way of life.

If you need another form, please let me know, and I can e-mail, fax or snail-mail one quickly to you.

## IN MEMORY

Past Grand Master and Reverend W.P. Lamb passed away on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. He was born in 1914, raised a Master Mason in 1953 in Baytown where he still resided and served as Grand Master in 1979. He was the second most senior in a long line of Past Grand Masters.

*May he be inscribed for blessing in the Book of Life*

## CALENDAR

### 2010

Friday, November 19	Festive Board
Monday, November 22	Stated Meeting
Thursday, November 25	Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 2	Hanukkah
Thursday, December 2 – Saturday, December 4	Grand Lodge
Saturday, December 11	Holiday Brunch
Saturday, December 25	Christmas

### 2011

Saturday, January 1	New Years Day
Monday, February 28	Stated Meeting

There can always be changes.....so, just in case, be on the lookout.

## FORECASTING

It looks like that the Longhorns will not be playing in a bowl game this year....doing this to allow teams like A&M and Baylor an opportunity to play in one for a change.

The Cowboys won't be playing in the Super Bowl this year.....so, what else is new?

Maybe the Longhorns and the Cowboys should have a Toilet Bowl game.....they look like an even match!

## PARAPROSDOKIANS

A paraprosdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a phrase is unexpected and causes the reader to reframe or reinterpret the first part. Really. Now, you will know.....

Ø I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

Ø Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

Ø I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

Ø Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Ø Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Ø If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.

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

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