



TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

Here we are about to celebrate Christmas and New Years already, where did the time go. We had a nice crowd for our Stated Meeting this month and were treated to our traditional meal of eggs, country ham, biscuits, grits, and donuts for dessert. Thanks guys for a great meal.

We started our meeting in the regular manner and the secretary read correspondences the Lodge received. We got a thank you note from Chapin Relay for Life and from Leeza Gibbons for our contributions to their causes, also we got the final approval for the merge of Dutch Fork Lodge into our Lodge official date 01/01/2017.

The lodge received (1) Petition for Affiliation and we balloted on (1) for EA and (1) for FC and they were elected. Since we are dark for the rest of the month, that means we are starting 2017 with a busy month.

Now for the business at hand, JW Tom Reed and Ms. Sam Mack got all the materials and assembled the fruit baskets that we annually present to the Widows of our departed Brothers. These baskets will be delivered by our Brothers and are very much appreciated by the Widows. When a Brother delivers these baskets he soon realizes the he receives as much as he gives. It's a very rewarding feeling.

We took delivery of our new ice machine that works much more efficiently and quietly.

JW Tom Reed proposed in a motion that we erect a flag pole and raise an American Flag which was seconded and passed the vote.

WB John "Trey" Meetze who is the incoming Worshipful Master has chosen to have the Installation of the 2017 Officers in an open lodge. This will happen on Tuesday Dec. 27th which is the celebration of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist the official end of the term of the 2016 Officers and the beginning of the term of the 2017 Officers. We will have a meal at 6:30pm and Installation at 7:30pm. This is an open lodge so you are welcome to bring your spouse or significant other.

Since this is the last Trestleboard of 2016, I think it is a great time to reflect back on the past year. Sadly we lost (7) Brothers some we knew better than others but all important to us and of course to their families and loved ones. They are as follows: WB Larry Bilka Sr, Bro. Edward H. Carpenter Jr, Bro. S. Dean Henry, WB Bobby Lockaby, WB Jan Overstreet, Bro. L. Gary Owen, Bro. James F. Williams Jr. Rest in Peace you are in a better place.

We had our traditional (2) chicken bbqs, which were well attended and went very smoothly generating good income for the Lodge.

We, also, were commissioned to prepare meals for several Grand Lodge meetings, 10th Masonic District meetings, and a meeting for the SC Tall Cedars of Lebanon. These all went well and generated income for the Lodge.

We need to thank the Bros. who put the time in to insure we had great meals at every function. The Brothers sacrifice their own time to purchase and prepare the food for the meals and do a fantastic job.

We need to thank the Bros. who at their own expense, equipment, and time cut the grass and keep the grounds looking good.

Thank you to the Brothers on the building committee who keep an eye on our buildings and recommend and in many cases do the needed repairs and upgrades.

These tasks are taken on by the Brothers because of their love of their Lodge and Masonry. They welcome any Brother who is interested in assisting them so make your wishes known to any of the officers. Once you get involved in these activities you will realize that not only are you helping the Lodge, you are also building relationships and friendships with your fellow Brothers.

Work for the month

We are dark for the month and have no work, except for the open installation of our new officers. It will be held on Tuesday Dec. 27th meal at 6:30pm and installation at 7:30pm.

This is an open intallation so you can bring your spouse or significant other. This will not be a late night. Officers should wear a coat and tie for pictures.

Please enjoy the Christmas and New Years holidays. Enjoy the chance to get together with your family and friends. And by all means be safe. If we don't see you sooner, see you next year. Make it a point to come to Lodge.

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