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BOYLESTON LODGE ALIVE WITH ACTIVITY

COLLECTIONS FOR BUILDING

FUND CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Our October business meeting took place on Thursday the 2nd and the meeting was preceded by a tasty meal of potato soup, vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, pasta salad, and various dessert items. Kudos go out to the Eastern Star sisters whose hands helped prepare this delectable dinner! If anyone went away hungry, it was his own fault. We are blessed to have such good food each and every meeting, so make sure and thank the sisters next time you see them to let them know our appreciation.

After the reading of last month's minutes, the lodge recognized W.B. John Daraban for his fine rendition of the events taking place at the September business meeting. There is always a lot to keep up with, and with only a couple corrections the recording was approved. Given the magnitude and importance of that meeting, this recognition was truly warranted. Good job, Bro. John!

Correspondence was read which included a letter from St. Peter Lutheran Church of Chapin. In this letter, The Rev. Dave B. Tholstrup thanks the craft for donations to a couple of needy youngsters being reared by their grandparents. The supplies which were bought were necessary for school but the family didn't have the funds to take care of them. There were also items related to personal hygiene which they needed. The Needy Fund took care of these important articles. A great big 'Thank You' to Bro. Carl David Lindler, Bro. Albert Stoudemeyer, Bro. Hoke Turner and his wife for the role they played in this generous act. Brothers, this is exactly what Masonry is all about, and your editor is proud of these folks for all they have done and continue to do to promote what is good about our fraternity.

Brother Leon Lott wasn't able to be in attendance, but a comment he made to one of the brothers made its way into the meeting. Bro. Sheriff noticed the sign in front of our building and made mention of the amount of work we had going on at Boyleston these days. Well, frankly, all the time! Anyway, it was requested that the sign stay up and that work continue to be posted so that all passers-by could see – masons or not – what was going on at our lodge. W.B. David Easley mentioned that he recalled this might be a violation of county ordinance, and asked W.B. Carlos Gibbons if he remembered the same. Indeed, it is said to be a violation but one which is not enforced unless someone complains. The brothers wanted to continue the practice. So W.B. Easley mentioned he would look into the possibility of a permanent sign and report back next month. The former Richland site had a sign we could use which was removed by the highway department during road expansion by the new school. So that's where we are going to start looking.

Speaking of the former Richland building, this property has now been turned over to Barbara Burgess, wife of our Bro. Junior Warden. In the event the lodge becomes dissatisfied with the way it is being handled, the contract with Mrs. Burgess can be terminated at any time. She has a year contract and has already erected a large sign. She is currently looking into how the property is zoned and how best to market it. A couple other agents phoned members asking why they weren't asked to take on the listing. The brothers suggested that they go ahead and sell it and reap the benefits they can without having to do the work of listing and preparing it for easier sale! It sounds like it's a win-win situation for the craft. Keep your fingers crossed.

Brother Ronnie Watson was then asked to approach the East. He received his Ahiman Rezon and a certificate to signify his open lodge proficiency on the 3rd Degree. The lodge

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recognized his hard work, and the efforts of W.B. Gene Hutto who coached him. Bro. Gene pushed him past the usual stopping point and Bro. Ronnie did a great job. Way to go, both of you! We are proud of your efforts.

In a very important discussion, it was announced that the Eastern Star chapter was having an official visit on the second Tuesday of December (8 December 2009). They have asked if we can cook and serve for the meeting that night. W.B. Gene Swygert and Bro. Trey Meetze both spoke on behalf of the ladies, and each re-iterated that we have let them down a number of times when events were held and few of us showed up to attend or help. These poor showings on our part led to a show of hands, and a commitment of some 15 brothers who said they'd help out. Folks, we would not be able to do half the things required for our Barbeque dinners without the help of the ladies in our resident OES Chapter. Let's mark down this date on our calendars, and vow to show up and help our sisters!

Building Update: Bro. Ronnie Faircloth has kept up the hard work involved in moving forward on the new addition to our lodge building. The paperwork has been signed to combine the two lots we currently occupy into one. Processing on all the required drawings is underway. In order to have the inspectors remain only in the new building and require no updates to the current structure, we must build a Class C structure with occupancy of 80 chairs or less. We have this in writing. All drawings will be submitted to the Grand Master for his approval prior to any work being done. Thanks for all your help, Bro. Ronnie. Along these lines, Bro. Treasurer reported that \$14,947 has been raised thus far in the Building Fund.

We have talked about the need for parking on the current property and have found that purchasing the adjacent tracts would be very, very expensive. W.B. Carlos Gibbons has spoken with Food Lion and they have agreed that we can park in the spots closest to our lodge, up to 75, as long as they are there. Thanks, Food Lion! Let 'em know next time you visit the store. He also asked the lodge for permission to use the building for a few hours one weekend in October so that Leeza could hold a book signing. The craft approved the request ... likely to be on either the 24th or 31st of the month.

The former Richland building was discussed a bit more when Bro. Carlos motioned we abandon the

phone line and alarm service. W.B Sellers shared one experience where he set off the alarm but was not called and had to initiate the call himself. W.B. Easley stated that he has been called numerous times due to power outages or alarm signals, but the craft voted to cease the coverage. One more item of business discussed at the time by Bro. Carl was the fact that there was still an awful lot of work to be done to clean up both the inside and outside of the building. Bro. Carlos added the adjacent mobile home storage area to that list. More to follow...

Just a reminder -- the lodge is still soliciting donations for the building fund. Brothers, please return your donations to the lodge, earmarked 'Building Fund' via:

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Finally, R.W.B. Bill Bouknight reminded the craft of the Rusty Nail Degree to be held at Pacific Lodge beginning at 6:30 PM on Tuesday 13 October. This degree is put on by design to attempt to coax some of the brethren who don't come to lodge regularly and feel awkward about attending or participating because they don't know or remember the work. All Master Masons may attend. Be sure to bring a current dues card. You just might learn something. Pay close attention to the dates which are listed later on in this publication as we've got plenty going on at our lodge. Hope to see you at one of these events soon, brother!

LODGE TAKES ATTENDANCE AWARD AT DISTRICT INSPIRATIONAL MEETING

The district Inspirational Meeting was held on Friday night September 18th, 2009 at the Scottish Rite Center on Garner's Ferry Rd. We had hoped that some 50 brethren and family/friends would grace the presence of those in attendance from the 10th District. But it wasn't 50, but rather 55 of the 204 who enjoyed a fine night of food and fellowship. Bro. Bill showed the plaque given to the lodge with the highest attendance to the craft at the business meeting. A big 'Thank You' goes out to all who could attend!

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HELP US STAY IN TOUCH

We always try to keep the lodge address list in order. If you notice your address needs a correction, please contact us via email at: dave.easley@gmail.com or ndaraban@sc.rr.com, or someone can call me (732-0709) or Bro. John (732-4227) with the correct information. *Please note: the changes may take up to three months to show up on the newsletter as the mailing service requires the expense of USPS address confirmation done every three months.*

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

Prayers are requested for the following: Bro. Mark Richardson and his family – ground work is occurring at their property on Shady Grove Rd. Keep them in your thoughts... W.B. Gene Swygart; Bro. Dutch VanBeek; W.B. Bobby Lockaby, who continues to improve and is nearing the end of his treatments – and is getting ready to retire! Congrats, Bro. Bobby; W.B. and Mrs. Buster Platt; Judy Dry, wife of Bro. Jim Dry; Sympathies go out to the family of Bro. Hollis Petersen who passed away suddenly on October 3rd at home in Fayetteville NC; Bro. Antony Poosinger from Mariner Lodge #2; Bro. O'Neill Bickley; W.B. David Easley, who has had a persistent cold and sore throat – again. This time the doctor asked whether or not he still has his tonsils ... hmmm. Stay tuned.



Bro. Ken Burgess, who was bitten eleven times by a Black Widow spider while vacationing at the Outer Banks; Sister Nelva Linder; Rush Houghton; 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; Bro. Piney Bickley's mother-in-law Dorothy Harrell; W.B. Sellers' wife Becky; Bro. Ron Kuhn; Robbie Robinson; Bro. Billy Sox; Bro. Hayward Caulder's wife Gloria, who is battling pneumonia and needs prayers for healing; Condolences to the family of Reba Adkins, sister-in-law of W.B. James Masters, on her recent passing. You are in our thoughts, Bro. Jim; Let's keep W.B. Lindsay Koon's wife in your nightly prayers as she recovers from Swine Flu.

Prayers go out to Win Hillsman and family, friend of Teddy Hayne, as he will soon be deployed to the Middle East. Let's remember to keep all our military forces throughout the world in our prayers. As we all know, freedom is not free, brothers! Bro. Wil Hutchins' aunt Linda Olsten; Bro. Gene Sweat; Bro. Bobby Pittman; Bro. Jim Hamel from Fort Jackson Lodge; Don Browning; Bro. Albert Stoudemeyer's mother; Harold Wessinger; W.B. Ray Boland; Bro. Hisham Shamkhani, who is working in the middle east; And special prayers go out to Bro. Hal Curtis who had a rough fall when his walking cane got caught on something while he was carrying a meal at a recent Masonic function. How about giving him a call and checking on him. He has certainly done that for all of us time and time again.

SETTING THE WORK

F.C. Degree - Cancelled..... Oct 15th, but we'll eat supper at 6:45 p.m. anyway so come on out

M.M. DegreePast Masters Night
Wednesday, October 21st, 7:30 p.m.
supper at 6:45 p.m.

OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Rusty Nail Degree – Pacific Lodge..... Tue. Oct 13th
supper at 6:30 p.m.

Past Master's MM Practice.....Oct. 14th, 7:30 p.m.

November Business Mtg. Nov. 5th, 7:30 p.m.
supper at 6:45 p.m.

MASONIC EDUCATION

Name those Degrees

Can you name all the different types of Blue Lodge degrees or lodge meetings which have been posted or spoken of this year in The Trestle-Board newsletter? Here's a hint: there have been more than three types advertised ... the answer will follow in next month's edition! Have a great month and come on by!

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