



TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

Welcome to the month of June. We had another well-attended Stated Meeting and were treated to a fine spaghetti dinner with salad, garlic bread, and ice cream for dessert. Excellent food and fellowship.

We started our meeting in the usual manner and the secretary read the minutes which were accepted and give his monthly financial report. The treasurer also gave his report and everything matched. These monthly reports are always available for review if anyone has a question. We're not like the government, we are transparent. (sorry)

This month the meeting was short and sweet. We had no new petitions and we balloted on (1) to receive the FC degree and he was elected. I guess we're in a petition "slump", but I'm sure it will bet better.

Last month we had a few activities other than the meetings to include filling the bbq pits for the next bbq, adopt-a-highway litter pickup, cook and feed the Grand Lodge officers at their planning meeting and the Square and Compass club meeting. I must say that every activity went well and was well attended except the Square and Compass meeting. I know the secretary put out a group email about the meeting but we only had (6) attend. These meetings rotate between the different lodges and are only (4) times a year. Any Master Mason can attend and if you want to become a member, lifetime dues are only \$25.00. They always have a speaker and this time they had a true American Hero. He was a Brother and a WWII B-24 pilot in the pacific theater. He flew 40 combat missions and was never shot down and never lost any of his crew even though at times his plane

was riddled with bullets and shrapnel. What an interesting speaker. It is in the Sq. and Compass bylaws that the meeting must be over by 9:00pm so it is never a late night. There is always a good meal and a friendly competition between lodges on who has the most attendees. It's nice to visit other lodges and meet new Brothers. Let's try to make an effort to attend the next one.

WB Ron Lockaby is giving Master's Proficiency classes for anyone who would like to attend. They will be on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30pm and Sunday at 3:30pm at the lodge.

Brother Marion Smith made an excellent suggestion and turned it into a motion, that on the first and third Tuesday of the month we meet at 8:30am and cut the grass and do the trimming around the lodge. The motion was seconded and passed. Through the years a small group of Brothers have done this work and I think having a defined day and time to do it will aid in getting help for these brothers. The more that attend, the faster and easier it is.

Our June 10th outing to the Columbia Fireflies baseball game is near and it has been very well received. I believe that we have around 72 people going to the game. That's fantastic and it will be impossible not to have a good time. The seats are great in Section 103 that's on the third base side between the pitcher's mound and home plate right behind the Fireflies dugout. Don't worry about line drive foul balls because there is a net in front of you. WB Ron is trying to get ahold of everyone to give you the tickets on Sunday (06/04) at the lodge around 3:30pm, if you can't make it then someone will be at the gate early to hand them out. Parking is easy just go down Elmwood Ave. and make a left on Bull St. then stay in right lane and make a right on Colonial Blvd. There will be people directing where to turn right into the parking area. Parking is \$3.00 per car. Because of the recent rainouts this game will be a doubleheader with fireworks at the end. When we know for sure what time the game starts we will notify whoever made arrangements with Ron to purchase the tickets. If you have any questions call Ron Lockaby at (803)269-4934. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

Work for the month

I don't remember the last time we had NO WORK

For those who haven't paid their dues, please do

Don't forget we still 150th Anniversary Commemorative Coins \$10. and lapel pins \$5. available. See RW Bill Bouknight or RW Ray Boland and get yours.

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