



TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

Happy Independence Day, let us remind ourselves the meaning of this holiday and remember our forefathers who had the incredible courage and foresight to found this great country. At our regularly scheduled meeting we were treated to a meal of hamburgers, baked beans, potato chips, cucumbers and all the fixins. Topping the meal off was watermelon. A big thank you goes out to Ms. Sam Mack who made a donation for our meal and does so several times a year. We do appreciate it.

We had another well attended meeting and Bro. secretary read (3) Petitions for Membership, (1) Petition for Reinstatement, (2) Petitions for Dual Membership and committees were assigned. The investigating committees for last month all reported back favorably. We balloted on (1) for the Fellowcraft Degree and (2) for Dual Membership, (1) for reinstatement and all were elected. Let's keep those good quality Petitions for Membership coming, that is the lifeblood for keeping Masonry alive. Many of us are multi-generational in Masonry and have had the privilege of having family members as Masons. How proud to be able to introduce your sons and grandsons to the Grand Fraternity. Something to keep in mind.

WM Jim put some dates on the schedule for us to remember. First on Aug. 21st is the 10th Masonic District Inspirational Dinner. This year's speaker is Richland County Sheriff and Boyleston Lodge member Leon Lott. Even though this event is sponsored by the 10th Masonic District, it's open to all who want to attend. Please support Boyleston Lodge and bring family and friends to the meal and meeting. The cost of the meal is paid for by each lodge and there is no charge to you and all you bring. Second, Thursday Aug. 27th will be Past Master's night. We'll have a great meal and all chairs will be filled by our Past Masters. Third on Saturday Sept. 19 will be our annual Awards Night. Bro. secretary told me that we have many 25yr, 40yr, 50yr and 60yr recognition awards to give out. Bring your spouse or significant other for a great meal and help honor our brothers for their achievement. Fourth, the WM has suggested that we have our second

chicken bbq a little later in the year. Tentatively he is thinking the first or second weekend of October when it won't be as hot and people won't be away and our sales will be better. We'll keep you posted as to when the final date is set.

Three weeks ago WB Carlos Gibbons had heart surgery followed by another surgery that removed approx. one foot of colon. He is currently on a respirator recovering. He is not to have any visitation because of the risk of infection. We need to keep him in our prayers and hope for a speedy recovery. We miss his presence in the meetings.

Work

Thursday July 16th Fellowcraft Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Wed. 7/15 FC practice 7:00pm at the lodge

Thursday July 23rd Masonic education 7:00pm at the lodge all MM's are welcome

Food for thought:

What difference if I hail from North or South, or from the East or West. My heart is filled with love for all of these. I only know I swell with pride for deep within my breast I thrill to see "Old Glory" paint the breeze. This my country land of my birth, this is my country grandest on earth. I pledge thee my allegiance, America the Bold, for this is my country to have and to hold.

Last month's trivia question: What do Arnold Palmer, Davy Crockett, J. Edgar Hoover, Cy Young, Winston Churchill, and Thomas Edison have in common?

Answer: They were/are Master Masons.

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

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