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CRAFT VOTES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PLAN

PROPOSAL MET WITH QUESTIONS BUT MOTION PASSES

55 brothers attended our September business meeting, 19 of whom being past masters at that. Another tasty meal cooked by our Eastern Star chapter was had by all in attendance – the Italian theme really hit the spot.

Once in the lodge hall, decorum was quickly brought to the forefront. W.M. Ken Petersen invited our District Deputy Grand Master to the East and R.W.B. Bill Bouknight took him up on the offer. The craft then was reminded that all conversation should be directed to the East, and that unless called upon by the master a brother should speak only twice on the subject under discussion.

Reading of the minutes was dispensed with. After performing the usual business of reading correspondence and balloting, Bro. Todd Bedenbaugh gave a thorough treasurer's report. As of 31 August the lodge had financial assets of:

Checking	\$6,933.68
Savings	\$2,342.90
CD	\$27,301.03
CD	\$47,796.03

The second of the two CD's is maturing and a decision needs to be made by mid-month on re-investing. The craft thanked Bro. Treasurer for his preparation and hard work.

After the report, Bro. Junior Warden presented the lodge a check for \$2,655.25 from the proceeds of the August Barbeque ... Good job, Brother Ken! He then thanked everyone for coming together to get it done especially given his wellness at the time.

Discussion then followed on the motion set forth last month to build a lodge hall in the courtyard south of the current dining area. There were a number of concerns brought forth by brothers in attendance. Questions which were discussed included, but were not limited to:

- Will it be bid publicly?*
- What about zoning issues?*
- Does it make us bring the existing structure up to current building code standards?*
- Why not simply purchase a lift?*
- What about how it addresses current-and-future parking concerns?*
- Why is the estimated final cost around \$200K?*
- What about the liability of brothers helping do the work?*
- What about hard feelings which may develop due to brothers having differing opinions?*

The questions were all answered by various committee members, typically to the satisfaction of those asking. Discussed as well was the availability of the two adjacent properties and their costs, and the many repercussions of an event of this magnitude. After much discussion, the lodge voted overwhelmingly to fund the project and move forward with a ground-floor expansion!

Once the business of the expansion passed, discussion jumped to the current status of the former Richland #39 building on Kennerly Rd. Given the recent vote, and the status of visits stemming from the 'For Sale By Owner' sign out front of the former lodge, a motion was made by Bro. Hal Curtis to turn the sale over to a commercial realtor. There was little discussion and most everyone was in favor of the move, and it passed. The brothers thanked W.B. Gene Swygert and W.B. Carl Sellers for their efforts thus far. Brother Gene made the craft aware of some of the concerns which have been voiced to him over the past year in regards to what can go in there. The committee on the future of the Richland building will handle the transition to an authorized agent.

In subsequent business, W.B. Sellers commented that the barbeque fundraisers were a good source of income but would not be sufficient to assist the lodge in defraying construction costs not yet covered by donations. The thought of having some more fundraising dinners, such as country fried steak or spaghetti on a more frequent manner was well received. Bro. Ronnie Faircloth, who has been very

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involved in all the steps associated with the building project, mentioned that if everyone brought a spouse or spouse and family to the dinner that it would be a rousing success. The lodge voted to approve the extra fundraising dinners. Keep posted, as we get dates nailed down, we will let everyone know.

A few more things were discussed, mostly dealing with upcoming events. Look throughout the newsletter for a number of these offerings

BUILDING FUND DONATIONS NEEDED PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1ST

In order to get underway quickly and take advantage of lower construction costs, the lodge voted that the treasurer make available funds from the second CD for pre-construction and supplies while the lodge solicits donations for the massive project. We don't want to deplete our reserves, brothers! We need your help in the form of donations. And per a motion after the vote, each and every donation to the project will be recognized appropriately on a marker of some type in the new structure (unless one doesn't want to be recognized). Brothers, please return your donations to the lodge via:

Boyleston Lodge #123
P.O. Box 502
Ballentine, SC 29002-0502

Specify 'Building Fund' on the memo line, please. As of the day prior to the business meeting, \$1,770.00 had been received for the building fund. We need any help you can provide, brothers and sisters!

INSPIRATIONAL MEETING

This year's district Inspirational Meeting will be held on Friday night September 18th, 2009 at the Scottish Rite Center on Garner's Ferry Rd. Mealtime is 7:00 PM and all are welcome. Bring your family and friends, and invite someone who might be of Masonic quality and bring him with you! An initial head-count showed some 35 who planned on coming and/or bringing folks with. Let's have 50!

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.

MISSING PRINT REPLACED

Bro. Dennis Gobble went to Washington D.C. with the Grand Master's caravan last year but the print he brought back disappeared. He presented a second copy of a beautiful print of the George Washington Masonic Memorial to the lodge at the business meeting this month. Thanks, brother Dennis! The original is still missing, so keep your eyes open brothers! The new one will be locked up in the meantime! ☺



HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

Prayers are requested for the following: Bro. Mark Richardson and his family – it will take a while for them to recover from the fire so keep 'em on your list, please; W.B. Gene Swygert who had a heart procedure; Bro. Dutch VanBeek; W.B. Bobby Lockaby; W.B. and Mrs. Buster Platt; Judy Dry, wife of Bro. Jim Dry; Bro. Hollis Petersen; Bro. Antony Poosinger from Mariner Lodge #2; Bro. O'Neill Bickley;

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Bro. Ken Burgess is slowly getting back to normal – he made sure to thank everyone while at the last business meeting; Sister Nelva Linder continues to improve after her surgery – great to see you at the meeting last month, Nelva; 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 and his wife Gloria;



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;

Thanks to the folks who called, emailed, or caught up with me at the last meeting so I could go through the names in prayer list. Unless we know otherwise, names stay on the list. Please pray daily and include these brothers and sisters in your thoughts to the Grand Geometrician.

SETTING THE WORK

E.A. Degree.....September 10th, 7:30 p.m.
supper at 6:45 p.m.

F.C. Degree.....September 17th, 7:30 p.m.
supper at 6:45 p.m.

M.M. Degree.....Past Masters Night Next Month
October 22th, 7:30 p.m.
supper at 6:45 p.m.

OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Inspirational Mtg.....September 18th, 7:00 p.m.
Scottish Rite Center
All are welcome

Travel w. DDGM.....September 22, lv BL at 5:45
Blythewood Lodge – Grand Master visit.

Travel w. DDGM.....September 26, eat at 11:30
Cayce Lodge – Cornerstone rededication

Travel w. DDGM.....September 29, eat at 6:30
Gaston Lodge – Square and Compass Club

October Business Mtg.....October 1st, 7:30 p.m.
supper at 6:45 p.m.

Rusty Nail Degree.....October 13th, t.b.a.
Pacific Lodge – Dues cards mandatory

MASONIC EDUCATION

What is Masonry?

From the days of King Solomon to the present day there are few,
Who have a full understanding of what masons really do.
But those who are perceptive the answer can be readily found,
As they see Masonic brothers practicing a philosophy that is prudent and is sound.
Masons help widows and orphans, and those who need a helping hand,
Whether they live in America or in a distant land.
Masonry is a worldwide fraternity, made up of like brothers
Who pledge to help each other and the cries of needy others.
Masons do their good deeds without fanfare and applause,
Because deep within their hearts is a moral and noble cause
That says we are put on this earth to be more than a place holder,
And there are many times we need to reach out and lend a strong shoulder
To comfort a burden, a grief, a misfortune or a sorrow.
Because we know if it were not for grace, we could be there tomorrow.
Masonry has touched the lives of millions in America and around the globe,
And has many biblical references from King Solomon to the trials of Job.
Our first president George Washington was a mason and a brother,
And if you check the list of U.S. Presidents, so were fourteen others.
Masons do not proselytize, or try to pressure others to join,
Or take the interest of an applicant trivially like the flipping of a coin.
Masons want their good deeds to be seen in the communities where they live,
And to show fellow citizens they too have a lot to give.
So to those who might wonder how they can join the fraternity and be part,
Talk to a fellow mason, as this is the first start.

(Poem submitted by W.B. Carlos Gibbons)

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