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HELP ‘ BEFRIEND AND RELIEVE ANY BROTHER WHO SHALL NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE ... ’

Brethren, we had a couple of fine meetings the last two months with a lot of good socializing, humor, and the craft took some fine steps towards promoting the best masonry has to offer. If you were able to attend lodge, you know of the many gifts which were given to those who were deemed ‘in need’. You also know that there are still some needs out there. We are still seeking help financially so that we can continue to help those who need our help. A benefit is being held on October 4th to assist. If you want to help financially, please call Bro. Ronnie Faircloth or Bro. John Meetze.

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER BUSINESS NOTES

Boyleston Lodge members met on August 7th and had a fine meal as usual before the business meeting – there were 38 members present, 13 Past Masters, and 1 visitor. Brother Bobby Pittman then read minutes for all the happenings in July (four meetings) ... we should budget for some throat drops for brother secretary! Capping the month was the Master’s degree put on by the Past Master’s Club where we had 62 with 10 visitors and 30 Past Maters seated in lodge! We sure had some good work the past couple months ... good job all who helped put it on. We have work again this month, so make your plans to visit Lodge #123 soon!

Brother Lindsey Koon told the brothers ‘Thank You’ for all the calls, cards, prayers, and visits over the past few months. You see, folks, it DOES work! Our Junior Warden, Brother John Meetze, let everyone know of the specifics of the August Barbecue and solicited help from the craft. The

event took place on the weekend of August 9th, and had the makings of a successful fundraiser. Thanks to all the folks who helped with the many chores involved in our fundraiser. Good job with such an awesome responsibility, brother John!

Updating us on the situation with the Lamar billboard on the Boyleston property, brother J.J. Gentry brought everyone ‘up to speed’ on where we stand. As a refresher, we had a ten year contract with Lamar which began in 1997 at \$100 per month revenue for the billboard. Specific wording in the contract provided for an automatic renewal at the same cost for an additional five years if nothing in writing was provided to cancel the contract. Lamar responded to our inquiry with some offers which would supersede the current contractual terms, including:

- ✓ \$23,600 if they purchased it from us
- ✓ \$1750 per year for a 10 year term
- ✓ \$2000 per year for a 15 year term

J.J.’s recommendation, and the one agreed upon in lodge, was to let the next 4 years proceed as is currently contractually obligated. Then take the appropriate action in the correct allowed time frame to end the contract as we know it. We would then renegotiate on a year-by-year basis. Big thanks to J.J. for all the time and effort in pursuing this tricky matter!

More ‘Thank You Notes’ were read in lodge: Christgate Mission sent sincere thanks for the lodge purchasing the needed supplies and toiletries for those being cared for at the mission. Riverland Hills Baptist Church sent a note acknowledging the donation in memory of recently passed bro. Busby. Shortly thereafter, the brothers voted to donate

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\$150 from the Relief fund to benefit a needy child in the Chapin area. All of this giving brought out some concerns about which funds are to be used for what charities, how to go about giving to widows and orphans in need, and how Grand Lodge treated the same subjects. Someone was going to check w. M.W.B. G. Ray Marsh to see ...

On September 4th, the brothers met again to deal with the business at hand. There were 36 in all, including 16 Past Masters. Supper consisting of stewed tomatoes over rice with ham, butter beans, and cornbread was outstanding. It really hit the spot! There was one petition read, and we voted for one affiliate and one brother to continue and receive his master's degree. A request to have an retail automated ice stand 'facility' placed on lodge property was brought up in lodge but was thought to place the lodge's tax status in jeopardy and was not brought to a vote.

WB David Easley gave a report on the rental of the former Richland building as during the month prior to the business meeting a request to use the building was received by the same folks who used it previously. The committee for caretaking of the building met shortly thereafter and approved the use of the old lodge if all the paperwork and proper insurance requirements were met. An inspection of the HVAC systems was performed as it was not cooling properly. A good bit of work and a lot of money are likely involved in permanently fixing the problem. The brothers also voted to place a for sale sign on the property. The report was accepted by the brethren.

Due to the need for cleanup work around the old Richland building, Worshipful Master Carl Sellers designated the second Thursday as a work day at the former lodge building on Kennerly Rd. There must have been 20 or more people there to help weed-eat, mow, remove trash from the inside, vacuum, and pretty much give it a good fall cleaning. And it looks a whole lot better. Thanks to all who helped, and to Bro. Ronnie Alcorn and Bro. Jeremy Alcorn who took care of getting in touch with MCEC to have the power pole replaced. It appears to have been hit hard by some vehicle over the past few weeks and was cracked on one side. The new pole is now in and functional.

The building committee also checked on the HVAC unit at Boyleston Lodge as it didn't appear to be working as well as it could have been. The filters in the fan-coil unit were old and not filtering well. They also had holes in them. The result was that the unit's coils are pretty much stopped-up. Getting to them to clean them is a difficult proposition. Bro. Bobby Pittman will be getting hold of someone to take care of the work as soon as he becomes available. He will do a good job and is very reasonably priced.

Prior to getting into Health and Happiness (see the next page), Brother Hal Curtis gave his usual excellent report on how everyone was doing. In addition, he challenged every brother to call up someone who was laid up in bed or unable to get out. Check on them; see if they are doing OK and find out what you can do to help. Invite them to lodge! Calls and cards do wonders for those who can't get out or are recovering from sickness or surgery, or are otherwise unable to get around normally. So call and ask a brother to lodge next month!

Brother Secretary read a thank you note from the Masonic Service Association for the \$170 donation given by the lodge to the Masonic Volunteer Services at Dorn V.A. Hospital. The Oliver Gospel Mission also sent a thank you note for the food that the lodge donated following the last fund raiser. Good job, brothers! Finally, it was decided that the brothers would meet to try out some Bar-b-que at the new Lil' Pigs BBQ located on Broad River Rd. near the Peak Exit (I-26 Exit 97) at the site of the former Whale's Tail restaurant. We'll meet there at 6:30 on Friday, September 26th. All in all, it was a great meeting. Make it a point to come on out to YOUR lodge in the upcoming months.

APPOINTED TO TASK FORCE

W.B. Carlos Gibbons very recently lost his wife of 50+ years to Alzheimer's disease. But Carlos is moving forward and has been appointed by Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer to the Purple Ribbon Alzheimer's Task Force. This vital endeavor will serve to create a new state plan for addressing issues related to the disease here in South Carolina. While all who knew her will miss Jean, her legacy lives on in what their daughter Leeza's foundation (known as Leeza's Place) stands for and

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accomplishes, and in Carlos' service to the cause. Good work, brother Carlos and family!

BOOSTERSPLUS CARD BENEFITS SCOTTISH RITE

Speaking of helping other brothers in need, Boostersplus is an easy, convenient way for you to support the local Scottish Rite by simply purchasing groceries, something we all have to do!

How do they earn money? The Scottish Rite will earn money by distributing their enrollment cards to their supporters and instructing them to scan the cards *one time* with their BONUSCARD® the next time they shop at BI-LO. One percent of their purchases (excluding, but without limitation, money orders, gift cards, Western Union, postage stamps, and lottery tickets) will be given to the organization.

How do I enroll my BONUSCARD? You can enroll your BONUSCARD to support the Scottish Rite by taking this card clipped from this newsletter to the store and scanning it with your BONUSCARD. This one-time scan will enroll your BONUSCARD for the Scottish Rite until May 31 of next year.



1. Give this enrollment card to the cashier with your BONUSCARD one time during the school year to enroll.
2. One percent of your purchases will be donated to your designated group through May 31.
3. Call 800-768-4438 if you have any questions.

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BEHIND ON DUES?

Brethren, Bro. Secretary reports that there are still forty-plus members who have not yet paid their dues for this year. October 31st is the deadline and afterwards you risk being erased NPD. Please get your dues in to Bobby Pittman in care of the PO Box as soon as possible!

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

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, who was recently moved to the Lexington Medical Center Extended Care facility; W.B. Bobby Lockaby; Mrs. Buster Platt; Bro. Bill Harvey; Bro. Hollis Petersen; W.B. Gene Swygert; W.B. Lindsey Koon and his wife; W.B. Gene Hutto, who is recovering nicely from surgery on Monday, August 11th, and his wife Amelia – The cancer in Bro. Gene's colon was found early and the prognosis is good; much of this can be attributed to the fact that Bro. Gene gets a colonoscopy every five years and recommends it in practice to all the brothers. Brother Gene was in lodge last month! Thank you Lord for helping him through this tough situation!

Continued prayers for: Mrs. Eula Lowman; Bro. Heyward Caulder; Bro. David Kibler; W.B. Pappy Wren; Bro Bryce Wren; Bro. Bob Martin; the family of Bro. Steve Seeley; Deepest sympathies to the family of R.W.B Art Datnoff, who passed August 12th, 2008; Bro. Pookie Turner's father who has cancer; W.B. Rufus Shealy; Bro. Bryce Wren's son Jimmy; W.B Ken West from Dentsville Lodge; Prayers and sympathy goes out to the family of Bro. Buzz Busby; Brother Dennis Goebel is still recovering from an accident ... he is on crutches but is scheduled to get a 'walking boot' on September 17th;

SETTING THE WORK

M.M. Degree September 25, 7:30 p.m.
(practice on 24th) supper at 6:45 p.m.
October Business Mtg. October 2nd, 7:30 p.m.
supper at 6:45 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Lodge Eating MeetingSeptember 26th
Lil' Pigs BBQ meet there at 6:30 p.m.
Square and Compass ClubSeptember 30th
Pacific Lodge supper at 6:30 p.m.
District Inspirational MeetingOctober 3rd
Scottish Rite Temple supper at 6:30 p.m.

Quote of the day: Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living, the other helps you make a life.

~Sandra Carey