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## GRAND MASTER HOLDS OFFICIAL VISIT

### OVER 70 IN ATTENDANCE FOR JULY MEETING

Boyleston Lodge #123 was honored to host Most Worshipful Brother Barry A. Rickman and his party of 12 for our July Business meeting this month. M.W.B. Rickman was in Ballentine with the following: W.B. Bobby Lockaby, PGSt; W.B. Ray Boland, PGP; W.B. Richard Barton, PJGD; W.B. John Marcucci, PJGD, PGSt; R.W.B. Harold Branham, PDDGM; R.W.B. Ed Neely, PDDGM; R.W.B. Mike Broom, GSt; R.W.B. Roger Gregory, DDGM; R.W.B. Bill Bouknight, PGSt, DDGM; R.W.B. Bill Rogers, JGW; M.W.B. Jack Marler, PGM, GT; M.W.B. G. Ray Marsh, PGM, GSec; Brethren, kudos to these fine men and masons – they travel throughout the state more nights each week than not! They help keep our Grand Lodge well regulated and well governed. And they are just like you: Blue Lodge brothers. We appreciate their time on this special night.

A big ‘Thank You’ to all the brothers who responded to our invitation in last month’s newsletter and were able to be a part of this meeting. There were at least 65 brothers in the lodge hall, with 18 past masters and 10 visitors in attendance and all were well fed as usual! Some more were downstairs for supper but had commitments. (As an aside – we eat better than almost all other lodges and I don’t take it for granted – thanks again to all who help prepare our meals!) Our O.E.S. sisters came up with the fixins to complement one of Ronnie Alcorn’s prime hogs: BBQ, hash, slaw, bread, pies. What a bountiful meal! The Grand Master may come visit more often based on the food we ate ☺.

Meeting notes will be more brief than usual. After meeting late into the night last month, and having the Grand Master and party this month, not much new business came out of this business meeting. We voted on 5 men for affiliation or advancement. A good many were discussed in regards to health and happiness, and you’ll find updated information in that section later on in this newsletter. The steering committee on the future of the Boyleston Lodge building and site will be meeting again on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. Good dialog took place at the last committee meeting in June, and some really good ideas were discussed. More information is being gathered, and it will likely be discussed at the business meeting next month. We were also reminded that the next BBQ dinner is set for August 15<sup>th</sup> so make your plans to help out!



Congratulations go out to visiting Bro. Theo Yeager, who received his 60 year pin from the M.W.B. Rickman as a courtesy for the Grand Lodge of Florida. That’s fine service, Bro. Yeager, and we hope to see you again visiting with us! We’ll sum up the ‘meeting’ portion of the newsletter with some points offered up by our Grand Master. Bro. Barry’s message was pretty simple and straight forward: focus on quality. Make sure that we don’t

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open up our fraternity to the wrong kind of people. If they aren't truly Masonic material, don't let your emotions rule your decision making process. We want good quality men who can and will become better men and masons. Be sure that the man kneeling at the altar *should* be there.

## MISSING BROTHERS?

In an effort to get our address list up-to-date, here are a number of brothers for whom we have NO ADDRESS. So they are not getting the newsletter and we can't get word to them when we need to notify the lodge of important events or happenings. If you are able to contact any of them and get their address to us, please do! They can contact me via email at: [dave.easley@gmail.com](mailto:dave.easley@gmail.com) or someone can call me (732-0709) or Bro. Secretary (732-4227) with the information. Here they are:

John Jones Allen, Jr.; Normal Jerome Arnold; John Chalmers Bouknight, Jr.; Harvey Michael Clark; Eugene Olliff DeLoach, Jr.; Fritz Hyrim Gibson, Jr.; James White Grant; Theodore Wannamaker Law IV; Donald McClintock; James William Riser, Jr.; Robert Oneal Spratlin; William Hugh Spurlin; William Ronald Stalvey; James Phillip Tanner; John Emmett Thrailkill, Jr.; Maxy Watson; Garry Lee Waugh; Charles Edward Wesley; Henry Lucius Whittaker, Jr. Harold Jarvis Willis;

## HEALTH AND HAPPINESS



Prayers are requested for the following: Bro. Mark Richardson and his family, who lost nearly everything in a house fire a couple weeks ago; Condolences to the family of W.B. Buck Stevenson who passed away recently; to the family of Bro. Richard Koontz who tragically lost his son the day before the business meeting; and to our Grand Master's family on the loss of his brother-in-law from complications due to brown lung; Bro. Dutch VanBeek; W.B. Bobby Lockaby; W.B. and Mrs. Buster Platt; Judy Dry, wife of Bro. Jim Dry; Bro. Hollis Petersen; W.B. Gene Swygert; W.B. Lindsey Koon; W.B. Gene Hutto and wife Amelia keep improving; Bro. Ronnie Watkins, who broke his leg in two places; Bro. Antony Poosinger from Mariner

Lodge #2; Bro. O'Neill Bickley; Bro. Piney Bickley and his sister Ann Summers;

Bro. Ken Burgess, who had hernia surgery and had to go back in the hospital due to an infection – he was well enough last week to make sure we plugged the next BBQ to be held in mid-August; Sister Nelva Linder who is staying with her niece while she heals up; Rush Houghton; Mrs. Eula Lowman; W.B. Pappy Wren; Bro Bryce Wren; Bro. Bob Martin – awesome to see you in lodge last week, brother! Bro. Pookie Turner's father; W.B. Rufus Shealy; Bro. Bryce Wren's son Jimmy; Bro. Piney Bickley's mother-in-law Dorothee Harrellson; W.B. Sellers' wife Becky; Bro. Ron Kuhn; Robbie Robinson; Bro. Lewis East; Bro. Billy Sox; Bro. Hayward Caulder and his wife Gloria; David Raymond, a friend and neighbor of Bro. Hal Curtis;

Bro. Wil Hutchins' cousin Julie Rout and her infant child; Bro. Wil's aunt Linda Olsten; Bro. Gene Sweat; Bro. Bobby Pittman – good to see you and Linda at the business meeting! Bro. Bobby has issues with discs in his back and is having a rough go of it; Bro. Jim Hamel from Fort Jackson Lodge; Don Browning; Bro. Albert Stoudemeyer's mother; Harold Wessinger; W.B. Ray Boland who continues to improve; Bro. Hisham Shamkhani, who will be heading to Saudi Arabia and Iraq soon – safe travels, Brother Hisham;

Please say a prayer daily (or more often) for the brothers, sisters, friends and family in this prayer list! While the Grand Geometrician knows the needs without it being spoken, he loves to hear from his children. Remember, let us know if a name needs to be taken off the list! Thanks, brothers.

## MASONIC EDUCATION

### Value of Materials and Cost of Construction for King Solomon's Temple

(Note: This information was provided by W.B. Carlos Gibbons, and based upon A Literary Review of Masonic History by R.W.B. Joseph F. Newton – Thanks, Bro. Carlos!)

The enormous wealth used in the construction of the temple computed to 1950 values will enable us

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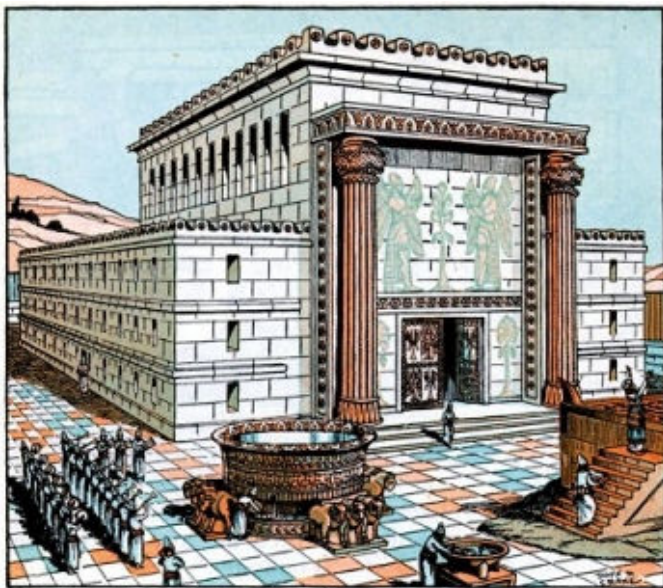
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more fully to appreciate the stupendous task involved in the construction and superb results attained. If we make adjustments for the cost since 1950, we could reasonably say the figures quoted would be at least twice those stated in this commentary.

One hundred thousand talents of gold would amount to 3.3 billion dollars in 1950 prices. The one million talents of silver would be 1.9 billion dollars. The three thousand talents of gold from David's private purse would be about 100 million dollars. Seven thousand talents of refined silver amounts to about 13 million dollars; fifteen thousand talents and drams (1/16<sup>th</sup> of an ounce or 1.77 grams) of gold offered by the people valued at 163 million dollars; one thousand talents of silver at 18 million dollars; the value of the metals used was valued at around 5.3 billion dollars.



These figures do not include the cost of local brass and iron, precious stones, marble, wood, fine linens, fabrics, skins, and many other items not computed. Neither does the cost of the temple include the labor cost of 3,600 overseers, 80,000 hewers, 70,000 common laborers, and scores of metal workers, wood workers, engravers, weavers, and architects.

If we total cost of King Solomon's temple in 1950 dollars, but do not include the labor costs associated with more than 160,000 workers, we would come up with over 12 billion dollars.

Without a doubt, King Solomon's temple was the grandest, most costly structure ever erected and dedicated to the worship of the true God.

## SETTING THE WORK

F.C. Degree ..... July 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.  
(practice on 15<sup>th</sup> at 7) ..... supper at 6:45 p.m.

M.M. Degree ..... July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 p.m.  
(practice on 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7) ..... supper at 6:45 p.m.

There's a good chance we'll have two degrees in August, so look at your calendars. Dates will be posted once the Master sets work at the business meeting on Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

## OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

August Business Mtg..... August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.  
supper at 6:45 p.m.

BBQ Dinner Fundraiser..... Weekend of August 15<sup>th</sup>

September Business Mtg... September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 p.m.  
supper at 6:45 p.m.

## A LITTLE MORE MASONIC EDUCATION

Two aprons of a Masonic and historic character were owned by General George Washington. One of these was brought to this country by our Masonic Brother, the Marquis de Lafayette, in 1784.

An object of his visit was to present to General Washington a beautiful white satin apron bearing the National colors, red, white and blue, and embroidered elaborately with Masonic emblems, the whole being the handiwork of Madame la Marquise de Lafayette.

This apron, according to Brother Julius F. Sachse in his book, History of Brother General Lafayette's Fraternal Connections with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (page 5), was enclosed in a handsome rosewood box when presented to Brother George Washington.

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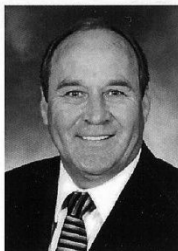
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