



TRESTLE BOARD

Boyleston Masonic Lodge #123 A.F. M.
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Greetings Brothers,

Unbelievable, we're halfway through 2015! At this month's stated meeting we had a delicious meal of pork chops, sugar peas, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, and cookies and ice cream for dessert.

At the beginning of the meeting, the District Deputy Grand Master 10th Masonic District our own Ray Boland wasted no time and made his first official visit to our Lodge. He brought greetings from the Grand Master and the Lodge enthusiastically welcomed him. Along with giving the Grand Master's agenda for the next two years, he also reminded everyone that they were invited to go along with him as he makes his visitations throughout the 10th Masonic District and become a BLT (Boyleston Lodge Traveler). Just call Right Worshipful Ray @ (803)445-3945 and he will inform you as to when and where he goes and if you wish, when to meet other travelers at the lodge to car pool. The District Deputy reported that one of his duties when making an official visit is to check the books and the work that the Secretary and Treasurer are doing and that it is done properly and up to date. He reported to the Lodge that they are doing a fine job.

Our secretary read another Petition for Reinstatement and an investigation committee was assigned. This month we voted on (1) for his Entered Apprentice Degree, (2) for their Fellowcraft Degree, and (1) for Reinstatement. All were elected.

We didn't have a lot of business to attend to this month, just tying up a lot of loose ends. One thing we did learn is that the sale of the Dutch Fork Lodge building fell through so they won't be using our facilities in the near future. They do have some other offers and are actively pursuing those to get their building sold. As we know first hand that can be challenging. We wish them Good Luck.

In case the Lodge Brothers haven't heard, we have lost (2) Brothers in the last couple of weeks. First is Bro. Jim Dry who at one time was active and even started through the chairs and had to drop out because of the serious illness of his wife. Even though Jim hadn't attended meetings in the last couple years he was a fine Brother and will be missed. The other Brother to pass was Past Master Ken Burgess. I know of no other Brother who loved Masonry and Boyleston Lodge more than WB Ken. He fought his illness long and hard and up until the very end he always tried to attend meetings but was often too weak to attend. A memorial service with Masonic Rites for WB Ken will be held on Saturday June 13th. Secretary Bill will email the time and place once he is notified. If you don't get emails give RW Bill a call. I have no doubt that both of these Brothers are in a better place.

Work for the month

Thursday June 11th Entered Apprentice Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm
June 10th EA Practice at the Lodge 7:00pm
Thursday June 18th Fellowcraft Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm
June 17th FC Practice at the Lodge 7:00pm
Thursday June 25th Masonic Education at the Lodge 7:00pm (no meal)
All Master Masons are invited

We try to get the Trestleboard out to our Brothers in a timely fashion so that you know what work we're doing for the month. We've been blessed with great attendance for the last couple years. Last year we averaged 40 to 50 Brothers in attendance for all of our meetings. If you are a member of Boyleston Lodge and have a current dues card but you haven't been to a meeting in a long time and feel a little "rusty" as far as some of the ritual, don't hesitate to come. We want you to attend and will do everything we can to make you feel more comfortable and at ease. I'm sure you will see some of our more seasoned Brothers there and you can get acquainted with some of our newer Brothers. By the way, we eat good too!

Last month's trivia question: What state grows the most peaches?

Answer: (1) California, (2) South Carolina, (3) Georgia

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

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