



## TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

Here it is August and we finally got some rain, everyone tells me we need more so let's hope we get it. The meal for the stated meeting was outstanding as usual. We had fried chicken, corn on the cob, rice and pepper gravy, okra, beets and onions, butterbeans, tomatoes and cucumbers, and lots of desserts. JW Tom Reed puts his heart and soul into planning not only the meals for the stated meeting, but for all the meals we have. If you're missing these meals, you're missing some fine eating. Thank you to Bro. Tom and all the other guys ( Bros. Bill Bouknight, Oneal Bickley, Albert Wayne Stoudemire, and even William Watkins) who come early to be sure everything is prepared for us to put a load on. It puts a strain on some people's diets but we won't tell.

Get prepared Brothers because we have some busy times ahead of us and it's a great time to be involved in the activities of our lodge. At the meeting Bro. Secretary read (9) !!!!!!! Petitions for Membership with more on the way. He also read (1) Petition for Affiliation and committees were assigned.

The building committee stayed busy as usual always taking care of the property and right now they are in the process of obtaining a termite bond. It was discovered there was some evidence of termite damage and that was repaired. The question was brought before Lodge to get a termite bond for the building's protection which passed resoundingly.

After much discussion and looking at football schedules that the chicken bbq will be held on Saturday Sept. 19th. Let's mark our calendars and plan to put some time in helping and making it a success for the Lodge. That means we'll start needing help on Friday the 18th in the morning and ending up on Saturday afternoon with the cleanup. Any Brother that can help and put some time in would be greatly appreciated. That doesn't mean you have to stay there the whole time, a few hours will be a big help. There are many tasks involved in making this event successful and don't worry if you're wondering what you can do to help there is always something to be done and someone to help and show you

how to do it. A great by-product of working these bbq's is building friendships with your Brothers. I'm sure by the next stated meeting on the first Thursday in Sept. (most likely sooner) there will be tickets available. If you need tickets and can't make the meeting or want them sooner contact JW Tom Reed, WM Jim Weih, or Sec. Bill Bouknight, their phone numbers and email addresses are at the end of the Trestleboard. Please don't let a few horses pull the load, hop in there and help your Lodge. By the way, the dinners are excellent.

On Friday Sept. 11th, WM Jim has scheduled our annual Awards/Ladies night. This is a dinner to honor our Brothers with 25, 40, 50 and 60 years of membership and give them recognition and awards. The dinner is also given to honor wives or significant others who stand by our sides. The Sept. Trestleboard will have the time of the dinner and I'm sure there will be great eats.

Coming up in the near future, Friday August 21st is the annual 10th Masonic Inspirational Dinner. This get-together is put on by the District Deputy Grand Master of the 10th Masonic District (our own RW Ray Boland) and is for all the Brothers, family, and friends who want to attend. This is a great time to bring your loved ones and friends to a nice dinner and listen to a great inspirational speaker. You don't have to be a Mason to attend. This year's speaker will be Richland Co. Sheriff Leon Lott who happens to be a member of our Lodge. This dinner will be held at the Scottish Rite building on Garners Ferry Road. The meal will start at 6:30pm and is paid for by each Lodge so there is no cost to you. All the Lodges have a friendly competition to see who has the most in attendance and a plaque is awarded so please support RW Ray Boland and Boyleston Lodge and plan on attending. It's a very enjoyable evening. The Scottish Rite building is very easy to get to and there is plenty of parking. For directions and additional information, contact any officer listed below or RW Ray Boland at 803-445-3945.

There are still (16) Brothers who haven't paid their dues. Time is getting short and these Brothers are in danger of being erased for non-payment of dues. By-laws state that their names will be read again at the stated meeting and I know the secretary has sent them more than one letter. If there are extenuating circumstances or questions please contact secretary Bill Bouknight who's number is listed below.

#### Update

WB Carlos Gibbons is still recovering from his surgeries and is improving and getting stronger. He is scheduled to come home soon so keep those prayers coming.

WB Carl Sellers also had an operation and is now out of the hospital and home recuperating and planning on coming to the next Lodge meeting.

Work for the month

Thursday August 13th Entered Apprentice Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm  
EA practice Wed 8/12 7:00pm at the Lodge

Friday August 21st 10th District Inspirational Dinner 6:30pm at the Scottish Rite Hall

Thursday August 27th Master Mason Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm  
MM practice Wed 8/26th 7:00pm at the Lodge

Last month's trivia question: Francis Scott Key wrote the Star Spangled Banner after the  
siege of Fort McHenry. Where is Fort McHenry?

Answer: Baltimore, Md.

This month's trivia question: In the movie Mary Poppins there was a song  
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, is that a real word?  
(if you want you can check my spelling)

See you at Lodge!!!

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