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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BAR-B-QUE FUNDRAISER! MARCH MEETING RECAP

We had a good turnout at our regular meeting on March 6th with 33 members present, 2 visitors, and there were 13 Past Masters on hand. As usual, the food was great ... if you haven't been to lodge in a while, be sure to come on out - you won't go away hungry!

After minutes were read, a number of petitions were brought to the attention of the lodge brothers. We voted on six and the votes were clear, so we're assured work for the next few months. Call the lodge telephone to check for the latest in work and lodge information!

Bro. John Meetze, our Junior Warden, did a fine job directing the efforts of all the folks who volunteered their time on the weekend of the 8th. I know Bro. John was there for some 36 straight hours, working the whole time. As usual, there wasn't much left over from the more than a thousand halves sold. Stay tuned here for the details of how successful the fundraiser was ... good job Bro. John, lodge brothers, Eastern Star sisters, widows, and all the other folks who may have helped.

Our thanks are extended to Bro. Albert Stoudemeyer, W.B. Darr Taylor, Bro. Ronnie Faircloth, W.B. Gene Swygert, and W.B. Carl Sellers for their work and donation of materials on the underpinning project for Christgate Mission. We received a nice 'Thank You' from them. Also, remember to thank the Audit Committee for their work done on the annual audit - they came back with a favorable report.

Boyleston received \$1000 for rent on the former Richland Lodge building for the first weekend of March as they hosted their second WeeSale consignment sale on the property. It sure helps pay the bills on the former Richland building. This might not be able to continue, though, as ...

We have been approached by a couple groups in regards to the former Richland Building. The committee in charge of handling the building reported on the requests, led by a local lodge which is considering an effort to downsize. So as not to be

hoodwinked in any attempts to sell the property, the committee is having an independent appraiser come to the property and assess its value. The lodge voted its approval of the move, and we'll see what happens next.

Speaking of money and rent, Bro. J.J. Gentry has done a good deal of research into the billboard which sits on our current lodge property. The Lamar company has us tied into a five year contract, one which automatically renews at the existing rate if no action is taken. Unfortunately, we are unable to switch to any other company right now due to this contract issue. J.J. believes we are getting far less than we could be earning on this billboard. We continue to be in discussions with Lamar, and are currently holding two \$1200 checks in the event that we can make a move of some type. More details will be sent out as we learn them...

The 271st SC Grand Lodge is coming up shortly - make plans to attend! This year, the Grand Lodge will meet in Greenville on April 24th/25th. The host hotel is the Embassy Suites Hotel, and the meeting will be held at the same location. Also, the Grand Master is leading a Washington, DC caravan during the week of July 20th - 24th. If you are interested, visit <http://www.scgrandlodgeafm.org/>, then find and click on the link to the caravan flyer - or call Grand Lodge at 808-4377.

We try to keep up-to-date on everything going on, so be sure to check the website (<http://www.boylestonlodge.com>) and/or listen to the answering machine message at the lodge telephone number, 732-3408; updated information on work and goings-on can be found there.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

- Your prayer list this month needs to include the following folks in need of healing and comfort: Bro. Dutch VanBeek; Bro. Joe

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Dusenberry; W.B. Bobby Lockaby; Mrs. Buster Platt; Bro. Bill Harvey; Bro. Hollis Petersen; W.B. Gene Swygert on continued good doctor visits concerning his sinuses; W.B. Lindsay Koon – it was good to see Bro. Lindsay out the other day and we look forward to seeing you at lodge, brother!; W.B. Gene Hutto's wife who is rehabilitating after an injury; Bro. Buzz Busby who is battling cancer; Mrs. Eula Lowman; Bro. Heyward Caulder on his continued recovery; W.B. Carlos Gibbons on the continued prayers in being caregiver to his wife Jean who has Alzheimer's; Bro. Bobby Turbeville's daughter; Bro. Jerry Coulter recovering from a knee injury; Bro. John Stroke; Bro. Hal Curtis;

- Remember -- please continue to keep Brothers or family members actively involved in military action – as well as our service men and women throughout the world – in your prayers. If you get us their names, we'll print them out in our newsletter...
- Many of y'all know that I have had some hoarseness/sore throat issues over the past year to 15 months. Well after a visit to the ENT physician and a scope of my throat, the doctor found an irritated area on one of my vocal cords. He has prescribed a full week of vocal rest for me, so please don't think badly of me if/when I don't speak to you at the next business meeting – my prescribed period of silence is the week immediately following my follow-up appointment and the first Thursday is part of that time frame. Prayers that this can be cleared up without any surgery are appreciated!

BY-LAWS CHANGE NOTICE

Read in lodge at the last business meeting were a couple of proposed (but necessary) changes needed in our By-Laws. Here is the text of those changes, with the bold/italicized text reflective of the different wording:

Be it resolved that Article V, Section 4, is amended to read as follows:

Secretary

Article V, Section 4. The Secretary shall issue all necessary summonses for stated Communications, and for extra Communications, when required by the presiding officer. He shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Lodge, which may be committed to paper; and insert the names of the members and visitors. He shall receive all monies due the Lodge, and forthwith pay them over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same, and report all members in arrears at the stated Communications in June and December. He shall make out the annual return to the Grand Lodge. For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive the sum of

fifty dollars per month. He shall give bond for the faithful performance of his duties in the sum of *twelve hundred dollars.*

Be it resolved that Article V, Section 9, is amended to read as follows:

Article V, Section 9. A committee on Charity, to consist of three members, shall be annually, at the stated Communication in January, to whom may be referred all applications for relief during the recess of the Lodge. The majority of the committee shall have the power to draw on the Treasurer for an amount, not to exceed *two hundred dollars.*

SETTING THE WORK

E.A. Degree..... March 13th, 7:30 PM
(practice March 12th) Eat at 6:45

M.M. Degree March 27th, 7:30 PM
(practice March 26th) Eat at 6:45

April Business Mtg..... April 3rd, 7:30 PM
(Eat at 6:45)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Brethren, make sure to mark off March 28th on your calendar for a trip up to the M & N Café in Pomeria! If you want to meet at the lodge, folks will be leaving there at 6:00. Otherwise, plan on meeting up in Pomaria to eat at 6:30!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item to every meeting, brothers. They will help restock our supply so we can help local organizations which provide to the needy. If you forget, there's a collection box setup near the meal kitty next to the Widow's fund ...
- Items to be used as news in the newsletter are always welcome ... email Bro. David at wbeasley@boylestonlodge.com, or call him at 240.5504 (cell)/732.0709(home).
- Bro. Hal Curtis, W.B. Buster Platt, and W.B. Bill Bouknight gave the lodge their thanks out to all the brothers who called, visited, or sent cards/notes to them over the past few weeks during the time of distress had by these brothers and their family. We have such a great group of brothers!

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