



## TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

Welcome to the month of September. We've just had our stated meeting and it was relatively well attended but because the Gamecocks were playing, it thinned our ranks a little. Those who didn't attend the meeting missed a great meal of spaghetti, salad, bread, cake and ice cream.

After our normal opening procedure and minutes, the secretary read a Petition for Membership and we balloted on (1) for EA, (1) for FC, (3) for MM degrees and (1) for Reinstatement. All were elected.

Bro. RW Bill Bouknight asked the brothers for suggestions or recommendations to not necessarily reduce the cost of our property insurance (although that would be great) but to keep it from astronomically rising each year. The premium has risen over \$1000.00 each year for the last three years. If there is anyone who knows an agent or company that give us a competitive quote, please contact please let Bill know.

Now to the major matter at hand. JW Tom Reed announced that he had everything on hand or ordered for the fall chicken bbq that is next Sat. Sept. 10th from 11:00am to 4:00pm. I know that most of us has heard what I'm about to say but it needs saying: Even though the bbq sales are Sat. for 11 to 4, it is an event with (2) full days of work. It starts on Fri. morning with breakfast at Hardee's at 7:00am then over to start with cleaning of the cook shed and all the pots and pans and equipment that will be used. There is cole slaw to make, chicken to clean and store in the cooler, the pits will be lit. A lot of help is needed to make the task easier on everyone. The overnight pit crew will start about 9:00pm and will work all night. At dawn's early light on Sat. morning there's chickens to debone for the hash and preparation to make up the meal boxes. From 11:00

to 4:00 is when the assembly line is working on getting the meals made up. After 4:00 comes the cleanup. Every part of the bbq is important to make it all work. We need helpers!!!!!! You don't have to have a certain skill to be valuable, you just have to show up and help. You also don't have to give us all day or night, just give us what you can. Oh by the way we need tickets sold too. It's a great deal at \$9.00 a plate, all this work goes for naught if we don't sell dinners. See or call JW Tom 803-315-8269 or RW Bill 803-556-5670 to get tickets or have them saved at the door. Support your lodge.

We have been notified by Dutch Fork Lodge of their intentions to merge with us and combine Lodges. A motion to merge was entered and seconded at September's Stated Meeting. The motion passed resoundingly. Soon all members of Boyleston Lodge will be notified either by email or regular mail that this will be voted on by the Brothers of Boyleston Lodge. The name of the combined Lodge will remain Boyleston Lodge No. 123. The motion to merge will be voted on at the Stated Meeting in October and the results sent to SC Grand Lodge for final approval.

#### Work for the month

Thursday Sept. 8th Entered Apprentice degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Wed. Sept 7th EA practice 6:30pm at the lodge

Thursday Sept. 22nd Master Mason Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

#### Other important dates

Saturday Sept. 10th Chicken BBQ 11:00am to 4:00pm at the lodge

Saturday Sept. 23rd 10th District Inspirational Dinner 6:30pm at the Scottish Rite Temple  
Bring adult friends and relatives. Notify RW Ray Boland by 9/16  
with the number of people you're bringing 803-445-3945  
No charge to you

Tuesday Oct. 11 Brothers cook for the OES Official Visit Meal served at 6:00pm  
help needed for preparing, serving, and clean up. White shirt/dark pants

Saturday Oct. 15 Awards/Ladies night dine at 6:00pm Ceremony after

Last month's trivia question: What was composed in 1887 by Col. George Balsh, revised in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, and formally adopted by Congress in 1942  
answer: The Pledge of Allegiance. In 1954 the words Under God were added.

This month's trivia question: What proud S.C. legend and tradition was opened in 1950?

Starting in October your dues for next year 2017 can be paid, please do so as soon as you can to make it easier on the secretary and give the lodge it's operating capital. Those who still haven't paid their 2016 dues must do so or they will be erased by Dec. 31st as dictated by the S.C. Ahiman Rezon.

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