

TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

There are hints all around us that we are in the beginnings of Spring. Daffodils are blooming, the Bradford Pear trees have buds, the temperatures are slowly raising on certain days. We had another well-attended business meeting this month and were treated to a meal of sloppy joes, baked beans, cole slaw, and potato chips with cake and ice cream for dessert. The major part of the meal was donated by Ms. Sam Mack. Thank you Miss Sam and to the guys who prepared it perfectly.

At the meeting (1) Petition for Membership was read and an investigating committee was assigned. We also balloted on (4) for Entered Apprentice, (1) for Fellowcraft, (1) for Reinstatement, and (1) for Affiliation and all were elected. Let's keep those new petitions coming and keep in mind we want good quality people to join our brotherhood.

Before the business discussions of the meeting started, Senior Deacon Emory Johnson asked to make an announcement. It seems that he has accepted a job in New Mexico and will be leaving soon. It's sad to see Emory go but our loss is New Mexico's gain and we wish him success in his new position. He will be instrumental in the safe storage of nuclear waste and we hope he doesn't start glowing at night. Good Luck Emory.

WB Carlos Gibbons gave us an update on his daughter Leeza's progress on the foundation she started to give aid and support to the caregivers of Alzheimers victims and also victims of other serious diseases. The facility in Columbia is Mike Mungo's house and property which was donated. The property is located on the corner of St. Andrews and Tram Rds. Miss Leeza just competed and won on the program "Celebrity Apprentice" and donated all her winnings to total over \$700,000 to that effort.

The Dutch Fork Lodge building is under contract for sale and they have approached us about possibly using our facility to hold their meetings. They would give us an appropriate donation and there would be a time limit on the duration (1 year) that they would do this. This would afford them time to make a decision as to their future. There is a committee investigating all the possibilities.

As I am writing this the annual spring chicken bbq is over. I don't know officially, but it

seems to have been a success. I think we had good participation in every phase of the weekend and when the dust settles I will report all the particulars. It's great to see a lot of the newer brothers rolling up their sleeves and getting involved, that way they can learn the different jobs from the more "seasoned" brothers. A great by-product of that is building friendships and relationships.

Brothers, we are fortunate to have a wide range of ages in our lodge so it's important to keep certain safeguards in mind. The lodge voted and acted on installing a defibrillator so it can be used if a brother has a heart attack and needs a "jump start". This defibrillator is designed to be used by a "lay" person and has easy instructions. One of our brothers (Bobby Turbeville) suffered a stroke this past week and I feel it's important to remind everyone of the acronym F. A. S. T. for recognizing the signs of a stroke.

F is for face. Face drooping as a section of face drooping and hard to move

A is for arm Arm weakness, the inability to raise one's arm fully

S is for speech. An inability or difficulty (slurring of words) to understand or produce speech

T is for time. Time is of the essence when having a stroke, an immediate call to Emergency Service or a trip to the hospital is recommended!

Work for the month

Thursday March 12th Entered Apprentice degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Wed March 11th EA practice at the lodge 7:00pm

Thursday March 19th Fellowcraft degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Wed March 18th FC practice at the lodge 7:00pm

Thursday March 26th Masonic education and information no meal 7:00pm to approx. 8:30pm at the lodge

Remember if you're coaching a brother taking degrees, it is the coach's responsibility to inform the WM if the brother is ready to perform their proficiency.

Last month's trivia question: What is the most played song ever on the radio?

Answer: You've lost that lovin' feelin' by The Righteous Brothers

This month's trivia question: What (american) Professional Baseball Team has the longest name?

Remember this is your lodge so please attend some meetings and support your brothers, don't worry about not remembering certain things, we are here to welcome you and make you feel comfortable. We want you to attend.

Sec. Bill asked me to remind the brothers to check your dues card to see if is 2015, we still have 30 brothers who haven't paid their dues. Thanks

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