



## SILAS H. SHEPHERD LODGE OF RESEARCH #1843

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

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### Master's Message:

Dear Brethren of Silas Shepherd Lodge,

As 2018 is now drawing to a close, I want to thank all of you for another wonderful year of research, education, and discovery. Thank you for the papers you have presented, the discussions to which you have contributed, and the fellowship we have all enjoyed.

Silas H. Shepherd Lodge of Research #1843 continues to be my favorite lodge in which to work, and I already look forward to our meetings in 2019 and beyond.

I wish you all good health, happy holidays, and a happy new year.

In your fraternal service,  
Thomas O. Ryan, WM



WM Thomas O. Ryan





Silas H. Shepherd, ca. 1920s

*December's meeting  
will be held on  
December 8th  
(the **second** Saturday)  
Lake Country #42  
2919 N. Dousman Rd  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
10:00 AM*

## Minutes of September 8, 2018

The September 2018 Stated Meeting was held at the Unity Lodge #367 in Kenosha on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### Officers Present:

WM Thomas O. Ryan,  
SW Gary Pilgrim  
JW Frank X. McKenna, PM  
SD John Wackman, PM pro temp  
JD Barry Axelrood, pro temp  
SS  
JS  
Sec'y Khristian E. Kay, PM  
Chaplain  
Tyler Jim Roberts

### 5 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 Unity Lodge #367 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 was: Br. Daniel Gray of Wauwatosa upon the secretary's desk. Having secured his 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. Josef Pronett and his wife are having difficulties.

A memorial was presented by WB Fran McKenna on the passing of our Chaplain WB. Eugene Marcus. WB McKenna regaled the stories of Br. Gene and his contributions to the Grand Lodge's Chaplain's Handbook. WM Ryan decreed that a memorial be placed in this year's transactions. And to honor WB Gene we would not replace the Chaplain's position until the next term.

### Reports

PM Kay reported on the history of the Pharos publication and the seventh issue for release was at the Annual Communication in June. The theme of which is "Application." 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

WM Ryan 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 September 8, 2018 has a current membership of 129. There are 27 PMP members, 24 owe for 2018, 14 owe for 2017 dues only, and 8 members owe dues for 2016. The Secretary sent out a communication to the members owing dues with the previous Trestleboard.

### Old Business

Secretary Kay said we now have the capability to accept credit card payments through Square and a trial run was made by the WM of Wauwatosa lodge who purchased the discounted set of books for his lodge. The December meeting will be hosted by our home lodge of Lake Country Freemasons 4 #42 and that they have relocated to a permanent home at 2919 N. Dousman Rd in Oconomowoc.

The new "ourlodge page" is up and running there will no longer be an annual fee. We will also be able to collect our 2019 dues via on-line payments through the website. 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.

## Minutes (continued)

### New Business

Election and installation of Officers for 2019 will be held at our December meeting.

A discussion regarding where Silas will meet in the future was held with suggestions that we stay at the location in Oconomowoc or do we continue to travel. After much discussion regarding pros and cons for both positions it was decided we continue to travel.

Kenosha Lodge #47 is celebrating 100 years next year for June 2019 and would like to host us. Secretary Kay said he would be in contact with the lodge to arrange this meeting.

Wm Ryan suggested that the principal officers meet to further plan for the new year.

### Presentations

Robert Johnson a member of the jurisdiction of Illinois did a presentation on The Rites of Memphis.

Informal: Discussion concerned Moon lodges and how Silas Shepherd as a research lodge, in a fashion,

follows this ancient ideal. Further discussion was concerning Egyptian Rooms and how the Harry Houdini museum in Appleton is located in an old Masonic building which once housed an Egyptian room, remnant which can be still seen today in the museum.

Labor was resumed in the Master Mason's Degree.

BR Wettricht gave greetings from the GM and offered the GM's lapel pin to anyone who had not yet received it.

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



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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

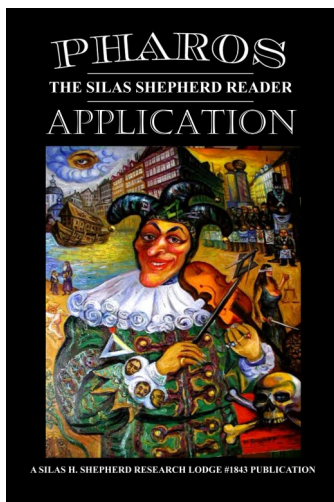
**June 8, 2019 10 AM**

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



## News from the Southeast

If you have paid your dues, your Dues Card is included with this mailing, if not enclosed is a letter of reminder. Some of you are currently in arrears. A letter has been enclosed to remind you of your past dues. Please rectify this as soon as you are able so we may have an accurate accounting. If you have found yourself in financial difficulties please contact our Brother Secretary and we can make arrangements.

This Trestleboard is our means of getting the message out to our brothers your input and participation is vital to our organization, if you have upcoming degrees, events or other information you would like to include in this Trestleboard contact:

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## Upcoming Events

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