



TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

Happy November everyone, we had another well-attended business meeting and for a meal we had turkey stew, vegetable soup, salad, and ice cream for dessert, absolutely delicious. A big thank you to the cooks for feeding us each month.

The meeting started out in regular fashion and the secretary read (1) Petition for Affiliation and an investigating committee was assigned. We also balloted on (1) for Demit, (1) for Affiliation, and (3) for Master Mason Degree and all were elected.

RW Ray Boland read the proposed amendments to our By-Laws for the second time. Remember these amendments will be read next month for the final time, then discussions will be had and then voted on.

We got the leaning flagpole straightened up are still having an issue keeping it lighted at night. Bro. Fred Baxley has agreed to get a spotlight wired up on a day/night sensor and hopefully the situation will be solved.

SW Tom Reed reminded everyone that time for the distribution of fruit baskets to the widows of our lodge brothers is nearing and had a suggestion to make. Because of some of the issues dealing with the fruit that maybe it would be more appreciated if we gave out Walmart gift cards and a nice card. The suggestion was made into a motion and seconded and passed. I truly think the gift cards will be appreciated more.

Brothers this year the lodge has made a concerted effort to make contributions to deserving causes and get more involved in improving our community, at WB Gene Swygert's suggestion and motion we are making a contribution to the Boys Farm in

Newberry. We have made several contributions to the causes and will continue to do so in the future. As you may know we are also picking up litter along a section of Dutch Fork Rd. for the state's Adopt-a-Highway program. One of the pickup days is Nov. 18th. We meet at Hardee's in Ballentine at 7:00am for a biscuit and get started around 7:30am. With a good group it usually takes around an hour and a half. Come join us.

If you haven't done so, please pay your dues for 2018.

Election of Officers

To begin with SW Tom Reed was nominated for Worshipful Master and respectfully declined.

Nominated and elected for Worshipful Master: WB Ron Lockaby

Nominated and elected for Senior Warden: Bro. Nick White

Nominated and elected for Junior Warden: Bro. Jud Close

Nominated and elected for Treasurer: RW Ray Boland

Nominated and elected for Secretary: RW Bill Bouknight

Next month the appointed officers will be named and there is a possibility of an open installation.

Work for the Month

Thursday Nov. 16th Master Masons Degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm
Practice Wed. 11/15 7:30pm at the lodge

Activities for the month

Tuesday Nov. 14th cook and serve dinner for the Eastern Star annual meeting
white shirt and black pants requested. Serving starts at 6:00pm

Saturday Nov. 18th Adopt-a-highway litter pickup Meet at Hardees 7:00am

Saturday Nov. 18th Veterans Appreciation Day Hot Dog Lunch at Bolands Hardware in
Chapin 11:00am to 2:00pm put on by the American Legion Riders

This month is Thanksgiving, let's not forget to give thanks for our blessings and get together and enjoy our families. There are millions of people around the world that aren't as fortunate as we are. Remember our Veterans, Armed Forces, and First Responders.

One more thing, we just had our Ladies and Awards night and it was a great time. The meal was great and we had the pleasure of having our own Brother Sheriff Leon Lott as the speaker and he did a great job. A fine time was had by all. Thank you Sheriff.

I didn't get the revised list of birthdays for this month. I apologize and will correct it. My fault sorry.

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