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BBQ DINNER A BIG SUCCESS!

APRIL BUSINESS MEETING

The members of Boyleston Lodge #123 met at the usual hour on Thursday, April 2nd and enjoyed a fine meal cooked by our OES Sisters! Baked ham, green beans, au gratin potatoes, rolls, and lots of dessert were offered up. The sisters used this excellent idea as a fund-raiser for their chapter. I don't think even one brother went away hungry! Well done, ladies. Thirty-three members signed the register, and twelve were Past Masters. There were ballots on all three degrees, and work continues to abound for our lodge. Good job, brethren.

W.B. Bill Bouknight gave the craft a report from the Audit Committee. Everything was in order, and as a body we are in quite good shape fiscally. Bro. Ken Burgess reported on this year's first bar-b-que dinner. The lodge grossed \$7,498.50, and came up with a net profit of \$2,615.94. Bro. Ken thanked everyone involved in the work. Well done to you, Brother Junior Warden. This is an awesome task and takes a lot of hard work and coordination. And good job to all the folks who helped make this such a success.

Thanks to Bro. Ronnie Alcorn for his role in getting the outside lights at the lodge repaired. As of last month, we were going to have it looked at by electricians. But someone responded to the lodge newsletter and donated their time and efforts, and the electric company came to fix the rest of the problem. As of now, all our outside lights are working properly. Another note of thanks from the Christgate mission was read aloud. Bro. Albert Stoudemeyer has been a liaison between our body and the mission's needs. When asked what they still needed, they supplied us a list of supplies. The lodge voted to give \$100 to the

mission to take care of those needs. Good job, brothers!

A few miscellaneous things were brought up at the meeting as well. Bro. Secretary mentioned the cost of maintaining telephone service for the Richland building. While some questioned the need for it, the building's alarm system requires a phone line in order to work properly. The possibility of limited service was looked into a couple years ago, but it is not a residence so there was little if anything we could do but continue paying the bill or lose the functionality of the alarm system. He also mentioned that Lamar has been informed of our desire to no longer renew the billboard contract that was discussed in lodge and printed in the newsletter a number of months ago. To recap, the contract was one which automatically renewed at rates negotiated years ago. Once the terms of the current contract run out (in a few years), we will pursue a different course of action. W.B. Bill Bouknight also brought up the notion of giving R.W.B. Ed Neely an Honorary Life Membership for his service as District Deputy Grand Master. The lodge voted unanimously to award it.

Bro. Brown from Dutch Fork Lodge announced that they would be having their first-ever BBQ fundraiser on Saturday, June 27th. Noting the success of our event, they asked for some pointers. Our brothers were happy to oblige. Let's keep this in mind come June and support our brothers down Broad River Road! They also mentioned the possibility of degree work the next few months, so we may be visiting to claim their kitchen flag! It was also mentioned that Sinclair Lodge had scheduled a Concealed Weapons Permit class for mid-April. We'll report how that went as soon as we here from some of the folks who may have attended.

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HEALTH AND HAPPINESS



Prayers are requested for the following: Bro. Dutch VanBeek; W.B. Bobby Lockaby; W.B. and Mrs. Buster Platt; Judy Dry, wife of Bro. Jim Dry – Judy's tumor was down in size and only had a couple more rounds of chemo to take before having further surgical procedures to handle the mass. Thanks to the Lord for the healing which has taken place! Continued prayers for: Bro. Hollis Petersen; W.B. Gene Swygert; W.B. Lindsey Koon and his wife; W.B. Gene Hutto and wife Amelia – Bro. Gene continues to have a rough go of it, but had staples removed after his second surgery. So things appear to be getting better slowly but surely; Bro. Ronnie Faircloth, who had a melanoma removed from his back; Bro. Bob Martin, who at the time of the meeting was unable to work due to health issues; Bro. Richard 'Smitty' Koontz and his wife – Smitty is recovering from hip replacement surgery and has had work done on his knees, while his wife requires oxygen 24-7.

Please continue to keep in your prayers: Mrs. Eula Lowman; W.B. Pappy Wren; Bro Bryce Wren; Bro. Bob Martin; Bro. Pookie Turner's father; W.B. Rufus Shealy; Bro. Bryce Wren's son Jimmy; W.B Ken West from Dentsville Lodge; Bro. Dwight Derrick; Bro. Piney Bickley's mother-in-law Dorothey Harrellson, who continues to improve; W.B. Sellers' wife Becky; Bro. Ron Kuhn; Robbie Robinson; Bro Lewis East; Bro. Billy Sox, who was in LMC Extended Care – he is doing as well as can be expected and at the time was on dialysis and had a feeding tube and eating only soft food due to post-treatment issues; he can be visited on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays.

Prayers are requested for W. B. David Easley's step-father Ray Williams who is still battling cancer but it has started to progress – he is on a new regimen of chemo; His other step-father, Bart Mellon, went into the hospital for repair of an abdominal aneurysm – recovery was slow and without pitfalls as he had to go back in to the hospital when it was found to be leaking. But after coming back in and much prayer done on his behalf, they could no longer find a leak and did not have to go into him invasively to handle it! Bro. Wil Hutchins' cousin Julie Rout and her surviving

infant child; Bro. Wil's aunt Linda Olsten who is undergoing final chemotherapy treatments and will soon endure radiation therapy; Bro. Rick Lindler is back to work and doing better – they are still trying to get all his medications working together; Bro. Gene Sweat; Bro. Bobby Pittman, who was back in the hospital but scheduled to go home shortly after the April business meeting; Bro. Jim Hamel from Fort Jackson Lodge; Don Browning, in the hospital in Charleston battling Hepatitis C; Bro. Albert Stoudemeyer's mother who was recovering after gall stone issues;

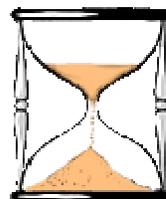
After Bro. Hal Curtis finished with his reporting of health and happiness concerns, W.B. Gene Swygert got up and thanked Bro. Hal for all he does in the way of keeping members up-to-date and for all the work which goes into visiting and calling to check on them. Thanks again, Brother Hal – we DO appreciate your efforts!

C'mon out to lodge this coming month. You, too, will be appreciated! And you will be better off for it, as well!

MASONIC EDUCATION

At our last printing, we were nearing the end of our discussion of a number of symbols found in the MM degree using the Ahiman Rezon as our reference. We now finish the final two of them in depth.

“There are in this degree two classes of emblems or symbols, the first of which is monitorial, and consists of *the Three Steps, the Pot of Incense, the Bee-Hive, the Book of Constitutions, guarded by the Tiler's Sword, the Sword, pointing to a Naked Heart, the All-seeing Eye, the Anchor and Ark, the Forty-seventh Problem of Euclid, the Hour-Glass, and the Scythe*. They are thus explained:



The Hour Glass – Is an emblem of human life. Behold! How swiftly the sands run, and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close! We cannot without astonishment behold the little particles which are contained in this machine; how they pass away almost imperceptibly! And yet, to our surprise, in the short space of an hour they are

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all exhausted. Thus wastes man! Today he puts forth the tender leaves of hope; tomorrow blossoms, and bears his blushing honors thick upon him; the next day comes a frost, which nips the shoot; and when he thinks his greatness is still aspiring, he falls, like autumn leaves, to enrich our mother earth.



The Scythe – Is an emblem of a time, which cuts the brittle thread of life, and launches us into eternity. Behold! What havoc the scythe of Time makes among the human race! If by chance we should escape the numerous evils incident to childhood and youth and with health and vigor arrive at the years of manhood; yet, withal, we must soon be cut down by the all-devouring scythe of Time, and be gathered into the land where our fathers have gone on before us.

We hope you have enjoyed this venture into some of the symbols found throughout Masonry. Stay tuned for more Masonic education next issue!

A BIT OF WIT

Drug Problem – The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question. ‘Why didn’t we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?’

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young. I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather. I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn’t put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom’s garden and flower beds and cockleburs out of dad’s fields. I

was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some fireweed; and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today’s children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place. God bless the parents who drugged us!

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SETTING THE WORK

E.A. Degree.....Wed. April 8th, 7:30 p.m.
(practice on 7th) supper at 6:45 p.m.

F.C. Degree..... April 16th, 7:30 p.m.
(practice on 15th)..... supper at 6:45 p.m.

M.M. Degree.....April 30st, 7:30 p.m.
(practice on 29th)..... supper at 6:45 p.m.

There’s a good chance for at least two degrees (if not three) to take place during the month of May. Dates will be posted once the Master sets work at the business meeting on Thursday, May 7th.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Grand Lodge.....April 23rd-24th, 10:00 a.m.
Religious Service 9:00 a.m.

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

PS – Please forgive your newsletter editor! I lost my notes for the March meeting and was unable to compose a mailing for that month.

Regrets - DE

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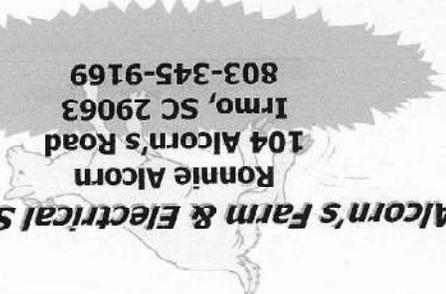
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