



TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

Here we are in the second month of the new year and I don't think anyone would complain about the weather we experienced in January. Speaking of January, we had our Stated (business) Meeting, an EA Degree, a FC Degree in the month and had over 50 in attendance for each meeting. That is FANTASTIC !!!!!!!! Let's keep it up.

To start out this month we had a great meal of cubed steak, butter beans, cooked cabbage, salad, rolls, and fruit cocktail and cookies for dessert. Thanks again to the cooks. We then began our Stated Meeting in the regular fashion in which we had over 50 again in attendance which included only (1) visitor who's soon to become a member of our Lodge.

The meeting opened in the usual manner and the secretary read (1) Petition for Membership and (2) Petitions for Affiliation and investigating committees were assigned. We also balloted on (3) for EA, (1) for FC, (2) for MM, and (2) for Reinstatement. This process of bringing in new petitions, balloting on them, and guiding new candidates through the degrees is the lifeblood of our Lodge and all of Masonry and we need to do our best to keep them active and contributing to our Fraternity.

Now to our ongoing business, we had our training session for the Adopt-a-Highway program and are cleared to perform this service. The pickup dates have been established and the first one is Feb. 4th. We decided to meet at Hardee's at 7:00 am with the goal to get started at 7:30am. Our designated section of road is Dutch Fork Rd from Bickley Rd. to Johnson Marina Rd (2 miles). In true Boyleston fashion we had (20) people show up to help and we completed the task in approx. 2 ½ hrs. As in all cases the more people

that show up the easier it is on everyone. The added bonus is the comradery between the people doing the task. These types of things are such a benefit to new brothers to get to know your fellow brothers.

Speaking of upcoming tasks the date of our annual spring chicken bbq has been established as March 11th. To cook the chicken we need to fill the bbq pits with wood. That means we have to have a work party to cut the wood and fill the pits. This date has been set for Sat. Feb 11th. We will meet at the Lodge at 7:30am for breakfast and proceed to get the wood. As always the more that show up the easier it is on everyone and the quicker we get this done. We have usually been finished by 9:30 or 10:00am so it doesn't take up your whole Saturday.

Work for the month

Thursday Feb. 9th Entered Apprentice Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Wed. 02/08 EA practice 6:30pm at the Lodge

Thursday Feb. 24th Master Mason Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Wed. 02/23 MM practice 6:30pm at the Lodge.

Saturday Feb. 11th woodcutting and stacking the pits. Breakfast at 7:30 am at the Lodge

Brothers, a brother of our Lodge, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary G. Ray Marsh is having health issues and currently in the Lexington Hospital. Even in ill health our Lodge is in his heart and he makes calls to our secretary to see how we're doing. Let's keep him in our prayers.

Boyleston Lodge is now the biggest and may be the most active in South Carolina, come be apart of it's activities we'll welcome you with open arms.

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