



TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

At this time last month we were in the midst of the torrential rain and subsequent flooding. I don't think anybody thought that it would bring the damage and loss of life that it caused. Every year we see how weather causes catastrophic problems all over the country, but this time we were the ones on the national news. Please pray for the people who lost loved ones and experienced flood damage.

This month's meeting was very well attended and we were treated to some great chili and all the fixins with cake and ice cream for dessert. All I can say is Ahhhhhhhh!!!!

I am continually amazed and pleased at the great attendance we have at our meetings and this month was no different. We had 51 in attendance with only 2 visitors (one of whom was from Australia) fantastic!!!! Come and be part of it.

We received (1) Petition for Membership this month and balloted on (5) for Fellowcraft and (6) for Master Mason. All were elected.

At was election time at the meeting so the business was dispensed as quickly as possible so the meeting wouldn't end too late. One of the things discussed was the creation and enactment of a community service fund. Since we have paid for the addition of our building, we can put more efforts in doing more for our community thus the creation of the fund. Another thing discussed was the creation of a property reserve fund. This may not be the official name but the purpose of the fund is to set aside money for large property repairs or things of that nature. The details will be worked out and your input is welcomed. If you want to contribute to these discussions just attend the meetings and you can voice your opinions.

Now on to the elections and the results are as follows for the 2016 year:

Worshipful Master William Watkins Senior Warden John (Trey) Meetze

Junior Warden Tom Reed

Secretary Bill Bouknight

Treasurer Bobby Lockaby

At the next business meeting the elected officers will name the appointed brothers to fill the rest of the chairs. Then all will be sworn in. If you have questions about what is involved in sitting in the chairs and think it might be something you might want to do please don't hesitate to ask either the Worshipful Master, either of the Wardens, or the Secretary. We need people who want to advance through the chairs and will support your efforts. Don't think you can't do it, you will not be alone and will be helped and guided through the process. Ask any of the Past Masters or officers, it is a very rewarding experience.

Work for the month

The order of things is going to a little different this month and are as follows:

Thursday November 12th Master Mason Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Saturday November 14th Master Mason Degree brkfst at 7:30am meeting after

Thursday November 19th Fellowcraft Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Tuesday November 10th We need help cooking and serving for the Eastern Star's annual annual Awards Banquet. We need help starting at 3:30pm and continuing through the banquet. The meal will be served at 6:30PM and we need serving help. White shirt and black pants desired

Tuesday December 2nd We are cooking for the SC Grand Lodge so we need to meet at Boyleston at 2:30pm to prepare the meal and then deliver it. Remember Brothers Grand Lodge pays us for the meals.

This Trestleboard is traditionally written on Sunday after the business meeting and I want to recognize the brothers that yesterday (Saturday) cooked lunch and delivered it to SC Grand Lodge for their annual secretaries training session. They received high accolades for the meal and oh by the way made some extra money for Boyleston Lodge.

Please come and support your lodge and remember to pay your 2016 dues.

The dues for this year are \$60.00 same as last year and are due now.

As you may or may not know, you can continue your journey in Masonry by becoming a member of Scottish Rite. When you have completed that journey you will become what is called a 32nd Degree Mason. It is a very enlightening journey. There is an honorary degree in the Scottish Rite that is given to a few who have taken leadership roles and worked hard to exemplify what it is to be an outstanding 32nd Degree Mason and a Mason in general. Recently this Honorary 33rd Degree has been bestowed on one of our

own, Charlie Ray (Bill) Bouknight. Congratulations Bill, it is quite an honor that few attain.

Last month's trivia question: What is a kepi?

answer: A military cap worn by sides in the Civil War

This month's trivia question: What is the original name of Veterans Day?

Food for thought

Thanksgiving is a day we pause to give thanks for what we have.

Veterans Day is a day we pause to give thanks to the people who fought for the things we have.

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