



TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

Here we are the beginning of a new month. For this month's stated meeting we had a fine meal of bbq, cole slaw, baked beans, hash, pie and ice cream. Great job again guys thank you very much. Your hard work is much appreciated.

To start the meeting a new Petition for Membership was read, also a Petition for Affiliation, and (3) Petitions for Reinstatement. We also voted on (2) for Entered Apprentice, (1) for Fellowcraft, (3) for Master Mason, and (2) for Affiliation and all were elected.

Old business brought up the subject of attendance for the work day to fill the pits with wood for the next bbq. I'm sorry to report that it was not well attended. This is disappointing because the last several were very well attended. Brothers this can be a hard job if just a few show up, and the youngest brother there was 60 yrs old. We must not get complacent about these tasks and think someone else will be there. We need to do our part especially the younger guys for this is the best way to build relationships with the more seasoned brothers and save the cost of Ben-Gay for these guys. Seriously let's try to do better.

To the rear (front actually) of the dining hall you will notice a new storage area has been constructed. This work has been done by JW Tom Reed, SW William Watkins, and PM Gene Swygert. This project has been talked about for a few years and these brothers took the bull by the horns and got it done and it looks great. When you see these guys give them a well deserved thank you. During the construction it was discovered we have a termite problem in the original building and the building committee is taking steps to take care of the problem and get a termite bond to protect the lodge.

Another group of brothers (Gene Swygert, Albert Wayne Stoudemire, Ray Boland, Bill Bouknight, and Bobby Lockaby) got together and installed a new waterline at the Richland 39 building. Lots of hard work to make sure we are doing our due diligence

with the new owners of the building. A special thank you to Brother Gene for using his backhoe and Brother Bobby for leaning on that shovel so well.

On to new business if you have not heard PM Ray Boland has been appointed the District Deputy Grand Master 10th Masonic District for a (2) year period. Congratulations Right Worshipful for your appointment, they could not have picked a more deserving person. RW Ray brought greetings from the Grand Master and talked about some of his plans for his term. The RW also asked that anyone interested can become a BLT. That's not the sandwich but it stands for Boyleston Lodge Travelers. That's the name he has coined for the Brothers who would like to accompany him on his visits to his district's lodges. RW Bill Bouknight had a group that traveled with him and he always appreciated it. Let's support the new RW on his travels and it shows well for Boyleston Lodge

We were visited this month by Jamil Shrine Potentate Leonard Walker and Membership Chairman John Boeker and they gave a talk on the true meaning of Shrinedom (which is to support the Shriners Hospitals) and how they are dedicated to aid in getting new quality members into the Blue Lodges. They know that the only way to increase membership in the Shrine is to get more people in Masonry.

The secretary read the names of the (19) brothers who are currently NPD and is sending a second notice to their homes. Contact the secretary if you don't have a current dues card. If you don't have a current dues card and are experiencing some hardship contact the secretary. Remember without a current dues card you cannot receive Masonic Funeral Rites.

Work for the month

Thursday May 14th Entered Apprentice Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm
Wed 5/13 EA Practice 7:00pm at the lodge

Wednesday May 20th Masonic Education (no meal) 7:00pm at the lodge all invited

Thursday May 28th Master Mason Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm
Wed 5/27 MM Practice 7:00pm at the lodge

Special note Thursday May 21st Fish Fry and all the trimmings to include the best catfish stew ever made is being held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Irmo. The charge is \$5.00 adults \$3.00 children. Guaranteed great gastronomic grub starting at 6:30pm

Trivia question for last month: Stephanie Courtney is an actress/comedian who is on CBS, NBC, and ABC every day. Who does she play?

Answer: Flo the girl in the Progressive Insurance Commercial

This month's trivia question: What State grows the most peaches?

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