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## SPAGHETTI DINNER APPROACHING FAST!

### MARK IN ON YOUR CALENDAR FEBRUARY 27TH

There will be a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 27th at 6:00 pm. Plates are only \$7.00 (with kids' plates tentatively priced at \$3.00) and the dinner will be eat-in or carry-out. All funds raised by the dinner will be applied to the Boyleston Lodge Building Fund. Make plans to come out and enjoy a good supper that night. It is for a great cause. Any brother willing and able to help out, please let Bro. Ronnie Faircloth or our Junior Warden Bro. Bobby Lockaby know. While we're talking about it, Brother Ronnie also spoke of progress on the new addition. At the time of the business meeting, we were waiting on one permit. Otherwise, contracts were in place for the foundation to be laid and begin work. Keep your eyes open, folks --we'll keep you as informed as we can. Some work looks to begin Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 a.m.

### FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The lodge met on Thursday, February 4th for the regularly scheduled business meeting, and had a tasty meal beforehand prepared by our own Ballentine Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Fifty were present at lodge, with 13 past masters and 7 visitors on hand. We welcomed the brothers from Blythewood Lodge, who numbered six and took their kitchen flag back with them. Thanks for visiting, brothers!

Some correspondence was read by Brother Secretary. Acacia Lodge reminded us of their 150th Anniversary and re-dedication scheduled for Saturday, February 13th. There was also a 'thank you' note from one of our widows for the fruit

basket. Finally, Bro. Jud read a note from the Newberry Boys Farm thanking us for our donation last year. Youngsters at the Farm, for the most part, come from families with difficult situations. Its purpose is to offer these boys a haven from troubled home-life before the ill-effects leave an indelible mark on these children's young lives. Anyone wishing to know more about this fine charity can look it up on the Internet at: <http://www.boysfarm.org/>.

When old business came up, WB Gene Hutto rescinded his motion, made in January, to discontinue the printing of the newsletter, citing misunderstandings in the purpose of his motion. WB David Easley commented on the process involved in doing the newsletter on a regular basis and how it had evolved into the current format and printing procedure. He also thanked Bro Gene for his motion and how it woke up the brethren as to how much it cost to do it alone. The motion spurred a bunch of the craft to volunteer to get it copied, folded, sorted and taken to the Bulk Mail Unit at the Dixiana Postal Facility. Bro. David also mentioned that anyone wanting to take over the process of writing, formatting, and typesetting the publication would be welcome to do so. But he said he would definitely keep on doing it to the best of his ability. A number of brothers spoke up very complimentary of the format and content, and showed much appreciation for the work done on the lodge newsletter. The discussion was very positive, and we can save a lot of money by doing it this way.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fred Lindler BBQ has been slated for March 13th. Make sure and get with Brother Junior Warden to let him know when you can work. We'll need all the help we can get. We need wood for the BBQ pits, too, and we're looking for it now. Anyone who can help out with some wood that can be cut, please speak up!

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In other business, WB Carlos Gibbons was complimented on a talk he gave regarding Alzheimer's disease at a recent function. Carlos was the keynote speaker at the 3rd SC Respite Coalition Conference at St. Andrews Baptist Church on February 4th. The conference focused on how faith-based communities could provide valuable help to those with disabilities in their communities. Bro. Gibbons used his family's experiences in working through the various phases of Alzheimer's disease. You may already know that his wife, Jean, passed away from Alzheimer's in 2008. The Respite Conference was attended by 150 faith-based groups from throughout the state. Great job, Brother Carlos – you are a fine representative of your family and this lodge. See the more detailed story later in this newsletter.

## COOKBOOK RECIPES SOUGHT OUT

WB Ray Boland suggested at the business meeting that Boyleston Lodge come up with a cookbook to sell as a fundraiser for our building fund. The idea was seen as a real good way to make some money to help fund some of our upcoming costs. Mrs. Boland has already volunteered to help type up any recipes which come in. It was noted in the discussion that many churches and lodges use this same type of fundraiser, and after seeing the book offered up by the brothers of Sinclair Lodge, Bro. Ray thought it a good idea to bring up to the craft. The lodge voted for the idea, so let's get those recipes to Bro. Ray. Electronic format would be great so they can just cut and paste into the new document. Bro. Ray can be reached by email at: [mrboland@bellsouth.net](mailto:mrboland@bellsouth.net), or send them to the lodge at PO Box 502, Ballentine SC 29002-0502, in care of 'Cookbook'.

## ALZHEIMER'S TASK FORCE COMPLETES STATE PLAN

The Purple Ribbon Task Force Committee, authorized by concurrent resolutions of the S.C. General Assembly, has completed its year-long study and presented its proposal to the General Assembly.

The mission of the Purple Ribbon Committee was to develop a comprehensive state-wide plan for dealing with Alzheimer's disease, a progressive

disease affecting more than 80,000 SC citizens and 5 million nationally.

WB Carlos Gibbons was appointed as one member of the 20 member task force. The committee was represented by participants from DHEC, MUSC, SC Dept. of Mental Health, Dept. of Human Services, SC Alzheimer's Assn., USC School of Medicine, SC Nurses Assn., SLED, Helping Hands Adult Day Care, SC Technical College System, and other public and private agencies and organizations. Bro. Carlos represented the caregivers, as he was the primary caregiver for his wife Jean for 6 years. Jean passed away from Alzheimer's in 2008.

The Purple Ribbon Committee made 23 recommendations to be implemented in four phases over ten years. Alzheimer's disease is one of the major health problems facing SC and the nation. As the length of life increases, more challenges face us in dealing with this devastating disease. Alzheimer's affects the memory cells of the brain and may manifest itself at any age. However the frequency of its manifestation increases as one ages. There is promising research on the way, and hopefully a cure will be found sometime within this decade.

(Submitted by W.B. Carlos Gibbons)

## HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

Sympathies go out to the families of W.B. Rufus Shealy, and Bro. Jim Hamel, both of whom passed into that house not made with hands ... In addition, please pray for: Bro. O'Neill Bickley; Rush Houghton; Bro. Bob Martin; Bro. Lewis East; Bro. Jim Dry's wife Judy wishes for continued prayers; W.B. Pappy Wren, and his son Jimmy, who is helping take care of Pappy; Bro. Piney Bickley and his mother-in-law Dorothee Harrell; Bro. Ron Kuhn; Robbie Robinson; Bro. Billy Sox; Bro. Gene Sweat; Bro. Bobby Pittman – Bobby recently got out of Intensive Care at the hospital after gall bladder surgery due to complications – Give him a call!; Harold Wessinger; Bro. Hisham Shamkhani, who is working in the middle east; Bro. Gene Lever and his wife, Ruth; Bro. Ralph Oldstrum; W.B. David Easley regarding his tenuous job situation; Bro. Billy Sox; Bro. Emmett Pruett, Sr., member of Lee Lodge #253 in Taylorsville NC. He is the brother of Bro. Mack Pruett, and is in need of prayers as he is battling cancer.



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## LADIES NIGHT A SUCCESS



Ladies Night was held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and from all accounts it was another good one! We really enjoyed having the ladies with us. Those in attendance enjoyed a fine BBQ dinner. Our speaker was MWB Ron Mitchum, Past Grand Master, and he was accompanied by his wife Susan. His address was focused on the state of and future of Freemasonry and was both informative and inspiring. He cited numerous reasons for its decline in numbers, and also showed that it was cyclical in nature like just about everything else that goes on around us. If you weren't there, brother, you missed a good time!

## MASONIC EDUCATION

This month's Masonic Education in an excerpt from the most recent issue of the Masonic Light. It consists of part of a charge from one of the York Rite degrees, but it is applicable to all masons. I hope you enjoy it:

### CHARGE

“We are all, my Brother, too apt to come forward smiling and kneeling at our Holy Altar of our own free will and accord, take the most solemn obligation to perform certain duties, then act contrary to them, seemingly to have forgotten them. My Brother, this should not be so. Never forget your duties and obligations as a Mason, but by just upright, amiable, discreet and virtuous conduct, convince the world of the goodness of our Institution, so that when you are known to be a Mason, that ought to be your best

recommendation. Never turn away from a burdened heart as it pours out its sorrow; pity the distressed, poor, weak and fallen; let your hand be guided by justice, and let your heart be expanded by benevolence. If your duties to the world are not thoroughly understood, a daily recourse to that Holy Bible, Light of Divine Truth will set you aright. As a Mason, let the scenes through which you have just passed, make a deep and lasting impression on your mind.”

*Word of the month:* **EDIFICE** – to build a structure;

*Quote of the month:* “Unity is a precious diamond.”  
*Holiday*

## SETTING THE WORK

E.A. Degree .....	Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup> , 7:30 p.m. supper at 6:45 p.m.
Practice.....	Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 p.m.
M.M. Degree.....	Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 7:30 p.m. supper at 6:45 p.m.
Practice.....	Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 p.m.
March Business Mtg. ....	Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup> , 7:30 p.m. supper at 6:45 p.m.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

*(compiled from various newsletters/websites)*

M.M. Degree at Pacific. ....	Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 7:30 p.m. eat at 6:45 p.m.
F.C. Degree at Pacific. ....	Mar. 9 <sup>th</sup> , 7:30 p.m. eat at 6:45 p.m.
E.A. Degree at Blythewood. ....	Mar. 9 <sup>th</sup> , 7:30 p.m. eat at 6:30 p.m.
Boyleston Lodge B.B.Q.. ....	Weekend of Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>
F.C. Degree at Cayce. ....	Mar. 15 <sup>th</sup> , 7:30 p.m. eat at 6:45 p.m.
M.M. Degree at Cayce. ....	Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 7:30 p.m. eat at 6:45 p.m.
Grand Lodge .....	April 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>

*As always, we hope you enjoy the newsletter. See you in lodge, soon, brothers!*

*Bro. Dave*

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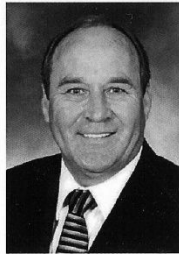
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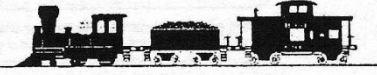
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