

# CLAUD L. AUSTIN LODGE NO. 1450

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## STATED MEETING

The next Stated Meeting of the year is Monday, February 28th, at noon in the Green Room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. It will be the Official Visit of R:W: Monty Royce Reynolds, Sr. DDGM. Lunch will follow.

## FESTIVE BOARD

The Winter Festive Board will have already happened by the time you receive this newsletter. In case you missed it, we met on February 18th....a little earlier than the usual scheme of things.

Being early didn't seem to make much difference in the attendance, however, as there were 40 Dining Members and guests enjoying the art of Masonic conviviality.

**Remember.....reservations are absolutely necessary** and we always appreciate your timely cooperation.

## HOLIDAY BRUNCH

The annual Holiday brunch, also a Dining Member only event, was again held at Lakewood Country Club, on December 11<sup>th</sup>. There were 68 in attendance, perhaps the largest ever, who enjoyed good conviviality and the entertainment of **Variations**, the outstanding choral group of students from Woodrow Wilson High School. In the crowd were two widows of our late members Sue Regian and Clara Hoffman. It's always a delight to see them.....they looked great.

## INFIRMERY

For those who have asked about my wife Sandy, we appreciate your cares, concerns and prayers. After radiation ended in early

December, she had some "time off" until mid-January. Then began another round of six chemo treatments. It's not quite as bad as the first treatments, but nonetheless nauseating and very exhausting. In other words, she feels pretty rotten. The good news is her hair has returned and grown substantially...no more wigs. Hopefully, these poisons will make sure that there are no living cancer cells left.

If you know of anyone else 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

Since we had so few returns of roster information this past year, I will try a new tact this year. I will send to each member the information I have. It will be up to you to respond to me that it is either correct or that I need to make changes accordingly. If there is no response, it has been suggested to me that I should leave your name and old information out of a Roster re-do. There is no reason to publish a name with incorrect information. Your cooperation will be most appreciated.

## IN MEMORY

**RICHARD LEE FARR APM**  
Charter Member

After a lengthy battle with aging and some nagging health problems, Brother Farr moved to the Celestial Lodge above on January 8, 2011. No one loved his Masonry more, especially Claud L. Austin Lodge and the Festive Boards. He and Sally were in attendance at the Holiday Brunch, Richard's last hurrah with his Brethren. He will be missed!

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

## CALENDAR

2011

Friday, January 18	Festive Board
Monday, February 28	Stated Meeting
Tuesday, March 15 ( <u>maybe</u> )	PM Night
Monday, May 23	Stated Meeting
Friday, June 3	Festive Board
Monday, June 27	Installation
Monday, August 22	Stated Meeting
Friday, August 26	Festive Board
Monday, November 28	Stated Meeting
Friday, December 9	Festive Board
Saturday, December 10	Holiday Brunch

There can always be changes.....watch for them

## FROM THE POST OFFICE WALL



### A LITTLE ODD HISTORY

There is an old Hotel/Pub in Marble Arch, London which used to have gallows adjacent. Prisoners were taken to the gallows (after a fair trial of course) to be hung.

The horse drawn dray, carting the prisoner was

accompanied by an armed guard, who would stop the dray outside the pub and ask the prisoner if he would like "ONE LAST DRINK".

If he said YES, it was referred to as ONE FOR THE ROAD. If he declined, that prisoner was ON THE WAGON. So there you go...!!

## SENIOR CITIZENS

I'm the life of the party....even if it lasts until 8 p.m.

I'm very good at opening childproof caps.... with a hammer.

I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.

I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a thing you're saying.

I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe secure place, somewhere.

I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg.

I'm beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps.

## CAUGHT.....TOGETHER



### QUESTION OF THE DAY

How the hell are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?