



TRESTLE BOARD

Boyleston Masonic Lodge #123 A.F. M.
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Greetings Brothers,

Happy New Year to all and may we all experience a safe, healthy, and bountiful 2016. Our new year started out fantastically with a great meal of ham, collared greens, black eyed peas, corn, mexican corn bread and pear salad for dessert. We also had 57 brothers in attendance. That is tremendous let's keep it up!

Last month I included a list of brothers who have passed in the year 2015. I, inadvertently, left off the name of Brother Larry Meetze and am very sad to say that we lost one of the pillars of our Lodge with the passing of Dar Taylor. WB Dar was a true Mason and loved this lodge. No matter how bad he felt if he could make the meeting he was there. He will be missed.

On to the meeting, I'm sure WB William was very gratified to look around the lodge and see every seat was taken and all officers in their respective places. We had (1) new Petition for Membership read and committee assigned. We also balloted on (2) for the Entered Apprentice Degree and (1) for Affiliation.

These petitions are the lifeblood of our Lodge (and of all lodges) and it is very important that we continue to add good qualified men to our Brotherhood. A large percentage of our Lodge's membership are life members and are no longer required to pay annual dues. These dues are a major source of our operating capitol for the year. We are one of the more active lodges in our area and unofficially in 2015 we raised (16) Brothers, added (9) through Affiliation and Reinstated (7), a gain of (32) brothers. But on the other hand we lost (17) due to death and had (7) erasures. That means our net gain was (8). We are blessed to have great leadership and brotherhood in our Lodge. Let's keep it going, this is your Lodge be an active part of it.

JW Reed announced that tentatively the spring chicken bbq is set for Saturday Mar. 5th so lets have a good turnout with such advanced notice. When we have these bbqs it means we need to fill the pits. Saturday Feb. 6th is the day for a work party to cut wood and fill the pits. Brother Tom says if we meet at Hardee's across from the Lodge at 8:00am, he will buy you breakfast. Again the more that show up the easier it is on everyone. Past experience tells us that it will only take a couple of hours with a good crew. We more seasoned Brothers would really appreciate some more younger blood participating. The logs are currently stored on RW Bill Bouknight's property so it needs to be cut, split, and transported to the lodge so saws, trucks, and trailers are needed.

As discussed at the business meeting, the plans for 2016 are to get more involved in community service, put a plan together for systematic contributions of various needy charities that use the money locally and wisely, do some capital improvements, and to be very active. Come join us and enjoy the fellowship and brotherly love.

Attached to this Trestleboard is 2016 list of committees and the brothers assigned to them. If you have an interest in participating in any of these committees, you are very welcome. Contact WB William for more information.

Work for the month

Thurs. Jan. 14th Entered Apprentice Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Wed. Jan. 13th Practice at the lodge 7:00pm

Thurs. Jan. 21st Fellowcraft Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Wed. Jan 20th Practice at the lodge 7:00pm

Sat. Jan 16th 10th Masonic District Instructional Meeting 3:30pm at the
Scottish Rite Building on Garners Ferry Rd. All officers
are required to attend. All brothers welcome to attend.

If you haven't paid your 2016 dues or are not sure check your card and please pay them.

Trivia question:

In 1949 what was introduced that had a 1 ½ inch hole in the center?

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