



## TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

Ahhhhh, the beginning of fall and football season both signs it will be cooling off soon. I know I've said this many times before, but another fantastic meal before the stated meeting. Split chicken breasts, green beans, okra, potato salad, pickles, roll and ice cream and cake for dessert. Thanks guys, finger lickin' good.

The crowd was a little lighter tonight I'm sure because of the SC football game but still a nice crowd. The meeting started off by reading of (3) new petitions for membership. We balloted on (8) for Entered Apprentice Degree, (3) for Fellowcraft, and (1) for Affiliation and all were elected. As you can see, we are going to be very busy the next few months. Sometimes we take it for granted but a special thanks goes out to all the volunteer coaches who put in the time getting these new members ready for their advancement in Masonry. It takes a lot of time, dedication and coordination sometimes at an inconvenience to them and their families.

We had the pleasure of welcoming back WB Carlos Gibbons to our meeting. Bro Carlos has been through quite a lot in the past few months to include (2) major operations, an extended time in intensive care, an extended additional time in the hospital, and now therapy to build up his strength. Bro Carlos hit the ground running though because on his first meeting back he presented our Brother and fellow Lodge member Sheriff Leon Lott with his name on the Wall of Honor.

Now on to the chicken bbq. First of all, we need to sell tickets to make all the preparation and work worth while. Let's all chip in and do our part and buy dinners and sell tickets. Contact JW Tom Reed @ 803-315-8269, WB Jim Weih @ 803-518-1770 or RW Bill Bouknight @ 803-556-5670 and they will make sure you get tickets. We also need help getting the meals prepared and made up for people to purchase. On Friday Sept. 18 the work begins starting with breakfast at Hardee's across from the Lodge at 7:00am. At 7:30 the work starts to clean the kitchen, cook shed, and all the pots and

containers and materials used in the process. There is cole slaw to make, chickens to clean and make ready to cook, get the fire started in the pits, and a host of other jobs to do. This all takes time and the more people that show up the easier it is for all. Even if you can only stay for a little while your help will be appreciated. Remember there are approx. 420 members of this Lodge not just 20 or 30 that help do the work. You are needed and will be appreciated. About 10:00pm Friday evening is when the overnight cooking crew starts to assemble and the actual cooking begins. This process takes all night and a good sized group of brothers is needed to do the job properly. Cooking a thousand chicken halves requires a lot of work, please help. You don't necessarily have to stay all night just do what you can do. On Saturday about 7:00am breakfast will be served and the day begins. De-boning chickens to prepare the hash, cooking rice and setting up and making up the containers for the meals takes some time and help. At 11:00am the people start coming in to pick up their dinners and there is an assembly line making the dinner plates up. Another thing that is very important and time consuming is cleaning up the equipment and facilities. If all goes well and there is ample help, all will be done approx. 4:30pm. This can be an enjoyable rewarding event if the sale is successful and we have plenty of help. The chicken bbqs really aid the Lodge and for them to continue and be successful, we need our Brothers help.

We have other things going on in September and I want make sure everyone is aware of them. You may have noticed that we have (8) men that are going to take their Entered Apprentice Degree this month. Since we can only give the Degree to (5) at one meeting, we are going to have an extra meeting to do the rest. There will be (4) EA's given on the regular night Thurs. Sept. 10th at the regular time then the following Sat. Sept. 12th the rest will be given their EA Degrees. This Saturday meeting will be held in the morning and we'll start with a good (Boyleston) breakfast at 7:30am with the meeting to follow. We are having a Award/Ladies night on Friday Sept. 11th to acknowledge our brothers who have been in Masonry for 25, 40, 50, and even 60 yrs. We also want to recognize our spouses who with some sacrifice on their part help us be part of this great Fraternity.

#### Work for the month

Thursday Sept. 10th Entered Apprentice Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm  
**Saturday Sept. 12th Entered Apprentice Degree breakfast at 7:30am meeting to follow**  
Thursday Sept. 17th Fellowcraft Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Friday Sept. 11th Awards/Ladies night dine at 6:30pm ( This to include the widows of Boyleston Brothers. Contact the Sec if ride is needed)

**Saturday Sept. 19th Boyleston Chicken BBQ 11:00am to 4:00pm \$9.00/plate**

Don't forget to check your dues card and make sure you're current. (16) Brothers are in danger of going NPD and being erased.

Last month's trivia question: In the movie "Mary Poppins" was the song  
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. Is that a real word?

answer: It was made up for the movie but is now in the dictionary  
and it means extraordinarily good, fantastic

This month's trivia question: Who was the first U.S Senator elected by a write-in vote?

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