



TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

Here we are in the month of May already. One thing I enjoy at this time of year is Daylight Savings Time and the longer daylight hours. We had another fine well-attended business meeting this month and were treated with hamburgers and all the fixings, french fries, baked beans and fruit cocktail and cottage cheese for dessert.

In the meeting the secretary read (3) new Petitions for Membership and investigating committees were assigned. We also balloted on (1) for Entered Apprentice degree, (1) for Fellowcraft degree, (1) for Reinstatement, (1) for Affiliation and all were elected.

As expected Dutch Fork Lodge will be moving in this month and will have their first Stated Meeting on Monday June the 6th. Let's make them feel welcome and visit their first meeting.

Speaking of Monday, May the 9th is when the crew is coming to start putting the new floor in the dining hall and bathrooms. The work should be completed before the end of the week and will make a big improvement in the appearance of the room, that and a fresh coat of paint in the bathrooms done by JW Tom Reed. Thank You Bro. Tom.

On Saturday May 14th there will be a wood cutting to fill the pits for the fall bbq. Meet at 7:00am at the Hardees across the street and bisquits/coffee will be supplied. Remember the more workers there the easier it is on everyone. We're usually done before 10:00am. Hey you younger guys this means you!!!!!!!!!!!!

Again lawn and grounds care was brought up at the meeting. There are just a few Bros. that cut the grass and see to the outside of the lodge and make it look presentable. They are taken for granted and would like some help. How about contacting Sec. Bill

Bouknight, Bro. Albert Wayne Stoudemire, or JW Tom Reed as to when this is done and how can you help.

RW Ray Boland gave a report on the recent Grand Lodge Communication

Sec. Bill reminded everyone there are still 27 Brothers who haven't paid their 2016 dues, we need to get them paid and risk erasure.

It is May so that means it is time for the St. John's Lutheran Church Fish Fry. It will be Thursday May 12th 6:30pm at the behind the church on St. John's Church Rd. in Irmo. It is a good time with lots of good food and fellowship.

In case you haven't heard, Treasurer WB Bobby Lockaby passed away last month and left a big hole in the hearts of many people. Bro. Bobby was the first person to contact me and invite me to visit this lodge, greeted me when I came and made this "d****d yankee" feel welcome. He had a way of talking to you that made you feel you were a special friend and he was that way with everybody. When I went to the funeral service, it was something I have never experienced before in Masonry. The Grand Master and (5) Past Grand Masters were in attendance. I'm not certain but between 8 and 10 Past or Present District Deputy Grand Masters were in attendance along with a large contingent of Masons, Scottish Rite Masons, and Shriners (to include several Past Potentates). Also, a large group of American Legionnaires who escorted Bro. Bobby to the National Cemetary at Fort Jackson on their motorcycles. What a testimony and tribute to such a fine man. I don't mean to slight any of our other Bros. who have passed who are all sorely missed, but I was amazed at how many people were touched with the generosity, kindness, and kinship of WB Bobby Lockaby. Our hearts go out to Iris, Ron and all of his family.

Work for the month

Thursday May 19th Entered Apprentice Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm
Wed. May 18th EA Practice at the lodge 6:30pm

Saturday May 14th Wood Cutting to fill the bbq pits meet at Hardee's 7:00am

Last month's trivia question: What was introduced in 1964 by the Sanford Ink Co.?
Answer: The Sharpie

This month's trivia question: What was first produced in America in 1898?
(this question is in remembrance of Bobby)

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