



TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

March has come in like a lamb let's hope it leaves the same way. We had another fine attendance at our Stated Meeting and I never grow tired of reporting and being a part of it. We were treated to a fine meal of spaghetti with a hearty meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, and cake and ice cream for dessert. Thanks again to the kitchen crew you are appreciated by everyone. We are also happy to see all of the past Dutch Fork Lodge and now Boyleston Lodge Brothers in attendance.

Our meeting started out in the normal fashion and I must say it is heartwarming to hear approx. (50) Brothers reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary read (2) Petitions for Membership and (2) Petitions for Reinstatement. We also balloted on (1) for Entered Apprentice Degree, (3) for the Fellowcraft Degree, (1) for Reinstatement, (1) for Affiliation, (1) for Dual Membership and all were elected.

The month of March is going to be a very busy and memorable month for Boyleston Lodge and all of our Brothers are invited and encouraged to be a part of it. But before we get to that, let's go over some old business:

** RW Ray Boland gave the 2016 Audit Report for the Lodge. He said the report could not gone better and praised the hard work of the Secretary and Treasurer in the preparation.

I think that unless you have sat in those seats you can't realize the hard work and dedication it takes to do those jobs well (especially the Secretary's job and don't forget his work has increased by a 3rd because of the merger). I had that job for 3 yrs and didn't do near as good a job as RW Bill is doing. Thank you so much!!!!

**We had our Adopt-a-Highway litter pickup workday and even though it was pretty cold we had good attendance and everyone pitched in and did a great job in approx. 2 ½ hours.

**We had our woodcutting workparty that was well attended and they did a fine job filling the pits for the BBQ

Now, onto this month:

**CHICKEN BBQ This is one of our (2) major fundraisers that help sustain the Lodge and keep our dues modest. We have a lot of newer Brothers that don't know exactly what it takes to put on a successful bbq. We start Friday morning with cleaning everything needed, preparing cabbage and carrots for the slaw. About 11:00 the chickens come in boxed and they need to be trimmed, brined and put in pots in the cooler. Then about 8:30pm the pit crew comes to start loading the chicken on the racks and start cooking, this lasts all night long. On Saturday breakfast is served about 7:30am and things get started for the assembly line to fix the meal boxes and it goes steady until about 4:00pm. There is preparing the meals, bringing out for people in the parking lot. Supervising parking, garbage removal, and finally the all-important clean up. It takes a lot of people and there's a job for everyone. The more that come the easier it is on everyone. Please come and help out. As Uncle Sam would say "WE NEED YOU".

**150th Anniversary Rededication. Brothers, this is going to be a special event for our Lodge. Plans have been going on for (2) years and the time has come. Shealy's BBQ is catering the event, we will have tents outside with tables and chairs for outdoor dining and also upstairs in the old lodge room to accommodate the attendees. We have obtained permission to park in the Food Lion parking lot across the street and will have a shuttle to safely bring you to the Lodge. The Grand Master has committed to be there and many past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers. To help defray the costs and to have as a memento for the occasion, we have beautiful commemorative coins (\$10) and lapel pins (\$5) for sale.

**We are going to be in the spotlight for the anniversary so let's make it shine. We're having a work party to "spruce" it up on Saturday March 18th at 8:00am. We will be working outside and inside so bring anything you think will make things easier.

Work for the month

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

Thursday March 23 Fellowcraft Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

Wed. 03/22 FC practice 6:30pm at the lodge

Saturday March 11th Chicken BBQ sales hours 11:00am to 4:00pm

help needed Friday and Saturday

Saturday March 18th work party to clean lodge and grounds for the ceremony

meet at 8:00am at Hardee's for breakfast

Saturday March 25th 150th Anniversary celebration dine at 11:30am meeting after.

Monday March 27th Presentation of George Washington Portrait the Lex/Rich 5 High Schools at the School Board Meeting at Irmo High School with aprons and officers jewels. Meeting at 7:00pm

Brothers, we have the honor of having Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary

G. Ray Marsh as a member of Boyleston Lodge. He currently is gravely ill and very much in need of our prayers. As fine a gentleman as I ever met who loves this Lodge

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