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BBQ DINNER TAKES TOP BILLING THIS MONTH! FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

A nice crowd was present for February's business meeting - we had 38 brothers with 11 Past Masters and 2 visiting brothers in attendance. Thanks to the cooks for the great chow: Buster, Glenn, Ronnie, Ken, and perhaps others we've failed to mention!

After minutes were read, a number of petitions were brought to the attention of the lodge brothers. Committees have been formed to investigate those interested in joining Boyleston Lodge. Looks like we'll still have two or more weeks of work per month for the foreseeable future! Call the lodge telephone to check for the latest in work and lodge information ... and see more below!

Bro. John Meetze, our Junior Warden, has sent out a plea to all brothers for assistance at this year's spring chicken Bar-b-Que. Crews of workers are needed for setup, making the slaw, cleaning the chicken, overnight cooking, BBQ day activities, and clean-up. Please make yourself available to Bro. John as he has a massive undertaking ahead of him - he can be reached at 513.2102 so put in some time, brother!

Our thanks are extended to Bro. Albert Stoudemeyer, W.B. Darr Taylor, Bro. Ronnie Faircloth, W.B. Gene Swygert, and W.B. Carl Sellers for their work and donation of materials on the underpinning project for Christgate Mission.

The lodge voted to allow WeeSales to use the former Richland Lodge building during the last weekend of February/first weekend of March. WeeSales is the group who used the building late last summer for a consignment sale which was apparently successful. They told us then that the location was perfect for them, and wanted to know

if they could use the building again in a few months - hence this request. It sure helps pay the bills at the old property. This might not be able to continue, though, as ...

We have been approached by a couple groups in regards to the former Richland Building. The committee in charge of handling the building reported on the requests, led by a local lodge which is considering an effort to downsize. So as not to be hoodwinked in any attempts to sell the property, the committee is having an independent appraiser come to the property and assess its value. The lodge voted its approval of the move, and we'll see what happens next.

Discussion was had regarding the new dishwasher at the lodge. There will be some training, and a key to lock-out the dishwasher so that people won't get injured by the high speed, high temperature washings which are now possible. As soon as dates are set for some training we'll get it in the newsletter and/or on the lodge answering machine. There was also some concern as to whether or not the stove was functioning properly and Bro. Albert was going to look into getting someone with the appropriate skill set to check it out.

Brothers, Bro. David sends his regrets that we were unable to grind out the newsletter until so late in the month. He got sick the same night as the lodge business meeting, took about a week to get over it, then his wife got it and that developed into pneumonia. She's doing better and is back to work this week (Feb 26) - but the damage was done and we were a bit behind to say the least.

We try to keep up-to-date on everything going on, so be sure to check the website

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HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

- Your prayer list this month needs to include the following folks in need of healing and comfort: W.B. Bill Bouknight and family on the death of a grandchild shortly after birth – our hearts go out to you, Bro. Bill, Joy, and family; Bro. Dutch VanBeek; Bro. Joe Dusenberry; W.B. Bobby Lockaby; Mrs. Buster Platt; Bro. Bill Harvey; Bro. Hollis Petersen; W.B. Gene Swygert on continued better doctor reports – Bro. Gene will be going out of town soon for a few weeks so let him know you care; W.B. Lindsay Koon – it was good to see Bro. Lindsay out the other day and we look forward to seeing you at lodge, brother!; W.B. Art Datnoff; Mrs. Kelly Parrish and new daughter Grace – welcome to the world!; W.B. Gene Hutto's wife who is rehabilitating after an injury, and Bro. Gene who hurt his knee; Bro. Buzz Busby who is battling cancer; Mrs. Eula Lowman; Bro. Heyward Caulder on his continued recovery; Bro. Hal Curtis; Bro. Bobby Pittman on hoping to have a good annual checkup at the doctor;
- Remember -- please continue to keep Brothers or family members actively involved in military action – as well as our service men and women throughout the world – in your prayers. If you get us their names, we'll print them out in our newsletter...
- Boyleston Lodge expresses sincere condolences to the family of Bro. Thomas Rish, a Richland 39 affiliate, who has been called to that great Celestial Lodge above.

GRAND LODGE FIGURES

Folks, there were a lot of people involved in compiling this year's Grand Lodge Reports on our activities from 2007 ... this was due the first week of February and we got our forms to Grand Lodge on-time.

This year we had to do two reports: one for the month Richland Lodge was open and to demit #39's members to Boyleston, and the second for Boyleston's year and all changes incurred last

year. Bro Bobby Pittman and his lovely bride Linda put in a great deal of time as well as Bro. Carl, Bro. Ray, Bro. David, and surely some others. Thanks for your hard work, Bro. Secretary! Here are some of those figures:

Members (1 Jan 07)..... 297

Raised 17
 Affiliated 171
 Re-instated 6

Total after increase:..... 491

NPD 13
 Deaths 16
 Demits 4

Members (31 Dec 07)..... 458

SETTING THE WORK

F.C. Degree February 21th, 7:30 PM
 (practice Feb 20th) Eat at 6:45

M.M. Degree February 28th, 7:30 PM
 (practice Feb 27th) Eat at 6:45

March Business Mtg. March 6th, 7:30 PM
 (Eat at 6:45)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Atop the list on your calendar should be the weekend of March 8th for our first Bar-b-que of 2008. Remember that lots of help will be needed, so give Bro JW a call!

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 ...
- Thank you to Jane Blakely who donated two books to the lodge: **A New Encyclopedia of Freemasonry**, and **The Brotherhood: The Secret World of the Freemasons**. The books are appreciated and will be often used!
- Items to be used as news in the newsletter are always welcome ... email Bro. David at wbeasley@boylestonlodge.com, or call him at 240.5504 (cell)/732.0709(home).

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