



TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

Happy August to all. I think we had the best attended Stated Meeting we've had this year. It is such a pleasure to be in Lodge with so many brothers. We had a meal of ham, potato salad, green beans, okra and ice cream, cake, and pie for dessert.

The meeting started out in the usual manner and the minutes were read and approved. We received (1) new petition for membership and (1) petition for reinstatement and committees were assigned. We, also, balloted on (3) for Entered Apprentice degree and they were elected.

Brothers, I know we haven't been very active for the month of June or July but we have several things coming up this month and next.

First is the Chicken BBQ which is Aug. 12th. Most of us probably don't need to be reminded that this is a 2 day event starting at 7:00am on Friday Aug. 11th. We have new Brothers in our Lodge that may not be familiar with what goes into these bbqs and the work involved so I'll briefly explain: First thing Friday everything needed to prepare and serve the dinners is cleaned and set up. There is cabbage to be unpacked and shredded for the slaw. The chickens are delivered in crates that have to be trimmed and packed in the containers which go in the cooler to be cooked. This whole process goes much quicker and easier with a group of people helping out. I might add that the cooking pits are ignited around 9:00am so the pits will be ready for cooking at approx. 9 to 10pm depending on the heat of the coals.

At approx. 9pm the cooking crew will gather and start the all night process of cooking the chicken halves, sauce, and whole chickens for the hash. Brothers, this is a long and tedious task and help is needed.

At approx. 7:00am breakfast will be served and the preparation will begin to start making up the meals. This also requires a group of people for an assembly line and support staff for the assembly line. People will start coming to pick up their meals at 11.00am and there will be a steady stream of people until 4:00pm.

We need people to help in all phases from preparation to cleanup. We have a great group of Brothers (and some wives and girlfriends) and it's a pleasure working with them. No special skills are needed everybody helps everybody. WE NEED YOU!!!!

We also need to sell tickets. The meals are \$9.00 each and are delicious. We can reserve tickets in someone's name to be picked up and paid for at the door. See or call Tom Reed, Bill Bouknight, or Trey Meetze for tickets.

On Aug. 19th we will be preparing lunch and taking it to the Grand Lodge for a meeting they're having. We will be feeding approx. 150 people and preparation starts at 8:30am.

Aug. 26th is our next Adopt-a-Highway litter pickup day. Meet at Hardee's in Ballentine at 7:00am and get started at 7:30am. We supply the safety vests, gloves, bags, and trash picker uppers. The more people the better. With enough people the job only takes 1 ½ to 2 hrs.

Aug. 31st is the quarterly Square and Compass meeting the will be held at Oliver Lodge in Swansea, SC. This meeting is open to all Master Masons and always has an informative program. This is a good way to get together with fellow Brothers and visit other lodges. We will caravan from Boyleston Lodge and probably between 5:00 and 5:15 pm. The meeting will be over by 9:00pm. There is a friendly competition for the Lodge with the most members attending.

We have other activities coming for Sept. and Oct. so we are going to be busy for the rest of the year. A great time to be active in your Lodge. Please become involved, the Lodge, Brothers, and you all benefit from it.

Work for the month

Thursday Aug. 10th Entered Apprentice degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Wed. 9th EA practice 6:30pm at the lodge

Saturday Aug. 12th Chicken BBQ 11:00am to 4:00pm at the Lodge

Saturday Aug. 26th Adopt-a-Highway litter pickup meet at Ballentine Hardee's 7:00am

Thursday Aug. 31st Sq. and Compass meeting Oliver Lodge Swansea, SC dine at

6:30pm meeting after. Caravan from Boyleston meet between 5:00 and 5:15pm

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