



TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

Welcome to the month of April and just think it's one month closer to the presidential election and the end of this painful campaigning. One thing as sure as death and taxes it will unfortunately get worse instead of better. On a good note we had another well-attended meeting and were served a delicious meal of spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread and ice cream and cookies for dessert.

When I said a well-attended meeting, it was with only a couple of visitors and the lodge was nearly full. (1) Petition for membership, (1) Petition for Reinstatement, and (1) Petition for Reinstatement were read and committees were assigned.

Bro. JW Tom Reed presented a check to the lodge for the proceeds from the bbq of over \$5400.00. It was a very well run bbq and Bro. Tom spent a lot of time getting the best deals needed to turn a great profit. It was also a great opportunity for the newer brothers to get to know the more seasoned brothers. Bro. Tom announced that there is wood ready to cut for the pits and suggested Sat. May the 14th for the wood cutting work day and May the 7th as a back up so please mark the date on your calenders and help with this endeavor.

After consulting with the rest of the building committee, Bro. Tom has gotten prices for renewing the flooring in the dining room and rest rooms. A motion was made and seconded to get this project done and after discussion the motion passed. There will be samples of color on display at the next business meeting for the brothers input. We have a beautiful lodge room and some improvements are upcoming for the rest of the lodge. Another improvement is being donated by PM and SW Trey Meetze of an electric retractable projection screen. To complement the screen, Chaplain Frank Eargle is

donating a digital projector. These improvements will enhance the experience of going through the degree process.

It is now official that the Dutch Fork Lodge has been sold and the closing is the beginning of June. The officials of Dutch Fork Lodge have signed an agreement with Boyleston Lodge to use our facility paying a fee for each use. This agreement is for one year, after this time Dutch Fork Lodge will either merge with Boyleston or find another place to hold their meetings. Members of our Finance Committee have been working on this agreement and determining a fair fee to charge Dutch Fork Lodge. Everything was brought before Boyleston Lodge and the agreement read at the business meeting. Masonry is a brotherhood and this is an example of brothers helping brothers.

Now that spring has come that means we starting our weekly chore of cutting and maintaining our yards. Boyleston Lodge has areas that need maintained also. There is a very small group of brothers that have taken on the task of maintaining the outside of our property. After all these years of doing this, they would like some help. There is no set time or day this is done and if anyone sees the grass needs cut and trimmed you will not hurt anyone's feelings if you do it. Let's pitch in and help, contact Sec. Bill Bouknight, JW Tom Reed or Bro. Albert Wayne Stoudemire with any questions.

Past Master and current Treasurer Bobby Lockaby has made a turn for the worse and is in need of our prayers. He is currently in the Parkridge Hospital in Irmo on Broad River Rd.

Work for the month

Thursday April 14th Fellowcraft Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm
Wed Apr 13th FC practice at the lodge 6:30pm

Last month's trivia question: Summerville, SC is the birthplace of what?
answer: Sweet Tea

This month's trivia question: What was introduced in 1964 by the Sanford Ink Co.?

RW Ray Boland announced at the meeting that starting next month he will begin his visitations with the different lodges in the 10th Masonic District and invites you to become a member of his "BLTS" (Boyleston Lodge Travelers) and accompany him throughout his travels. It is quite interesting to visit the different lodges and observe their work and make new Masonic friendships. Just contact RW Ray and he will make sure you are aware of where and when he travels. You can meet him at Boyleston Lodge or at the destination lodge.

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