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JULY 2007

## BOYLESTON VISITED BY GRAND MASTER GERALD L. CARVER

What an awesome month, brothers! Degree work every Thursday, Past Masters putting on the Master's Degree on June 28<sup>th</sup>, and an official visit by our own Grand Master to top it all off!



Our crowds for June were something else: we had 37 in attendance for the E.A., 43 at Lodge for the Fellow Craft Degree, and 68 brothers at the Master's Degree - 32 of them guests! Hope to see you soon at one of the upcoming events. Take a look elsewhere in the newsletter for upcoming work and events! See you in the Lodge!

## JULY BUSINESS MTG. RECAP

We had a nice crowd of 33 for our July business meeting with 11 past masters present. After reading all the petitions or requests for affiliation, and then voting, we had to ballot on 8 people! Once again, we have a full month of work ahead of us! Make sure to plan on being there. Just pick a Thursday, and chances are that we've got a Lodge meeting!

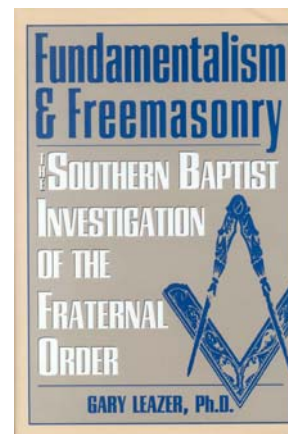
A report on the trip to Augusta for the annual GA/SC Grand Masters Exchange was given. It was declared a tie by the Grand Master of Georgia, but

most SC folks declared it a victory for the Sandlappers! Boyleston had a good showing as always with at least 8 in attendance. Thanks for being there, brethren!

The final tally on the most recent Bar-B-Que is in and we earned \$2,212.40 as a result. Nice job getting things lined up, Brother Bobby! It is a lot of work and even though there may have been a lot of help, it took a great deal to get everything coordinated and we appreciate your work! Good job, Bro. Junior Warden!

An interesting book was brought up by W.B. James Masters: **Fundamentalism and Freemasonry** written by Gary Leazer in regards to research done on behalf of the Southern Baptist Church. You may be aware of a recent letter sent to a Southern Baptist publication by someone condemning Masonry. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master Gerry Carver then sent a very well written reply to that correspondence. Brother Jim said he'd loan out the book to anyone wishing to read it, but it can also be found at various outlets, including on the internet at:

<http://www.ecampus.com/book/0871317753>.



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*(Business Meeting recap, continued from p. 1)*

Bro. Robin Olds reported on his work done to compile information and line up some care packages for military folks overseas. The packages may come to between \$16 and \$18 per soldier for each package. There was a bunch of discussion, and Bro. Robin was going to talk to R.W.B. Jack Coker whose lodge has done this for some time to get some more details. Thanks for your hard work, Brother Rob!

## HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

- A whole bunch of brothers and their friends/families have either called the lodge or a brother to get their names on the prayer list. Please note that anyone wishing to be added need only ask a brother and get word to us on the newsletter committee – call us at our home number (732-0709 – Bro. David) or get word to someone and have them speak up in lodge. We really do try hard to get everyone in who wants to or needs to be on the list!
- Your prayer list this month needs to include the following: Bro. Dutch VanDeek; Bro. Buzz Busby; Bro. Joe Dusenberry; W.B. Bobby Lockaby; Sue Carver, wife of our Grand Master Gerald L. Carver; Mrs. Don Benson; Mrs. Buster Platt; Bro. Bill Harvey; Bro. Heyward Caulder's brother and his family; Bro. Hollis Petersen;
- Please continue to keep Brothers or family members actively involved in military action in your prayers. We've asked this before, but will ask again – if you know of other members or family members overseas or deployed here in the states due to the action in the Persian Gulf region, get us their names and we'll add them to this list. Thank you!
- Condolences to Bro. Collins Belle on the recent passing of his wife. May God comfort and bless him, his family and friends in this time of sorrow.
- Congratulations to Bro. Daniel Powers who was married in late June – best of luck, Brother!
- We are glad to report that Bro. Ted Hayne did

not have a stroke as was feared and reported last month ... he was at Lodge for the business meeting and gave an upbeat report on his health despite the 'spell' he had that day! Apparently, an infection in his leg got into his blood and took its toll on him. But he is much better now, and had a good report from his doctor. Glad to hear it, Brother Ted!

- Congratulations to W.B. Harold Slawson on receiving his 50-Year pin and certificate!

## SETTING THE WORK

Lots of work going on, brethren! Make plans to attend lodge on one or more of the following days this month:

- E.A. Practice .....July 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- E.A. Degree .....July 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM  
(Eat at 6:45)
- F.C. Practice .....July 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- F.C. Degree .....July 19<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 PM  
(Eat at 6:45)
- M.M. Practice .....July 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- M.M. Degree .....July 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM  
(Eat at 6:45)
- August Business.....August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 PM  
Meeting (Eat at 6:45)

## RED BOOK STUDIES

We say it every month, and its super that we can once again state that there are no scheduled times for lodge Red Book Study this month as we have work every week! Brothers, this is outstanding!

In case you have time, though, your attendance at degree practice sessions is always appreciated. Plan on being there each practice night that you can make it on the night before the work is scheduled. See 'Setting the Work' just above this paragraph in this month's Trestleboard Newsletter!

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

- ⇒ The Wee Sale Children's Consignment Sale has received approval to hold their sale at the former Richland Lodge #39 building at 2101 Kennerly Rd. from Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. If you get a chance to stop by and look around, make your way over there ... you might find some bargains in the way of children's clothes!!!
- ⇒ The Eastern Star Spaghetti Dinner and Wedding will be held on September 22, 2007 at the Lodge. Make plans to attend and let someone know if you want to help out and/or participate!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item to every meeting, brothers. They will help restock our supply so we can help local organizations which provide to the needy. If you forget, we will have a jar setup near the meal kitty next to the Widow's fund contribution jar ...
- I can tell you that my \$30 check which accompanied my application for a Masonic License Plate was finally cashed late last month. We haven't been officially told that it was approved for all the brethren, but it made me feel pretty good when the check I sent in January eventually went through!. Make sure you apply for your own Masonic License plate ASAP! See [www.scgrandlodgeafm.org](http://www.scgrandlodgeafm.org) to download the form or call Grand Lodge at 803.808.4377!



- Brothers, we are still trying to locate a bunch of the brethren from the former Richland Lodge #39! All we could not find after four months of correspondence have been removed from the mailing list. If you know of a former Richland member who is

not getting his newsletter or has not gotten a dues card, please contact Brother Bobby and we'll add him to our lists!

## THE KNIFE & FORK DEGREE

I do not attend the meetings,  
For I've not the time to spare,  
But every time they have a feast,  
You will surely find me there.

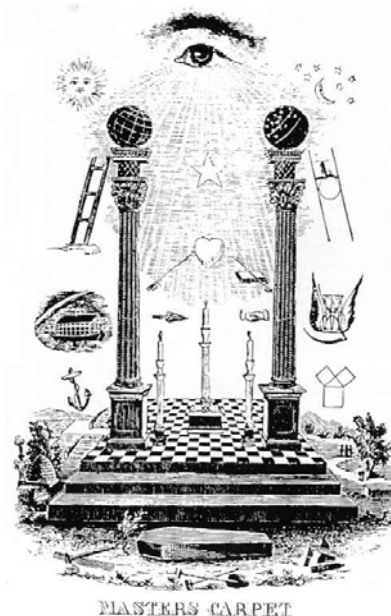
I cannot help with the degrees,  
For I do not know the work,  
But I can applaud the speakers,  
And handle a knife and fork.

I'm so rusty in the ritual,  
That it seems like Greek to me,  
But practice has made me perfect,  
In the Knife and Fork degree.




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Have a great month, Brother! See you at the lodge!




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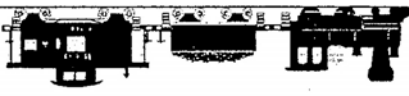
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