



## SILAS H. SHEPHERD LODGE OF RESEARCH #1843

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

### 2018 Officers:

### Master's Message:

Dear Brethren of Silas Shepherd Lodge,

First, thank you for electing me Worshipful Master for the 2018 term, especially considering my regrettable absence at last December's meeting. Believe me, I wanted to be there but I was waylaid by an influenza with other plans. I greatly appreciate the trust that you've invested in me.

Second, I'd like to thank W. Br. Zachary Schmidt for helping the Master's chair in 2017. It's not an easy job, and I have to admire Zach for taking on the challenge when he did.

The theme I'd like to choose for this year is Practical Application. We've all received the lessons of Freemasonry, and (presumably) each of us has taken a place in initiating new generations of good men. But how have we applied the lessons to our own lives? I want to hear your personal stories about the most meaningful ways in which Masonic labor has changed you. In what ways

have the principles of our Gentle Craft made us better men as individuals, as citizens, as family men, and as sons of the Creator? Beyond that, when the newest Entered Apprentice is initiated into your mother lodge, what high hopes do you have for the potential of his story? These as yet untold stories are a record of a Master Mason's legacy.

I also want to build on those legacies. After all, even a master craftsman can improve upon his previous work. What new experiences can we embark upon? What brothers and sisters of the human race yet remain at a perpetual distance which we are equipped to cross with an Attentive Ear and the Trowel of Brotherly Love, there to find a friend where once was only an unknown stranger? What further advice can we learn from this and pass on to future generations?

When it comes to wisdom, it's not the years that count so much as the mileage. Therefore, as long as we draw breath, we owe it to ourselves as well as to the



WM Thomas O. Ryan

young Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and Master Masons whom we advise, to keep traveling farther. Somewhere, I am certain, there is an undiscovered Truth that we each have yet to discover. I am equally certain that if we summon the Fortitude to face what we fear and pass through it, we will find Truth veiled behind.

I hope that gets your brains buzzing and your creative juices flowing, brothers. Let's have a great year!

In your fraternal service,  
Thomas O. Ryan, WM

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Silas H. Shepherd, ca. 1920s

*June's meeting  
will be held on June 9th  
(the second Saturday)  
West Bend Lodge  
301 N. University Dr.  
West Bend, WI 53095  
10:00 AM*

## Minutes of March 10, 2018

The March 2018 Stated Meeting was held in the Geneva lodge #44 on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### Officers Present:

WM Tom Ryan Pro Temp

SW Gary Pilgrim

JW Frank McKenna

SD John Wackman PM pro temp

Chap Gene Marcus

JD Bob Boll Pro Temp

Sec Khristian E. Kay, PM

Tyler Jim Roberts

12 members in attendance 5 Brothers on the sidelines

Review of minutes as published to the members via the trestleboard

### Introductions:

WM Elect Ryan extended a hearty welcome and thank you to the Brethren of Lake Geneva lodge #44 for hosting us, and re-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 Elect 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 none upon the secretary's desk.

### Treasurer's report:

\$1928.07 starting, \$1500 in dues, \$300 for postage, \$122 for office supplies (ink, envelopes, labels) Deposits of \$150 with \$1,655 currently in the checking account, \$200 for transactions

### Membership:

The Membership Report based on MORI as of March 10th 2018, has a current membership of 129. We also have 2 members from last June who have not yet been recorded into Mori by the GL

### Petitions: none

### Communications:

from Grand lodge concerning annual communication

WM Elect Ryan spoke of well being concerning his father

### Reports of Committees:

Review of Pharos: This year's theme is Application and we will need to refurbish the "go bag."

Bro. Roberts stated that he would once again attend to the Silas table at GL.

### Old Business:

Ourlodgpages website  
\$200 will come due by June  
Annual Report  
Installation of officers  
Annual communication

### New Business:

June Stated Meeting 6/9/18  
West Bend Lodge  
Installation of officers:  
WM Ryan was installed in due form  
Scholarships:  
East Troy HS  
Table for Grand lodge

### Sick and Distress:

No sickness and distress moment of silence for the

passing of Bros Byrnes and Just

### Papers:

Presentation by Bro. Marcus on ethics and Freemasonry

Informal:

Discussion:

### Announcements:

Columbus Lodge Comedian see web page or District 9

Easter Egg hunt March 31<sup>st</sup>  
George Washington Lodge 11:00

Northwest Masonic Center  
Combined Lodge picnic July 15 noon

Combined Table Lodge March 29<sup>th</sup>

Nathan Hale August 26 11:00 Veterans Park in Muskego

Masonic Brotherhood Council breakfast Sat 17<sup>th</sup> at Maxim's on Capitol

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 12:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Khristian E. Kay, PM  
Secretary

## Minutes (continued)

### 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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## 2018 Stated Meetings

**March 10, 2018 10 AM**

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

**June 9, 2018 10 AM**

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

**September 8, 2018 10 AM**

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

**Annual Meeting**

**December 8, 2018 10 AM**  
Lake Country Lodge No. 42  
3 Pillars - 375 Highway 67  
Dousman, WI 53118

