

# CLAUD L. AUSTIN LODGE NO. 1450

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## STATED MEETING

The next Stated Meeting of the year is Monday, August 22nd, at noon in the Green Room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. It will also be the DDGM's Official Visit. **Plan to be there.** Lunch, always good, will follow.

## FESTIVE BOARD

The Summer Festive Board will be on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.....same time, same place.

There were 40 in attendance for the May (Spring) Festive Board.....one of the best attended ever. Why weren't you there?

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

## THE MASTERS CORNER

### THE FESTIVE BOARD

The first Festive Boards were held by the Operative Masons in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century when they celebrated various religious festivals. Later these gatherings were arranged for Masonic purposes.

On special days the Masons would gather in some corner of the building under construction or in a temporary structure near the building site called a Lodge. The earlier masons dined on meat and spiced ale, but as masonry grew, so grew the menu. The Feasts might encompass several days.

There is a 1506 record of a bill of fare for a banquet of about 50 people. It included 36 chickens, 1 swan, 4 geese, 9 rabbits, 2 rumps of beef tails, 6 quails, 50 eggs, and 4 breasts of veal.

The meal took place in a formal setting at which the Master would preside over the ceremonies and direct a series of toasts.

*May every Mason Rise in the East, be Refreshed in the South, and Dismissed in the West, and so gain admission into the Middle Chamber to receive the Reward of a good & true man*

## INFIRMERY

I had a great visit with Brother **Bobby Burden** PM in mid-July and was very pleased to be with him. He looked fantastic, had a strong handshake, conversed better than I imagined and had his usually good sense of humor. His mind still wanders and he loses a sense of direction sometimes. Short-term memory seems not quite as good as long-term.

My feeling, and his wife Tauna concurs, is that he could benefit from attending the Festive Board and/or the Stated Meeting. To do so, he would need a ride to and from and would absolutely need someone to be by his side at all times....for balance (though he walks really well) and for direction. Knowing that he lives in the vicinity of I-30 and Fielder Rd. in Arlington, is there anyone who would volunteer to pick him up and take him home? I am sure that several would be happy to take him "in tow" once he's with the Lodge. **Please let me know.**

Brother **Zola Blicher** APM/SD had surgery this spring and is on the mend. There was considerable discomfort, though not as much today. He's getting around now and is working on becoming his "old self" every day.

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 -- IMPORTANT

Enclosed with this newsletter is a form with your information as I now have it. IF THERE ARE ANY necessary additions, deletions or changes required, please note them before you return the form to me. If you are an affiliated Past Master and/or a Past DDGM, please so note. Please make sure that all the information asked for is given.

IF NONE OF THE ABOVE is needed, please write "OK" on the form before returning.

Because there was so little response last year, we chose not to publish a new roster. We hope everyone will respond by returning the form before September 30 to 3002 Jomar Dr, Plano 75075

I will not call, send second notices or use other forms of begging for your cooperation. Those who do not respond will be listed with your name only in the back of the new roster. Thanks for your timely response.

## WITTICISMS

It's not whether you win or lose,  
but how you place the blame

When blondes have more fun  
do they know it?

If at first you don't succeed  
skydiving is not for you

Ninety-nine percent of all lawyers  
give the rest a bad name

One good thing about Alzheimer's is  
you get to meet new people every day

Alabama state motto:  
At least we're not in Mississippi

The latest survey shows three out of four  
people make up 75% of the population

## WHY ARE THEY SMILING?

Could it be they are at a Festive Board



## SCOTTISH RITE HONORS

Brother Billy Ray Dickey, APM -- Tiler, was tabbed to receive the coveted white hat of an Inspector General Honorary in the Valley of Dallas.

Congratulations, Brother Dickey, it's an honor well deserved and we are all proud of, and for you.

## CALENDAR

Monday, August 22	Stated Meeting
Friday, August 26	Festive Board
<b>Friday, November 18</b>	<b>Festive Board</b>
Monday, November 28	Stated Meeting
Thursday-Saturday December 1-3	Grand Lodge
Saturday, December 10	Holiday Brunch