

CLAUD L. AUSTIN LODGE NO. 1450

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STATED MEETING

The next Stated Meeting is Monday, February 25th, at noon in the Green Room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. It will include yet another DDGM visit...this time from R:W: Miles H. Sheerin. Plan to be there. Lunch, always good, will follow.

FESTIVE BOARD

The Winter Festive Board will be held on Friday, February 22nd. Reservations are already pouring in and we are looking for a few more good men before we close the book. Note: We will be in a different dining room this time!

We always post the following because we are all in need of constant reminders: ***Timeliness and commitment in making reservations is absolutely necessary.***

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THE FIRST FAMILY



LODGE ANNIVERSARY

The Lodge celebrated its Silver Anniversary in connection with a great crowd at the Annual Holiday Brunch on December 15th. Everyone ate to their hearts' content. Brother Plez Transou PM gave a short and interesting history of our beginnings. Also included in the festivities were presentations of two 50-year Awards to Brothers

Mal Fitch SW and Larry Winkle PM/Treasurer. The choral group ***Espre*** from Lake Highlands High School entertained us royally and the Worshipful Master, before closing, honored our Ladies present with a long-stem rose and our grateful thanks for putting up with us for lo these many years.

IN MEMORIAM

Brother **Ira Don Richardson APM** passed away December 9, 2012. A Mason for more than 54 years, Don affiliated with Claud L. Austin Lodge in 1990. Physical problems kept him from activities in the Lodge, but whenever we communicated on the phone, he always expressed a desire to attend. He was a good man and Brother.

Brother **John Erwin Adams APM** passed away February 2, 2013. A fun loving, hard working Mason, member host for many years of the Festive Boards at the DAC Country Club, one who always had a story to tell and make others smile. Johnny was a Mason for over 51 years and a Charter Member of Claud L. Austin Lodge. Without a doubt, he will be sorely missed.

*May their names be inscribed for blessing
In the Book of Life*

INFIRMERY

Brother **Bobby Heard PM** fell at his home. It was a bummer....as he broke his "bummer" and is now living and being taken care of at the Plaza at Edgemere, Room 359. We miss his presence at the meetings, Festive Boards, etc. and hope he mends soon. 214-533-0958 cell.

Brother **Mel Polan PM** is living at the VA facility in Bonham, Room 600 D-Wing, and was scheduled to attend the Holiday Brunch to enjoy the conviviality and receive his 50-year Award. But flu-like symptoms and medication kept that from happening. He, too, is missed from the scene. 903-640-8387, ask for Mel.

Brother **Bob Sparks APM** had both knees replaced, but not to worry, he still has his signature mustache. He appears to be doing well and is not

letting all that surgery keep him down....just like a Doctor! 469-223-5366 cell.

Give them a call....or better yet, go see them.

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 them well for a quick and complete recovery.

GRAND LODGE

We are all proud that our Worshipful Past Master and Chaplain Wendell P. Miller has changed his title forever. For a while, he will be known as Right Worshipful, then for a year it will be Most Worshipful, and finally will settle back to Right Worshipful ad infinitum. Brother Miller was duly elected and installed as R:W: Grand Junior Warden on December 8th. CONGRATULATIONS, R:W: Sir!!

There were, for consideration, some 26 new resolutions and 1 carry-over resolution. Some passed, some failed...but rest assured, other than some personnel changes, Masonry in Texas remains the same....and, sadly, for the past 50 + years, membership is still on the decline.

It's not just deaths and it's not just new memberships, as much of the problem is keeping the members we have. And there is nothing in the offing to change the tide.

STATE OF THE UNION

You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity, by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.

The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.

You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.

When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work, because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because

somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation!

HMMMM!

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?

A. All were invented by women.

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb'

WOMEN AREN'T THE ONLY BLONDES

A blond man shouts frantically into the phone "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"

"Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor. "No!" he shouts, "this is her husband!"

2013 CALENDAR

Please take note, so you won't forget or have to ask...even though it's listed every quarter.

	FEBRUARY
Festive Board	Friday, February 22
Stated Meeting	Monday, February 25
	MAY
Stated Meeting	TUESDAY, May 28
Festive Board	Friday, May 31
	JUNE
Installation	Monday, June 24
	AUGUST
Festive Board	Friday, August 23
Stated Meeting	Monday, August 26
	NOVEMBER
Festive Board	Friday, November 22
Stated Meeting	Monday, November 25
	DECEMBER
Grand Lodge	December 5-7

