



TRESTLE BOARD

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Greetings Brothers,

Here we are at the shank of summer and we're on the edge of our seats watching to see if the most powerful hurricane ever reported in the Atlantic is heading our way. Let's all pray that it takes a different path, but any path it takes please keep damage and harm to a minimum.

Even though the anxiety is high, we had a very well attended meeting to which we were treated to a fine meal of hamburger steak smothered in onions, butter beans and field peas, mashed potatoes, pickles, and ice cream for dessert. Everybody ate so well that I might have seen one or two heads nodding during the meeting.

After our regular way of opening the meeting we had no new Petitions but balloted on (1) to receive the Entered Apprentice degree, (3) for the Fellowcraft degree, and (1) for Affiliation. All were elected.

In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, the Lodge voted to send \$250. to the Texas Masonic Services Assoc. knowing that the money will be placed in the right hands without hidden "administrative" costs. Let's all remember these poor people who have lost so much in Texas, the Caribbean, and Florida.

Now onto old business, in last month's Trestleboard we noted that it was going to be a busy month and we would need the help of our Brothers. Well, I'm so happy to report that the Brothers of Boyleston answered the call with gusto. Let's start out with the chicken bbq. SW Tom Reed presented a nice check to the Lodge, proceeds from the bbq and reported that all phases of the bbq from preparation to clean up were very well attended and went smoothly. Several of the Brothers stood up and gave testimony on

how well it went. Thanks goes to Brother Leon Lott who provided traffic control so our bbq patrons could enter and exit the Lodge parking lot safely. Next we had to cook for 200 Brothers who attended a meeting at the Grand Lodge. We had a good work crew show up and everything worked out well. The attendees to the Grand Lodge meeting were well pleased with their meal. Another task for August was our commitment to pick up litter for the Adopt-a-Highway program. This, again, was very well attended and in 1 ½ hours the job was completed. And lastly, we had a Square and Compass meeting at Oliver Lodge in Swansea and we brought home the “Traveling Gavel” for the Lodge with the best attendance from the 10th Masonic District. So to sum up how the month went, I’d say that Boyleston Lodge gets a five star review. Those Brothers who participated in all the activities should be proud. The Lodge is proud of you.

Under new business, RW Ray Boland reported the By-Laws committee is having meetings on making some revisions to the current By-Laws to benefit the Lodge and will read their proposals at the business meeting next month. The revisions have to be read at the business meeting for (3) consecutive months before being voted on for adoption. Any questions should be referred to RW Ray.

To update everyone, WB Ron Watson is gravely ill and is in need of our prayers. His family would appreciate any help and prayers. Any questions contact RW Bill Bouknight.

Work for the month

Thursday Sept. 14th Entered Apprentice degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

EA practice Wednesday Sept. 13th 6:30pm at the lodge

Thursday Sept. 28th Fellowcraft degree dine at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30pm

FC practice Wednesday Sept. 27th 6:30pm at the lodge.

Friday Sept. 29th 10th Masonic District Inspirational Meeting 7:00pm at the Scottish Rite Center on Garners Ferry Road. No charge to you for the meal. Please bring spouse or significant other.

Thursday Oct. 5th Official visit by the District Deputy 10th Masonic District

Let’s give him a good reception.

There are still 22 Brothers who haven’t paid their 2017 dues, if not paid they are NPD. The names of the Brothers will be read aloud at the next business meeting.

Dues notices for 2018 will be sent out next month, please pay your dues as promptly as possible.

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