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LADIES NIGHT TICKETS ON SALE NOW

OFFICER ELECTIONS – DEC. 6TH

Brothers, plan on being here for the December business meeting as we will have officer elections and installation on the agenda. Officers, please bring in your Red Books as they will be collected, accounted for, and signed by the new Worshipful Master. Don't forget this important Grand Lodge requirement if you have a Ritual Book in your possession!

NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

Thirty-six brothers were present at the November business meeting including 13 past masters but no visitors. No new petitions were read but committee reports and degree advancement led to voting on 8 names for degrees and/or addition to membership! We've got work two weeks this month! Make sure to plan on being there. Details are in 'Setting the Work' elsewhere in the newsletter...

Our Boyleston Lodge history book committee has had 100 more copies printed and the books are now on sale for \$35.00 and can be bought at the lodge. You can see Brother Secretary or one of the Warrant officers can assist you in obtaining your copy.

Ladies Night has been scheduled for the last Friday in November. Tickets are \$6.00 per person and are available from Brother Senior Deacon. The meal will be catered, and we will be inviting all widows with their meals provided for by the lodge. Meal time is 7:00 PM on Friday, November 30th.

Due to how much money we have collected for the needy each month at dinner time, our lodge will be providing food to the Christian Gateway Mission this Thanksgiving holiday. We will be delivering enough food to allow them to cook Thanksgiving dinner for those less fortunate and in need. The lodge also voted to send a donation to the Carolina Children's Home to be used in whatever manner they need. What a wonderful way

to share in our good fortune and abundance, and to promote what Masonry is all about!

Folks, if you have important news or if an emergency arises and you need to leave a message destined for one of the brothers, please make sure you contact one of the Warrant Officers rather than just leaving a message on our Lodge telephone answering machine. The machine is occasionally checked, but depending on the time of the message it could be a few weeks before the word gets to the right folks. All officer telephone numbers are listed at the bottom of each newsletter.

You may recall that the lodge now has a new automatic dishwasher. Since the equipment produces very high water temperatures (over 180°F), we voted to purchase a lock for the disconnect feeding electricity to the dishwasher. We will be providing keys to our OES Sisters and the folks responsible for cleaning up after dinners will also have a key.

A couple of brothers asked for, and received permission to use Boyleston Lodge dining hall for family functions during the fall of 2008. The Eastern Star also requested use of the Lodge building for a practice session during the next week. Each request was voted on favorably. Given the close relationship between the OES and Lodge #123, the lodge voted to allow future building use requests by the Eastern Star chapter without requiring a business meeting vote. The sisters will simply coordinate their needs with our current schedule as confirmed by Brother Secretary. Good decision, brothers!

Our Grand Lodge is trying to raise money to help take care of the numerous historical items in its possession, and to make needed repairs to our Grand Lodge facility. Each brother should have already received a packet from Grand Lodge with their request. Please
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prayerfully consider the needs of our Grand Lodge and donate what you can. All donations of \$100 or more will be rewarded with a gift of a beautiful Masonic pocket watch. On the web, go to www.scgrandlodgeafm.org to reprint the form or call Grand Lodge at 808-4377 for more details.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

- Your prayer list this month needs to include the following folks in need of healing and comfort: Bro. Joe Dusenberry; W.B. Bobby Lockaby; Mrs. Buster Platt; Bro. Bill Harvey; Bro. Hollis Petersen; W.B. Lindsay Koon; W.B. Art Datnoff; and Mrs. Kelly Parrish for a safe pregnancy; In addition, some of our brothers face surgery later this month. They include W.B. Gene Swygert and Bro. Heyward Caulder. Finally, please continue to keep Brothers or family members actively involved in military action in your prayers. Let us know their names so we can put them in the newsletter.
- Boyleston Lodge expresses sincere condolences to the families of the following brothers who have been called home by the Grand Geometrician of the Universe: A.B. Turner, Jacob Richardson, David Amick, and A.G. Busa.

SETTING THE WORK

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

E.A. Degree..... November 8th, 7:30 PM
(Eat at 6:45)

M.M. Practice November 14th, 7:00 PM

M.M. Degree November 15th, 7:30 PM
(Eat at 6:45)

December Business Mtg. Dec 6th, 7:30 PM
Officer Elections (Eat at 6:45)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- A reminder that the Eastern Star is having a homemade chocolate candy fundraiser. See any OES member for more details and let's continue to support our OES chapter!
- Ladies Night is scheduled for Friday, November 30th with dinner kicking off at 7:00 PM. Get your tickets now for this catered event for only \$6.00

per ticket. Widows of lodge brethren are invited and will have their meal provided. Make plans to attend this – it promises to be a lot of fun!

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, there's a collection box setup near the meal kitty next to the Widow's fund ...
- All help to the newsletter committee is appreciated – call us at our home number (732-0709 – Bro. David), call and leave a message at the lodge (732-3408) or get word to someone and have them speak up in lodge. Thanks for your help!
See you in Lodge this month, Brother!

MASONRY IN THE OLD WEST

It was a tale of Masonic men surrounding a campfire in the Old West, at night, discussing the Fraternity and its teachings. One old man listened patiently, and finally spoke up: "I can tell you more about Masonry in a little example than some of the great Masonic philosophers can in books. Everybody stand up, and gather in a circle around the campfire."

They did that. "Now, everybody hold hands with the man next to him."

They did that, too.

"Now, what do you see, looking ahead?"

"The face of a Brother Mason through the flames."

"What do you feel in front of you?"

"The warmth of the fire, and the comfort it brings on a cool night."

"What do you feel at your side?"

"The warm hand of a Brother."

"OK. Now, drop the hands, and turn around."

They did so.

"Now, what do you see, looking ahead?"

"Complete darkness."

"What do you feel, looking ahead?"

"A sense of loneliness, of being alienated."

"What do you feel at your side?"

"Nothing at all."

"What do you feel on your backside?"

"The warmth of the fire."

"So it is with Masonry," said the old man. "In Masonic gatherings, you can feel the warmth of Masonic interaction, you can see the face of a Brother through the light Masonry brings to you, and you can always feel the warm hand of a Brother. When you turn away from Masonry, and are out in the world, you see darkness, feel alienated and alone, and do not feel the warm hand of your Masonic Brother. But Masonry, and the warmth and light it brings, are just a turn away from you."

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