

## TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

Here it is a brand new year and the thermometer shows it. After a long lay off we started our new year with a well attended business meeting. It started with a excellent meal of ham, collards and cabbage, field peas and snaps, corn bread and a nice assortment of desserts. A fine temptation for those new years diet resolutions.

Before we get to the meeting, I would like to take a glance back at 2014. First of all, we sold the Richland 39 building to a nice little beginning church and we paid off all debt on the beautiful addition to our lodge. A few of our brothers passed on to a better place, some of them were active and some were not but still our brothers and will be sorely missed by family, friends and the lodge. Conversely, the lodge raised 20 new Master Masons and affiliated 18 more, a very proud accomplishment. Here's a great idea and it's not near as painful as going on a diet, get in the habit of coming to lodge meetings and renewing old friendships and starting new ones. Don't worry if you have forgotten certain "things", we want you to come and will give you a gentle reminder of how things happen. We are one of the most active and vibrant lodges in the state and we want you to be an active part of it. (and we eat good too!)

Now on to the meeting, with all the new officers in place, the new year started with a new petition for membership. We also balloted on (1) for Entered Apprentice and (1) for Reintatement. The lodge received a check from the Eastern Star for the use of the lodge to make their candy and for their annual Christmas Party. Thank you Eastern Star, we value our relationship with you.

If you drive by the lodge, you may have noticed the sign hasn't been lighted. WM Jim Weih and Richard Bosley took the light apart and found it needed fixing so they installed LED lights and an automatic switch at their expense. Thank you brothers.

Our great cooks have informed us that there is a problem with the lodge's commercial range and the part needed to fix it is no longer available. Thank goodness our SW William Watkins has access to another commercial range and he is donating it to the lodge. Thanks to you William and all who are involved in transporting and installing the range.

WB Ray Boland gave us a short talk on “The four M’s of Lodge Management (they are Membership, Money, Morale, Memories) for Masonic Education this month and it was very informative.

WB Carlos Gibbons composed and read aloud another entertaining poem.

Brothers, Earlwood Lodge is having a Master Mason’s degree on Monday Jan. 26th and are asking our help in putting on the degree. Anyone who wants to attend would be greatly appreciated whether you can actively participate or be in attendance. They eat at 6:45pm and meeting is 7:30pm.

The JW reported that the spring BBQ will be March 7th, and the woodcutting to fill the pits will be on Sat. Jan. 17th. Meet at Hardee’s across from the lodge at 7:00am. From past experience, I can tell you that if we have a good attendance and enough saws this will be done by about 9:00am.

#### Work for the month

Thursday January 15th Entered Apprentice degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Wed 1/14 EA Practice at 7:00pm at the lodge

Thursday January 22 Masonic education class 7:00pm at Boyleston lodge

(NO SUPPER)

Thursday January 29th Square and Compass meeting at Elmore Lodge in Pelion dine at 6:30pm.

Contingent leaving Boyleston lodge at 5:30pm

To all those who haven’t paid their 2015 dues, please do so as soon as possible

Brothers, at the end of the Trestleboard is a list of the lodge officers with their phone numbers and email addresses. The officers are there for you, feel free to contact them if you have any questions or comments. This list will be at the end of every Trestleboard

Last month’s trivia question: What Civil War battle was located closest to Arlington National Cemetery?

Answer: Bull Run Manassas, Va. Where Thomas J. Jackson earned the nickname “Stonewall”

This month’s question; We’ve all heard of a Freemason, what is a freemartin?

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