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OFFER MADE FOR FORMER RICHLAND BLDG



If you have been to lodge, or following along in the newsletter, we reported that the former Richland #39 building at 2101 Kennerly Rd. had a 'For Sale' sign in front. We immediately began receiving offers and in lodge last week we voted to have the committee take action if it feels appropriate if the offer was at least \$400K. There have been enough offers to initiate action as decided upon by last week's vote.

The current high bidder is an occupant who requires a zoning change, so that process will get under way. There was much discussion, and many pre-merger Richland brothers were there to provide input. It is known that the matter will take a few months to complete. The lodge was quite generally in favor of what was taking place and voted to allow the committee to continue looking for land for possible future Boyleston use. Thanks for coming out and being a part of the system, brothers!

FINAL RED BOOK 'REMINDER'

Please turn in your lodge ritual book to WB Carl Sellers at the final yearly business meeting on December 4th. If you don't have it you'll be sent

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home to get it, so bring it with you! That way he can pass them all along to the next master – per Grand Lodge. Thank you in advance – *from WB Carl.*

NEWSLETTER BID

Last month we received lodge permission to have Pine Press Printing be our monthly newsletter printer. We have heard a number of good comments on the layout as well as the size of the paper.

If you would like to get on the email list to get your newsletter, just call, or send an email addressed to: wbeasley@boylestonlodge.com and I will add you to the email message with the newsletter in a PDF hot off the presses! Note that if I am sending an email to you, you get only the electric version unless you ask for both ahead of time — at least that's the plan☺.

NOVEMBER BUSINESS NOTES

Boyleston Lodge members met on November 6th and had breakfast for supper prior to the business meeting – there were 50 members present, 16 past masters, and 2 visitors. Brother Bobby Pittman then read minutes for the previous month's work. The lodge voted on one member for re-instatement and for an E.A. to be passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft.

While the main action involved the vote to allow the sale of the former Richland property, other action revolved around the state of some of the artifacts of the former lodge. Photographs of past masters have been brought over to Boyleston but have yet to be assimilated into the collection of #123's past masters. Some furniture from the front lobby of the former lodge is now in place in the

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dining hall. A number of historical records have been taken to the Grand Lodge for archival storage. Included were the lodge minutes and sign-in sheets, many old books, and some other artifacts. The committee on the former Richland building will be helping to integrate as many of these items as they can.

Last month there was a talk that the property adjoining our lodge to the north/west between CVS and our parking area was for sale, and that it might be wise to pursue purchasing it for the extra parking it would bring. Brother Gene brought it back up in lodge this month, and found out that the asking price for the 6/10th acre lot was \$400,000. Not much further was said, although it was pretty much agreed that the price of the land given its proximity to a growing area of the county would not be going down any time soon!

Brethren, Bro. Secretary reported that there are less than twenty members who have not yet paid their dues for this year, and read their names in lodge. October 31st was the deadline and if unpaid by 31 December you risk being erased NPD. Please get your dues in to Bobby Pittman in care of the PO Box as soon as possible!

Speaking of Bro. Secretary, we received a rather large water bill (around \$350) from the city of Columbia last month. Nobody is sure where the problem really lies. W.B. Carlos Gibbons, formerly the tenant in the old Bull Oil building when he owned 'The Farm House Antiques', mentioned that water had been run over to that building and believed it could be connected to our building. Bro. Ray Boland will be getting with Jim Bull, the building's owner, to try and determine if they are using our water, or if we need to dig around and find a leak somewhere. The city of Columbia claimed that we were responsible for the bill.

In additional business, the lodge approved the use of the building for a couple of brothers for family fixtures in the upcoming year. 'Thank You' notes sent to the lodge were also read aloud. Finally, Bro. Carl set the work and reminded everyone to make the extra effort and be present for elections at the December 4th business meeting. It was a great night to be a part of the lodge fellowship! Make your plans to be here the first Thursday of every month.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

One note about this prayer list: if we don't hear anything about someone on the list, then they stay on the list. If you see something which needs correction, or know of someone who needs to be prayed for, please let us know and we'll get their names on this list. We encourage you to pray daily, and to include these names in your prayers to the Grand Geometrician!

Please be sure to keep these brothers, their family and friends all in your thoughts and prayers for those things that they may need: Bro. Dutch VanBeek; Bro. Joe Dusenberry at Lexington Medical Center Extended Care facility – try to make some time to go visit Bro. Joe; W.B. Bobby Lockaby who continues his cancer battle; Mrs. Buster Platt; Bro. Hollis Petersen; W.B. Gene Swygert; W.B. Lindsey Koon and his wife; W.B. Gene Hutto and his wife Amelia – both are slowly but surely getting better;

Continued prayers for: Mrs. Eula Lowman; Bro. Heyward Caulder; Bro. David Kibler; W.B. Pappy Wren; Bro. Bryce Wren; Bro. Bob Martin; Bro. Pookie Turner's father who is fighting cancer; W.B. Rufus Shealy; Bro. Bryce Wren's son Jimmy; W.B. Ken West from Dentsville Lodge; Prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Bro. Larry Meetze on the death of his brother-in-law; Bro. Ted Hayne's wife who is in the hospital in Charleston with a problematic pancreas; Bro. Dennis Goebel; W.B. Sellers' wife who continues to recover from foot surgery; Bro. Dwight Derrick who continues to have some problems but regularly finds time to come up to lodge; Sympathies go out to the family of Bro. Bill Harvey who passed away after a long battle with cancer and related side-effects; Our thoughts are also with the family of Bro. John T. Hallman who recently passed;

Prayers are requested for W. B. David Easley's step-brother Steve Williams who has a melanoma on his back which will be removed via surgery the week of Thanksgiving; the family of Charles Ray Shealy need your prayers for the recent passing of his sister, and for his wife Edie who is now under hospice care; Bro. Rick Lindler is going through a number of tests dealing with his heart – it has shown some irregularities in heartbeat and his

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blood pressure is high, and the doctors are trying to adjust medications to get things straight; Bro. Gene Sweat who is recovering from a slight stroke; Bro. Bobby Pittman; the sister-in-law of Bro. Chick Player who is battling lung cancer and a brain tumor.

A big thank you to Brother Hal Curtis who continues to be the beacon of information and source for our monthly Health and Happiness reports – we sure appreciate what you do, Bro. Hal! Let's make sure to call, visit, or otherwise contact some of these folks, then spend some time with the Lord and ask for his healing touch for all these needy brothers and their families.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS

When we first took over doing the newsletter, we took the old newsletter and simply extended it somewhat to fit in more of a newspaper like format so that we had columns to break up the reading. We took the advertisements on the back page and reproduced them as they had originally appeared.

Well, after two years of doing this we were asked at the business meeting about how long the ads were supposed to run. And we had no idea! We also don't know how much they originally cost.

So at the next business meeting, we are going to either ask for some guidance or give some suggestions as to how much different-sized ads will run. After the December newsletter, we will only run the advertisements which have been accordingly paid for. Just give us a business card, artwork, or a suggestion of what you want printed up in the newsletter, and we'll have it run on the back side of the mail out.

MASONIC EDUCATION

Here are some things pulled from a past issue of 'The SCMRS Floor', the publication offered by the South Carolina Masonic Research Society. Pay attention, brothers, and you might just learn something!

Why do brethren not pass between the Altar and the East when Lodge is at labor? Brethren do not pass between the Altar and the East in a Masonic

Lodge at labor (except in a degree) because the Master is supposed to have the Great Lights constantly in view. In theory, at least, he draws inspiration from the Altar to preside over the lodge and must not therefore, be prevented from seeing it at any time.

The custom is but a pretty courtesy, but it is rooted in a fundamental conception of the Craft – that the Altar is the center of Masonry, and that from it and from the Great Lights it bears, flow all that there is of Masonic inspiration and truth and light.

English lodges do not have this problem, since in them a pedestal near the Master is the Altar on which lies the Holy Book.

How should I wear my Masonic ring; with the compass pointing towards my fingers or the reverse? No Grand Lodge has legislated upon the subject except North Carolina whose laws state that a Mason *should* wear the ring so the tips of the compasses are pointed toward him. But this is suggestive, not mandatory. The consensus is that if a Masonic ring is worn to advise those who see it that the wearer is a Master Mason, the tips of the compasses should be pointed towards the tips of the fingers. If the ring is worn to remind the wearer that he is a Master Mason, his ring should be worn with the tips of the compasses painted towards the wrist.

SETTING THE WORK

F.C. DegreeNovember 20, 7:30 p.m.
(practice on 19th) supper at 6:45 p.m.

December Business Mtg. ...December 4th, 7:30 p.m.
supper at 6:45 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Covered Dish CelebrationDec. 6th, 6:30 p.m.
Ballentine OES Chapter at lodge
(Brothers and family are welcome)

8th/10th Instructional Mtg.January 23, 7:00 p.m.
at Scottish Rite Temple

Ladies NightJanuary 30, 7:00 p.m.

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