



TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

Well March came in like a lamb, let's hope it goes out the same way and not like a lion. At the regular Stated Meeting we had another great meal of pork chops in gravy, field peas, whole kernel corn, and cup cakes and ice cream for dessert - just outstanding.

The meeting started with the reading of (1) Petition for Membership. We also balloted on (1) for the Entered Apprentice degree and (1) for the Fellowcraft degree and they were elected. This leads me to talk about our degree work. The officers of the lodge are very conscious of the quality of our degree work and are always striving to do better. They get together and practice the day before every degree and on off weeks still get together and practice. They also will sit in other officers seats and work towards being more flexible and ready for their move up. When you talk to an officer you might want to tell him how much you appreciate their hard work. These practices are not just for the sitting officers, anyone can attend and further your masonic knowledge.

Next there was some unfinished business that needed tending to. When an officer is elected he isn't official until he is sworn in. Our esteemed Treasurer Bobby Lockaby has been under the weather recently and hadn't been sworn in. We are so glad he was able to attend the meeting and is now official. It was a pure joy to see him sitting in his proper chair.

Of course the main focus of the meeting was the upcoming spring chicken bbq. This time always causes a little anxiety because of the sales of tickets and getting enough helpers to do this labor intensive task. I've explained before the importance of the funds we receive from the bbq but keep in mind the fellowship and camaraderie that the brothers gain in accomplishing a successful task together. It's a very rewarding

experience and you need not have a special skills to help, there is something for everyone to do. The more helpers the easier it is for everyone.

In new business, we received a letter from the Decided Church (the church that is buying the former Richland #39 building) saying that after (2) years they are continuing to grow. They asked to make some minor modifications to the building and after a vote they were approved.

In case you weren't aware of it there was an attempted shooting in a Scottish Rite building in another state. Fortunately the shooter was stopped but it heightened awareness that this could happen anywhere. The Grand Master of South Carolina has issued an edict for procedures that every lodge should use to guard against such dangers. I'm not going into specifics in the Trestleboard but rest assured steps are being taken to heighten our security. If you have questions, ask one of the officers.

When one of our brothers passes on as we all will do and the family requests a Masonic Funeral Service (which a family must do to receive on), Boyleston Lodge has (2) brothers who perform an outstanding oratory. Occasionally neither one is available and Brother Ed Smith from Sinclair Lodge has been asked to step in. The brothers at Boyleston have voted to make him an Honorary Member in appreciation. If you have not attended a Masonic Funeral Service, it is very moving.

Work for the month

Thursday March 10th Entered Apprentice Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm
Practice Wed. 03/09 6:30pm at the lodge

No FC or MM degrees this month.

Friday March 11th Dentsville Lodge is having a pancake supper (eggs, sausage, pancakes) all you can eat for \$7.00 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. I'm sure there is a contingent from Boyleston going over. Contact RW Bill Bouknight for details

Last month's trivia question: Marion Morrison was a very famous mason, what was his more familiar name?

Answer: John Wayne

This month's trivia question: Summerville, SC is the birthplace of what?

Addendum below

I waited to write this until the chicken bbq was over so I could give all the brothers a report. I'm proud to say the bbq was a success and all phases of the work was well attended. This is an example of how great this lodge is. All those who helped get this accomplished should feel proud. I would like to give recognition to everyone who was involved but that is impossible. There were lots of brothers working who don't come to lodge meetings very often who are an integral part of the success of the bbq. I feel I need to give special recognition to Glenn Wessinger for bringing his steam jenny and cleaning all the containers and equipment used processing the raw and cooked chicken. Glenn and his father Garry own this steam jenny and use it and the chemicals at their own expense. They are long time members of this lodge. Thanks to you and all who participated.

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