



SILAS H. SHEPHERD LODGE OF RESEARCH #1843

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

2019 Officers:

Master's Message:

My Brothers,

Thank you for trust in electing me your Worshipful Master for 2019. It is an honor that I did not expect but cheerfully accept with hope that I will not simply be viewed as a place holder.

Our first meeting for 2019 is scheduled for March 09, at Lake Geneva Lodge. Who would have thought that we would be looking forward to March but then after January's deep arctic blast, most anything at all is an improvement. The exact details for our June meeting are not settled due to the conflict with this year's Annual Communication. WB Kay will find the most agreeable solution. Perhaps we should consider the possibility of permanently moving the June meeting to the 3rd Saturday in June. Your opinion counts so please share your opinion with our Secretary.

Our fraternity is not about money, our lodge is about

research, sharing the light and the fellowship that accompanies it, but we do need to support the cost of mailings and publications.

I am aware that we have a number of brothers who have strong interest in our lodge but are financially stressed. **If you are in this situation please contact WB Kay, our secretary, you will find him very understanding.**

Our dues are only \$30.00 per year, the cost of one good cup of coffee per month. No we are not buying coffee; the coffee just represents the cost of publishing and getting the annual proceedings to you. WB Kay's efforts in this area are commendable.

Current dues status stands at: 48 are paid and 28 are PMPs with 33 have not met their obligation for 2019 plus 9 who are 1 year in arrears and 10 are 2 or more years in arrears.

Therefore I have asked our Secretary, WB Kay to mail the proceedings only to



WM Gary R. Pilgrim

brothers who are current or no more than 1 year in arrears with dues.

WB Kay presented his vision of the future of Masonic lodge meeting titled the virtual lodge where attendance was via the internet or whatever comes next. Nice thought sitting at my computer, warm and comfortable, watching the snow pile up outside, but I fear that I would miss the physical fellowship of my lodge brothers.

I end with a simple request – to help keep the future at bay by attending our and your home lodge meeting whenever possible.

S & F

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Worshipful Master

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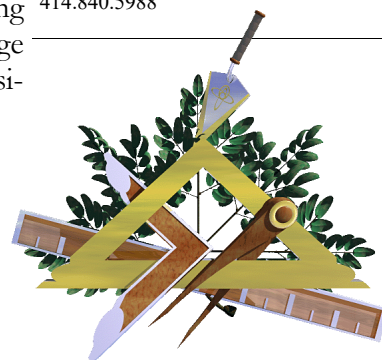
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Silas H. Shepherd, ca. 1920s

Minutes of December 8, 2018

The December 2018 Stated Meeting was held in the Lake Country Freemasons #42 at 2911 N. Dousman Rd. Oconomowoc, WI 53066 on December 8th, 2018.

Officers Present

WM Thomas O. Ryan
SW Gary R. Pilgrim
JW Frank McKenna, PM
Sec'y Khristian E. Kay, PM
SD John Wackman, PM
pro temp
JD Robert Staley,
pro temp

SS

JS

Chaplain Todd Krohn, PM
pro temp

Tyler Jim Roberts

5 members in attendance 3
Brothers on the sidelines

WM Ryan called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM and posted the Tyler. The lodge was opened for the regular dispatch of business in the Master Mason degree. WM Ryan led the brethren in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WM Ryan extended a hearty welcome and thank you to the Brethren of Lake Country Freemasons lodge #42 for hosting us, 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 Ryan further explained that as the minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed through the Trestleboard. He then asked if there were petitions and

there were two upon the secretary's desk. Robert Staley of Lake Country Freemasons #42 and Jeff Woosley of Unity #367. Having secured their presence in good standing with the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin WM Ryan requested a vote from the brethren. The vote was found in the affirmative.

Sickness and Distress

Br Dominic Ferraro is suffering from early onset dementia a gofundme page has been set up At <https://www.gofundme.com/friends-of-ferraro> WM Ryan suggested we pass the hat to collect some funds to assist our Brother.

Josef Pronnet discussed his wife's health and how she is improving.

Reports

PM Kay reported on the history of the Pharos publication and the sixth issue for release was 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. Secretary Kay further explained the plan to offer a discount of the entire series to all the lodges in Wisconsin and that a mailing of such

was made to all of the secretaries of the Wisconsin bodies.

Communications

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

The Treasurer's Report - Secretary Kay reported that there had been no income and expenses for the period were \$250 for printing and mailing of the trestleboard. The checkbook was at \$514. The current CD value is \$3,267.26 which includes the 2015 interest earned of \$73.45. The total of cash assets is \$ 3,781.26.

The Membership Report based on MORI as of December 9, 2017 has a current membership of 129 our 3 limbo members are now recorded in Mori but we do not have dues cards for them yet. We also have new members from March who have not yet been recorded into Mori by the GL.. There are 27 PMP members, 3 have paid their 2018 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.

Old Business

Kenosha Lodge 47 is celebrating 100 years next year for June 2019 and would like to host us.

*March's meeting
will be held on
March 9th
(the **second** Saturday)*

*Geneva Lodge No. 44
335 S. Lake Shore Drive
Lake Geneva, WI 53147
10:00 AM*

Minutes (continued)

New Business

March meeting will be at Lake Geneva Lodge #44 - 335 Lake Shore Dr Lake Geneva

June meeting possibly at Kenosha Lodge 47

Lake Country Freemasons #42 just moved into their new building WBr Frank is developing a library for Silas

WBr Fleming suggested we purchase a collection of the small talk bulletin.

Election of officers:

Gary Pilgrim was nominated to serve as WM for 2019

Jeff Woosley was nominated to serve as SW for 2019

Frank McKenna, PM was nominated to serve as JW for 2019

Khristian E. Kay, PM was nominated to serve as Secretary/Treasurer for 2019

Trustee Ryan, PM was nominated to serve as Trustee for 2019-2022

Presentations

Br Josef Pronnet gave us a Masonic treatise on the

poem by Goethe regarding Karma: "What goes around, comes around," "is hand washed by hand only, if you want to take, give ." Implying the sentiment 'one hand washes the other' which should be a moral belief of all Freemasons. "if you want to receive give."

WBr Jim Fleming revisited his paper "The Masonic Apron" which he first presented June 15th, 2003. His summary presented the old usages on wearing the apron properly which was historically enlightening to many of our newer members. Symbolism is the heart and soul of Freemasonry rough ashlar on right of WM perfect ashlar on his left we are all somewhere in between. The easier something is to get the more valuable it becomes and reminded us that we are all part of the Grand Lodge.

Installation of officers:

Installing WM Deputy Grandmaster Robert Strader
Installing Marshall WB Todd Krohn

WM Gary Pilgrim
SW Jeff Woolsey
JW Frank McKenna, PM

SD Thomas O. Ryan, PM
JD Robert Staley
Sec Khristian E. Kay, PM
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Tyler Jim Roberts
Trustee Thomas O. Ryan, PM

WM Pilgrim presented pins to all visiting brothers. He thanked the lodge for the hospitality extended and suggested we all meet at the Sunnyside for refreshments afterward.

Labor was resumed in the

Master Mason's Degree.

WB Deputy Grand Master Robert Strader gave greetings from the GM and offered a GM lapel pin

There being no further business the lodge was closed and the Tyler cheerfully surrendered the instrument of his office at 12:50 PM. Respectfully Submitted

Khristian E. Kay, PM
Secretary

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:



Khristian E. Kay
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2019 Stated Meetings

March 9, 2019 10 AM

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

June 15, 2019 10 AM

Kenosha Lodge #47
115 56th St.,
Kenosha, WI 53140

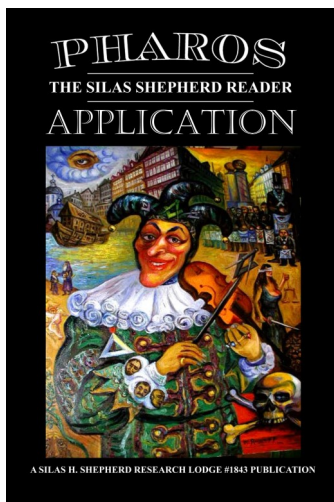
September 14, 2019 10 AM

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

Annual Meeting

December 14, 2019 10 AM

Lake Country Lodge No. 42
2919 N. Dousman Rd.
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

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