



SILAS H. SHEPHERD LODGE OF RESEARCH #1843

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

Master's Message:

Brethren,

Our first meeting for 2017 is March 11th at Lake Geneva Lodge. It came up very quickly and I apologize that I didn't get my message out sooner. I'm excited for our first meeting, since it will be my first time opening and closing a lodge as Master. Also we have a few papers already submitted for presentation, so I look forward to our usual intellectual conversation. So far 2017 for me personally has started off with some challenges both professionally and personally. I am so glad to have gone through the Blue Lodge and York Rite degrees since the lessons taught there gave me instruction on how to get through some trying times.

One of the most important lessons was that of silence and circumspection. Sometimes it is better to listen and say nothing at all than get involved in matters that aren't important. My duty and honor as a Sir

Knight also taught me to always tell the truth and do what is right to help others.

I hope and wish that more people would take to heart the teachings of Masonry to make the world a better place as I know we do.

So whether March is coming in like a lion or a lamb we will persevere as Silas Shepherd Lodge of Research #1843 for the ensuing Masonic year. Thank you to all of the brethren for your help and support of me.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Zachary J. Schmidt
Worshipful Master



WM Zachary J. Schmidt

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Silas H. Shepherd, ca. 1920s

Minutes of December 3rd, 2016

The December 2016 Stated Meeting was held in the Henry L. Palmer Lodge #301 in Wauwatosa, WI 53222 on December 3rd, 2016.

Officers Present
WM John F. Wackman III

SW Homer Armogost, pro temp
JW Zachary Schmidt
SD Thomas O. Ryan
JD Francis X. McKenna, PM
Sec'y Khristian E. Kay, PM
Chaplain Eugene Marcus, PM
Tyler Dennis Wilson

One Brother was assembled on the sidelines

WM Wackman 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 Wackman led the brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WM Wackman extended a hearty welcome 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 Wackman further explained that all members had received a copy of the minutes of the stated meeting of September 10, 2016 within the 4th Quarter Trestleboard. WM Wackman accepted

the minutes as distributed. He then asked if there were petitions and there were none upon the secretary's desk.

Sickness and Distress

None were brought to the lodge's attention.

Reports

Secretary Kay reported that a Silas Shepherd presentation was made at Horicon-Neosho lodge on the 47th Problem of Euclid and was received very well.

Communications

A communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin one bringing attention to the expulsion from the Grand Lodge of Richard W. Marx formerly of Frontier-Badger Lodge #45.

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 \$75.00 and expenses were \$904.92 resulting in a decrease of \$330.24. Expenses during the period included the printing and postage for Trestleboards, and dues notices and \$150 to WBro.

John Wackman's AC travel, \$307.92 for PM Apron. The closing balance in the checking account is \$830.23. The current CD value is \$3,267.26 which includes the 2015 interest earned of \$73.45. The total of cash assets is \$4,097.49.

The Membership Report based on MORI as of December 3, 2016 has a current membership of 136. The Secretary sent out a communication to the members owing dues with the Trestleboard in December.

Old Business

New Business

WM Wackman called for nominations for officers for 2017 Bro. Zachary Schmidt was nominated for WM, Tom Ryan for SW, Bro. Frank McKenna for JW WB Kay for Secretary/Treasurer and WB John Wackman II for trustee for 2017-2019. WB Frank made a motion we vote per slate seconded by Bro. Homer Armogost. The vote was unanimous.

WM Wackman called the lodge informal and proceeded with an installation of the Elected

March's meeting will be held on March 11th (the second Saturday) Geneva Lodge No. 44 335 S. Lake Shore Drive Lake Geneva, WI 53147

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officers.

WB Marcus made the proclamation.

WM Schmidt called the lodge back to labor WB Frank made a motion that we adopt the 2017 budget and seconded by WB Wackman and voted unanimously. and asked for presentations and called the lodge to be informal for the presentation of papers and discussion.

Presentations

Br. Ryan presented a paper on St. John's Day.

WBro Kay presented a paper on the Hiramic legend written by Br. Connelly.

Bro Pronett requested printed papers to be handed out at meetings due to people not being able to hear well.

Labor was resumed in the Master Mason's Degree.

There being no further business the lodge was closed and the Tyler cheerfully surrendered the instrument of his office at 11:22 AM.

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

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