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Brethren,

It's official - the Carolina Pig Jig is back! Raleigh #500 would like to invite your lodge to participate in the Fifteenth Annual Masonic Carolina Pig Jig on May 16, 2020! The Pig Jig has become the premier Masonic barbecue contest in the state bringing together dozens of lodges from throughout North Carolina, with each lodge vying for the chance to be crowned a barbecue champion. An independent panel of judges will taste all offerings in three categories: pork, chicken, and sauce; and will award trophies for first, second, and third place in each. Competition for the coveted People's Choice Award is tough, and the bragging rights that come with the Grand Champion Trophy are highly sought after amongst participating lodges! The entry fee for your team is \$200.00 if paid by March 15, 2020 (\$250.00 if paid after). The entry fee includes competition meat, parking passes at the event, free entry for your team, and a merch package.

More importantly, since the inception of this event, the Carolina Pig Jig has raised more than \$100,000 for Masonic charities and is a proud accomplishment for all participants. The proceeds are traditionally divided between the Masonic Home for Children and the Central Children's Home. The brothers of Raleigh #500 know that the success of this event lies within the fellowship with other lodges and we want you to join us.

As always, we are proud to partner with North Carolina Department of Agriculture and hold this event during the "Got to be NC Festival" at the NC State Fairgrounds (next to the Expo Center). The Festival is a large, carnival-like, family friendly environment, is free to attend, and draws thousands of visitors from across the South. What better way to get involved with the community, demonstrate what masonry is about, and raise money for charity?

It gets better! The Pig Jig isn't just our fundraiser, it can be a fundraiser for your lodge too! As you know, it is suggested that all lodges hold at least one charity event each year. Your lodge need only apply to the Grand Lodge for a charity event to be held on the same day as the Pig Jig. Raleigh #500 will sell you tickets at a discounted rate, which you in turn sell in your community at \$15.00 each. The profit is yours to distribute to the charity of your choice or for use within your own lodge (subject to Grand Lodge approval).

We encourage you to invite your family and friends to enjoy a day of barbecue, fun, games, and education. Please contact me for logistical support before or during Pig Jig.

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