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Annual Barbecue Held at Sandy Springs Lodge

The annual barbecue of Sandy Springs Lodge was held on Saturday, October 2. Lodge members worked very hard in preparing for this event and many of the faithful members put in a full day working during the preparation, serving and cleanup. WB Tommy Meeks was responsible for purchasing many of the supplies, both materials and food. WB James Thompson and his helpers had the job of preparing the Brunswick stew, and JW Brett Goodnough was in charge of overall planning for the event.

The number of meals served Saturday is estimated at about 400. This does not represent the number of tickets sold, since many members purchased tickets and did not use all of them, and the extra money goes into our charity fund.

The expenses involved in holding the BBQ were greater this year than previously due to several factors. Nancy and Mike Kilgore no longer operate Grammy's Buffet, and we had relied on their generosity to provide us with

baked beans and cole slaw (and various other things) over the past several years. This year we bought the cole slaw already prepared and ready to serve. Slope's BBQ had been selling us the top-grade hams, already cooked, for a price that was below their actual cost. For this barbecue, we asked them to be a bit more realistic in their pricing; therefore the cost of the meat was more.

The profit will not be as large as we had hoped due to another factor. The advance sales to the automobile dealers in the Sandy Springs area did not materialize this year. As one example, Sandy Springs Toyota said that their Saturday lunch budget had been cut in half from last year, so now they must find lunches that cost no more than three dollars each. Some of the other auto dealers decided not to buy from us also. So instead of serving 700 plates, our number was greatly reduced.

Fulton Lodge #216 Holds Communication at SS Lodge

On Wednesday, October 20, Fulton Lodge was our guest for the evening. Dinner was prepared by WB Tommy Meeks, after which WB Jeremy Cohen opened the Lodge. They had three candidates who desired to be examined on the Entered-Apprentice degree. After that the Fellowcraft degree was

conferred by Robert Cohen on these young men plus our own candidate, Christopher Franklin. In the second part of the degree, WB Sheldon Little gave the Staircase lecture and WB Randy Hazen delivered the Letter "G" lecture. Both were excellent.

Grand Lodge—Tomorrow WBs Keown and Meeks, along with some of the other Lodge members, will be at Grand Lodge in Macon. For our regular communication, SW Duke Scott will be in charge of opening and closing the Lodge. See the email for details of the food preparation for this meeting.

