



TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

We have come to the end of year 2015. All in all it has been a good year for Boyleston Lodge #123. At our December Stated Meeting we had our traditional meal of country ham, eggs, grits, and biscuits followed by cherry cheesecake and ice cream. As usual it was outstanding. This is the perfect time to recognize and thank JW Tom Reed for spending all the time going around finding quality ingredients at the right price to provide the meals this year along with Albert Wayne Stoudemire, Oneal Bickley, Bill Bouknight, and William Watkins working altogether putting in the time and dedication sometimes even using vegetables from their own gardens. Make sure to thank them when you see them. It is well known that Boyleston Lodge knows how to put out the good grub.

Because of the lodge's reputation for putting out these meals, when the Grand Lodge has meetings which call for serving a meal, they now call on Boyleston to cook and serve these meals. They of course pay for these services and it's a nice additional source of income for the lodge. This also takes a lot of prep time to get what's needed to make the meals plus preparing, serving, and cleaning up after the meal. We always need help in doing this and it shouldn't always be the same brothers doing it. We will always put in the Trestleboard when these events occur and we can use more help. At this month's business meeting JW Tom presented the lodge with a check from the last event. If you wish to help contact JW Tom Reed. It's busy work not hard work and everybody has a good time doing it.

At the meeting, (2) Petitions were read, (1) for membership and (1) for affiliation and investigation committees were assigned.

Bro. secretary announced that the Order of Eastern Star is having their annual Christmas Party on Sunday Dec. 13th at 6:00pm and everyone and their significant other is invited.

Now on to the business of the meeting, Installation of Officers. WB Bob Stump was the installing officer and RW Ray Boland was the marshall.

Installed as duly elected Worshipful Master was William Watkins,
Senior Warden WB John Meetze Junior Warden Tom Reed
Secretary RW Charlie Ray "Bill" Bouknight

Installed as appointed officers were Chaplain Frank Eargle
Senior Deacon Nick White Junior Deacon Jud Close
Senior Steward Jason Byers Junior Steward Phillip Steele
Tyler Gerald Raymond

The lodge is anticipating another good year ahead with a good line of officers in place. Please come and support your lodge and your officers. Committees will be announced at the January 2016 Stated Meeting. If you would like to participate on a committee please contact the incoming Worshipful Master William Watkins.

Coming to lodge is a habit, as is not coming to lodge. If you are in the habit of not coming to lodge, make a New Year's resolution to change that habit and start coming to lodge. You will benefit from coming and we will benefit from you being there. We will welcome you with open arms. Don't worry if there are things you might have forgotten, we are there to help you in a discreet manner. As "Uncle Sam" used to say WE WANT YOU!!!!

As always the case, time passes and eventually so will we. Let's take time and remember the brothers who passed and went to a better place in 2015. Let's honor them and remember the good times we had with them. For remember they are now where we shall be.

Harold Crout PM Carl Kaney PM Paul Williams James M Dry
Kenneth Burgess PM Thomas Henry Jones Warren S. Compton Sr
James Masters PM William Kneece

Rest in peace Brothers, we miss you.

As is our custom the rest of December will be dark. Let's take time and enjoy our families, remember the reason for the season, remember our military who are on watch around the world so we can have our comforts. Remember our police who have an increasingly tougher job to protect us. Remember our fireman and emergency personnel who always are standing watch even on special Christmas eves and mornings. All these people sacrifice for us. Sometimes as time marches on memories of certain events may not be mentioned as much and younger people may not have much knowledge of the events. On Dec. 7th 1941 over 2400 men were killed in the attack of Pearl Harbor let's not forget.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!

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