



SILAS H. SHEPHERD LODGE OF RESEARCH #1843

Whatsoever light I have, I shall share with others—Plato

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Master's Message:

Brethren,

I hope you are all enjoying this nice weather! Hopefully you got time to spend it outside, or maybe with loved ones during Mother's Day. My parents are currently out of state, so I enjoyed a nice phone call instead.

I am excited for our next Silas Shepherd meeting at West Bend Lodge, June 10th, 301 N University Dr, West Bend, WI 53095. We will be opening the doors at 9 am for coffee and carbs and then the meetings will start at 10 am Sharp! We will conduct the normal business first, but then we will have a presentation by Dennis Miles, PM on "Broken Column: Melville's Anti-Masonic Vision." Please be ready for a great discussion for the brethren.

Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research #1843 is a research lodge and only for plural Master Masons in good standing, and the dues are \$30. This gives you access to all of the

transactions and articles on our website. (<http://www.silasshepherd.org/>) We do not do degrees. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of March, June, September and December. Please spread the word to your lodges if you know of anyone who may be interested in joining. There is decades of knowledge to be found among these articles and our members.

Finally it is with great sadness that we lost a member who has been to every meeting since I was a member. WBr John Wozniak has passed to the Celestial Lodge above and a service was held May 12 in Lake Geneva. I'll never forget his unique, caring and knowledgeable manner, and willingness to help Silas Shepherd out in many ways, not the least of which was keeping up a great discussion after our presenters gave their papers. He will be missed, and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family.



WM Zachary J. Schmidt

Sincerely and Fraternally
submitted,
WBr Zach Schmidt



Silas H. Shepherd, ca. 1920s

Minutes of March 11, 2017

The March 2017 Stated Meeting was held in the Temple of Geneva Lodge #44 – 335 Lake Shore Dr. Lake Geneva, WI 53147-2044 on March 11, 2017.

Officers Present
WM Zachary Schmidt SD
Dick Marcus pro temp
SW John F. Wackman, PM

JD pro temp
JW Francis X. McKenna,

SS unfilled
Sec'y Khristian E. Kay,
PM
JS unfilled
Chaplain
Tyler Jim Roberts

3 brothers were assembled on the sidelines

WM Schmidt called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM and posted the Tyler. The lodge was opened for the regular dispatch of business in the Master Mason degree. WM Schmidt led the brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WM Schmidt extended a hearty welcome and thank you to WM Keith of Geneva 44, and requested that each stand and introduce themselves along with their lodge affiliations. He then explained the purpose and process of Silas Shepherd Lodge as a lodge of research. WM Schmidt further explained that all members had received a copy of the minutes of the stated meeting of December 3, 2016 within the First Quarter Trestleboard. WM Schmidt accepted the minutes as distributed. He then asked if there were petitions and there were two upon the secretary's desk, Michael E. Snow of Independence 80 and Barry A. Axelrood of Jams M. Hays 331. Having secured their presence in good standing with the Grand Lodge of

Wisconsin WM Schmidt requested a vote from the brethren. The vote was found in the affirmative.

Sickness and Distress

Mary Kay Christie wife of SW Christie is recovering from surgery.

Reports

WM Schmidt reported that arrangements are being made with Kettle Moraine High School of the Kettle Moraine School District to fund two \$1,000 scholarships for 2017. The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation will provide a payment of \$1,000 through the matching scholarship program. The amount of \$650.00 is provided from the Wisconsin Masonic Foundation via the Carl Skoog fund. The lodge will provide the additional \$350.00 as provided in the budget and by membership donations.

WM Schmidt reported on the history of the Pharos publication and the plan to produce the sixth issue for release at the Annual Communication in June. The theme of which is "Symbolism." Members are also needed to assist with the review of papers available for publication. The publication will be sold at the Silas H. Shepherd table in the Vendor area and is also available through the Web Site.

Communications

Three communications were received from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin one bringing attention to the 173rd Annual Convocation on June 2nd & 3rd. one concerned the expulsion of Perry Friesler from the Grand

Lodge and lastly a reminder for attendance to the District 12 Spring meeting on March 28th 7:00 PM.

He then called upon Secretary Kay for the Treasurer's Report, and Membership Reports.

The Treasurer's Report - Secretary Kay reported that Income in the period was \$2,009.00 and expenses were \$105.00 resulting in an increase of \$105.00. Expenses during the period included postage for Trestleboards, and dues notices. The closing balance in the checking account is \$3677.99 The current CD value is \$3,267.26 which includes the 2015 interest earned of \$73.45. The total of cash assets is \$ 6,945.25.

The Membership Report based on MORI as of March 10, 2017 has a current membership of 133 3 of which are in limbo. There are 27 PMP members, 62 have paid their 2017 dues, 41 owe for 2017, 15 owe for 2016 dues only, and 4 members owe dues for 2015. The Secretary sent out a communication to the members owing dues with the previous Trestleboard in March.

Old Business

The June meeting will be held in West Bend and is hosted by West Bend Lodge #138 - 301 N. University Drive West Bend, WI 53147. The September meeting will be hosted by Unity Lodge in Kenosha. The December meeting will be at the Oconomowoc/Hartland Lodge #42 at 3 Pillars in Dousman.

*June's meeting will be held on June 10th (the **second** Saturday) West Bend Lodge #138 301 N. University Dr. West Bend, WI 53147 10:00 AM*

Minutes (continued)

Pharos VI: Symbolism coming out in June

Transactions will be mailed out. Getting papers to me straight away

New Business

New website <http://1843-wi.ourlodgepage.com>

We will continue to maintain our current one but we now have the ability to store out files in a secure format at <http://1843-wi.ourlodgepage.com/files> you will need to sign in with your member number.

Representation at Grand Lodge: table etc

Square d account to receive credit card payments. Motion made by Frank to look for access 2nd by Khriiss

Emailing of transactions instead of printed copy.

WM Schmidt called the lodge to be informal for the presentation of papers and discussion.

Presentations

WBro Dick Marcus presented a paper on "Rhetoric: on the Importance of Pathos and Ethos" Inquiry was made on the effectiveness of Aristotle's ideas.

WBro McKenna presented a

paper on "All seeing eye"

WBro Kay presented a paper written by Bro. Fred Evard "Is there a link between Buddhism and Freemasonry"

WM Schmidt presented pins to all visiting brothers. He thanked the lodge for the hospitality extended.

Labor was resumed in the Master Mason's Degree.

WM Schmidt asked if there were any more petitions. Secretary Kay reported that petitions were received by Richard Marcus of George Washington Lodge 1776. A vote was taken and his wish was realized.

MWGM Harker announced the Prince Hall/Grand Lodge combined dinner and that tickets were still available, and the WI 13 BBQ dinner is on May 6th. WBr. Ryan announced that there is a symphony with Br. Mozart's material on April 8th being sponsored by Nathan Hale Lodge cost is \$20 for concert and dinner.

Sickness and Distressed:

Eugene Marcus, PM recently had heart surgery and is recovering, Joe Pronnet's wife Charlotte is going in for sur-

gery

There being no further business the lodge was closed and the Tyler cheerfully surrendered the instrument of his office at 12:30 PM. officers.

Silas H. Shepherd Auto Emblem

In efforts to promote our lodge we had auto-emblems made. These are the standard die-cast metal 2 3/4" emblems. They attach by double sided tape, and are great for those who like to show their Masonic affiliations.

The emblems are \$5.00 and can be purchased at our meetings or by contacting our Brother Secretary:



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2017 Stated Meetings

March 11, 2017 10 AM

Geneva Lodge No. 44
335 S. Lake Shore Drive
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

June 10, 2017 10 AM

West Bend Lodge #138
301 N. University Dr.
West Bend, WI 53147

September 9, 2017 10 AM

Unity Lodge No. 367
4320 Washington Road,
Kenosha, WI
53144-4250

Annual Meeting

December 9, 2017 10 AM

Oconomowoc/Hartland
Lodge No. 42
3 Pillars - 375 Highway 67
Dousman, WI 53118

