



TRESTLEBOARD

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MARCH 2018

Hey Brothers!

Welcome to the beginning of spring! I for one am glad to see the cold weather leave us and the warm weather greet us.

On Thursday, March 1, 2018 we conducted our business meeting a little later than normal due to a death in our Lodge Family. We said goodbye to our Brother, James Monroe Clark, Jr., former member of Dutch Fork Lodge No. 402 and past member of Boyleston Lodge No. 123. The evening began at 8:00PM with a great meal prepared by Tom Reed, Albert Stoudemire, O'Neil Bickley, Joe Russo, Jud Close and Bill Bouknight. A special thanks to our cooks who prepared and served hot dogs, chili, French fries, macaroni and cheese, and ice cream.

During the meeting, we discussed correspondence received during February, voted for three (3) petitions for Entered Apprentice Degrees, two (2) petitions for Master Mason Degrees, two (2) new petitions for membership, and one (1) affiliation. Investigation committees were appointed for each of the new petitions and the affiliation. We continued the meeting by discussing some old business, we discussed the preparations for the chicken bar-b-que fundraiser and opened the floor to any new business.

Brother, Cameron McClive presented another excellent Masonic Education lesson this month. Brother Cameron reminded us on how great the importance is for an investigation committee to complete a thorough and comprehensive inquiry for prospective candidates into our fraternity. We should never assume or think prospective candidates are automatically worthy of entrance into our ranks. We are reminded that we should not be afraid to ask the questions that will answer to the character, lifestyle, and history of the man under investigation.

As many of you have noticed, the dining hall has gone through a bit of a transformation to honor those who have served as Past Masters of the Lodge. All living Past Masters affiliated with Boyleston Lodge now have an eight by ten (8x10) inch headshot photograph that has been framed and been displayed along the wall of the storage/pantry closet adjacent to the door leading to the second floor. Those brothers who are no longer with us, but who were affiliated Past Masters now have their pictures compiled in a three (3) ring binder located in the storage closet at the rear of the dining hall. A big thank you to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for painting, fabricating the custom mill work, and completing this project for the Lodge.

District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother John Marcucci of the 10th Masonic District will be selling Grand Master of South Carolina Collectable Coins for a donation of \$10.00. The coin can be viewed at the Lodge. If you would like to purchase a coin for your collection, please contact Brother John at jrmarcucci@aol.com

A reminder that the Warden's Workshop for the 10th Masonic District has been scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 2018 at the Scottish Rite Center in Charleston, SC. Registration will begin at 8:00AM. The workshop will begin at 9:00AM and will conclude around 12:00PM. This is a mandatory event for all Wardens. The Charleston Scottish Rite Center is located at 1051 Sam Rittenberg Blvd, Charleston, SC 29407.

On Saturday, March 31, 2018 Springdale Lodge No. 412 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser from 7:00AM to 10:30AM. Meals can be purchased for \$7.00 at the door.

A special thanks to Jacob Lutz and Joshua Donnell who donated their time and equipment to clean up and trim the trees and overgrowth behind the prep house and pit shack. The vegetation had begun to encroach on these facilities and was swallowing them whole.

Brother Matthew Derrick, Owner of A to Z Landscaping is in need of employees. Brother Matthew would like to extend an invitation to any member, their friends, and family to apply if interested. Please contact Matthew at greenthumb402@hotmail.com or 803-600-4197 if you or someone you know who may be interested.

Lastly, on March 3, 2018 we completed our first chicken bar-b-que. The preparations began long before March 3rd with help from many of the Brothers who helped cut hard woods, split logs, and load up the bar-b-que pits on February 3rd after the Adopt-a-Highway clean up detail. As the event approached near, final preparations took off early in the morning on Friday, March 2nd with preparing the chickens, making the coleslaw, the sauce, the tea, setting up the dining hall, and lighting the bar-b-que pits. So much more happened as the day went on until the reins were taken over by the "night" crew, were the chickens were cooked and prepared for the Saturday start. By 11:00AM Saturday morning a crowd had assembled in anticipation for the sale of the first meals ready to be sent out the door. Around 12:00PM the lodge had already sold over 400 meals and by 1:30PM we were completely sold out! The first fundraiser of 2018 was a complete success! Many, many thanks to all of those who donated their time, their resources, and their man power to make this fundraiser a success

WORK FOR THE MONTH

Entered Apprentice Practice: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 7:00PM

Entered Apprentice Degree Work: Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:30PM, dinner at 6:30PM

Master Mason Practice: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7:00PM

Master Mason Degree Work: Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 7:30PM, dinner at 6:30PM

DID YOU KNOW?

“Freemasonry is an oath-bound, fraternal order of men, deriving its origin from the medieval fraternity of operative Freemasons; adhering to many of their Ancient Charges, laws, customs, and legends; loyal to the civil government under which it exists; inculcating moral and social virtues by the symbolic application of the working tools of the stonemasons and by allegories, lectures, and charges. The members are obligated to observe principles of brotherly love, equality, mutual aid and assistance, secrecy, and confidence, have secret modes of recognizing each other as Masons when abroad and in the world, and meet in Lodges.”

Reference: *Trestleboard Tidbits*. Silver Spring, Maryland: Masonic Service Association

Nine Masons signed the Declaration of Independence: William Ellery, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, Joseph Hewes, William Hooper, Robert Treat Paine, Richard Stockton, George Walton, and William Whipple.

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I hope everyone has a great March!

Respectfully Submitted,

Caleb Pozsik

Attachments:

- 2018 Officers
- Adpot-a-Highway Trash Detail Schedule
- 2018 Committees
- March Member Birthdays

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Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup Schedule

Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 7:00AM

Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 7:00AM

Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 7:00AM

For each scheduled date, volunteers are asked to meet at the Hardee's in Ballentine for a quick breakfast prior to trash pickup.

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2018 Committees

Audit Committee

WB Carl Seller*
WB George Brown
WB Frank Powers

Boyleston Lodge Travelers

Jud Close*
WB Robert Shull
WB Joe Russo Jr.

Building and Grounds Committee

Albert Stoudemire*
Tom Reed
RW Bill Bouknight
RW Ray Boland
O'Neal Bickley
WB Matt Derrick
WB Bob Stump

By-Laws Committee

RW Ray Boland*
WB Carl Sellers
David Eisenhower
WB Carlos Gibbons

Community Service Committee

WB Jim Weih*
WB Trey Meetze
Caleb Pozsik
Nick White
Hardy King
WB Holland Folsom III
Jeff Tondini

Masonic Education Committee

Nick White*
WB Gene Swygert
Richard White
WB Matt Derrick

Masonic Funeral Committee

WB Bob Stump*
WB George Brown
WB Carlos Gibbons

Needy Committee

Jud Close*
Tom Reed
Frank Earlge
WB JC Ellisor
WB Frank Powers

Security Committee

WB Carl Sellers*
Jason Byers
Adam King

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